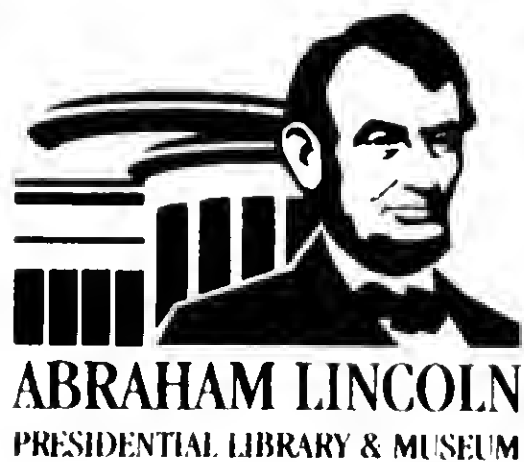




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Drought Conditions In Illinois Continue

In an effort to weather current drought conditions, Gov. Rod R. Blagojevich directed state agencies to conserve water and asked for a similar effort from all Illinoisans. After the 10th driest month of June on record in Illinois, public water supplies are stressed and some private shallow wells are experiencing a decline in water levels.

In response to continuing drought conditions, one week ago the governor activated the Drought Response Task Force. Made up of experts from the Illinois Water Survey, Illinois Dept. of Natural Resources, Water Resource Management, the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency, the Illinois Dept. of Agriculture, the Illinois Dept. of Public Health, and the Illinois Emergency Management Agency, the team will monitor drought conditions and plan necessary responses, should emergency situations develop.

Gov. Blagojevich directed state agencies to be conservative when watering lawns and washing state vehicles. In addition, he has asked Drought Response Task Force to look at potential conservation measures in state buildings. For instance, the Illinois EPA is evaluating some creative approaches to conserving water, including water-free urinals and automatic shutoffs on sinks.

Continued large water demands are taxing available water production and distribution systems. The Illinois Environmental Protection Agency has been working with public water supply operators across the state and they report excellent cooperation from their customers. However, during these times, it will be difficult for public water supplies to provide quantities of water that people are accustomed to using. Public water operators have been reaching out to their customers making recommendations on conservation. Others have instituted mandatory water restrictions.

Ribbon Cutting Ceremony

Standard Bank and Trust Co. will hold a ribbon-cutting ceremony for its newest Oak Lawn location on Tuesday, July 12th at 4 p.m. The new branch is located at 111th and Keating. Oak Lawn Mayor Dave Heilmann, Oak Lawn Chamber of Commerce representatives, as well as Standard Bank personnel, will attend the event.

Standard Bank and Trust Co. operates 35 locations throughout Chicagoland and Northwest Indiana and has over \$1.5 billion in assets.

Gas Supplier Settlement

Attorney General Lisa Madigan announced a settlement agreement with a natural gas supplier over allegations the company earlier this year sent a confusing, governmental-looking mailer to Illinois residents that made big promises on the front but only disclosed actual terms of the agreement - often detrimental to the consumer - on a hard-to-read, green-colored back page. The settlement was entered in Cook County Circuit Court on June 29th.

Madigan said Illinois Natural Gas Savings Corporation, doing business as Illinois Natural Gas Corporation, has agreed not to raise the price of natural gas during the course of its contracts. In addition, the natural gas supplier has agreed to clearly and conspicuously disclose in all future contracts and solicitations that it is not affiliated with any state agency or public utility and disclose the details of its consumer contracts.

The defendants also have agreed to honor all requests for cancellation of contracts for any consumer that signed up for the program prior to the filing of the settlement agreement. The cancellation requests must be July 29th, within 30 days of the consent decree's filing.

"This settlement agreement ensures that Illinois consumers who believe they were misled into signing a contract with Illinois Natural Gas due to misleading advertisements can cancel their contracts with no financial penalties," Madigan said. "We have been assured by Illinois Natural Gas that in the future they will provide promotional materials and contracts that inform - not confuse - consumers."

Madigan said the consent decree is for settlement purposes and does not constitute an admission of guilt by Illinois Natural Gas Corporation. Madigan also said the company will make a \$5,000 contribution to a consumer education fund.

Illinois Natural Gas is an alternative natural gas supplier that earlier this year was certified by the Illinois Commerce Commission (ICC) to participate in a program that allows consumers in northern Illinois to choose a company to supply natural gas. Illinois Natural Gas is one of 11 suppliers that consumers can choose to supply their gas while regulated utilities continue to deliver the gas and provide service and billing.

In April 2005, Illinois Natural Gas began sending letters and two-sided forms to hundreds of thousands of Illinois consumers. The marketing materials urged consumers to sign up for Illinois Natural Gas' "Year 2005 Stable Price and Refund Program." However, Madigan's lawsuit, filed on April 26th, alleged the mailing used deceptive and unclear language to confuse consumers about the terms of the offer and the affiliation of the company.

Madigan's office, which has received 223 complaints directly and approximately 570 complaints from the Citizens Utility Board, believes that at least 200,000 letters were mailed to Illinois consumers.

Madigan alleged in her lawsuit that Illinois Natural Gas led certain consumers to believe through its mailing that the natural gas supplier is actually a government entity and that consumers must sign up for this program to achieve stable pricing for their natural gas.

In addition, Madigan alleged that many terms laid out on the front of the two-sided form have conditions that were not clearly and conspicuously disclosed. Those conditions were typed in small print on a green background on the back of the form and were detailed using confusing language. The conditions often changed the actual terms listed on the front of the form or inserted additional terms that were never mentioned on the front of the form or in the letter.

For example, on the front of the form, Illinois Natural Gas promised consumers refunds, savings and stable prices. But Madigan alleged in her lawsuit Illinois Natural Gas failed to clearly and conspicuously disclose that the natural gas supplier may amend the terms and conditions of the contract and raise gas prices in the future.

Finally, Madigan's lawsuit alleged Illinois Natural Gas violated the Automatic Contract Renewal Act by failing to clearly and conspicuously disclose the automatic renewal clause, including the procedure for canceling the contract.

Assistant Attorney General Katrina Wanzer handled the case for Madigan's Consumer Protection Division.

Madigan said consumers can cancel their contracts with Illinois Natural Gas if the contract was signed before June 29th, 2005, and the request is received by July 29th, 2005. Consumers may cancel by:

- contacting Madigan's Consumer Protection Division at 1(800) 386-5438;
- calling the company directly at 1(800) 309-5160;
- faxing in a written notice of cancellation to the company at 1(800) 306-5016; and
- mailing in a written notice of cancellation by registered mail to Illinois Natural Gas Corporation, P.O. Box 7336, Chicago, IL 60680.



Jonathan Swett Installation

Jonathan Swett will be installed as the full-time Director of Music at St. Paul Lutheran Church and School, Oak Lawn, on Sunday, July 10th at both the 8 and 10:30 a.m. worship services. His duties will be to coordinate and oversee the entire music program of the church and school, which includes all organist responsibilities, multiple child and adult vocal choirs, instrumental ensembles, and teaching classroom music.

Swett received his Bachelor's Degree in Church Music and Certificate in Organ Performance from the University of Florida. This past May he graduated from Concordia University-River Forest with his Master's Degree in Church Music. The congregation congratulates Jonathan and welcomes him into the St. Paul family. A reception is planned between worship services at 9:15 a.m.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

JULY 11 - Monday - AARP Meeting, VFW Hall, 9514 52nd Ave., 1 p.m.

JULY 11 - Monday - OL Park Board Meeting, 4625 W. 110th St., 7:30 p.m.

JULY 11 - Monday - Business Development Commission Meeting, 9446 S. Raymond, 7:30 p.m.

JULY 12 - Tuesday - Worth Township Committee Board Meeting, 11601 S. Pulaski, 7:30 p.m.

JULY 12 - Tuesday - OL Village Board Meeting, Municipal Building, 9446 Raymond, 8 p.m.

JULY 12 - Tuesday - Village Hall open to 8 p.m.

JULY 12 - Tuesday - VFW 5220 Meeting, 9514 S. 52nd Ave., 8 p.m.

JULY 13 - Wednesday - Oak Lawn Chamber of Commerce Golf Classic, Stony Creek Golf Course, 5850 W. 103rd St. Registration begins at 11 a.m.

JULY 13 - Wednesday - Potluck Supper (Program by 11 year old from Wales), Trinity Evangelical Covenant Church, 9230 Pulaski Rd., 6:30 p.m. Make reservations by calling (708) 422-5111.

JULY 14 - Thursday - Quality Control Meeting, 9446 S. Raymond, 7:30 p.m.

JULY 14 - Thursday - Athletic Club Auxiliary Meeting, VFW Hall, 9514 S. 52nd Ave., 8 p.m.

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Top Of Maria's Class

There are many impressive things about Sandra Herrera (left) and Jasmine Sepulveda (right), seniors at Maria High School. To begin with they are the Valedictorian and Salutatorian respectively for the class of 2005; they are also the first ones to go to college in their families.

Sandra is the Valedictorian with a 4.76 GPA, she has a passion for singing and performing. She has held roles in Maria plays and musicals since her sophomore year. As a member of the Liturgical Choir she has represented Maria at many different events. Sandra is part of the National Honor Society (NHS) and the Sociedad Honoraria Hispánica, loves playing basketball and badminton, and in her spare time she enjoys reading. "One day I want to have a huge collection of books at home," Sandra said. With a 26 score in the ACT exam, Sandra is enrolled at Loyola University in Chicago to study Math and Pre-Law. "I figure I can't go wrong with math and I really see myself becoming a divorce lawyer," Sandra added. She and her family are long time Chicago Lawn residents.

Jasmine, also a Chicago Lawn resident, is Maria's Salutatorian with a 4.75 GPA. She has been a Gallagher Scholar since fifth grade and has earned several academic scholarships while at Maria. Jasmine is a member and officer of National Honor Society and Sociedad Honoraria Hispánica. Also, she has participated in a Technology Camp for girls sponsored by DePaul University for her demonstrated interest in computer science. Jasmine will be attending DePaul University to pursue a degree in accounting. Her ACT score was also 26. "That is how you get ahead in life, pursue your dream with all you have. Maria has given me the ability to speak for myself and be comfortable among people from all kinds of backgrounds," Jasmine said.

Twilight Canoe

"Twilight Canoe," sponsored by the Forest Preserve District of Will County, will be on Friday, July 15th at 7:30 p.m. at Monee Reservoir. Registration by July 8th and a fee of \$7 per person are required for this program for persons at least 10 years of age.

Watch the sun slip below the horizon as we welcome twilight at Monee Reservoir. A peaceful and tranquil experience awaits canoeists as they glide through the quiet waters of the reservoir. A Forest Preserve interpreter will guide participants around the lake to stargaze and enjoy the sights and sounds of nature.

Previous canoe experience is required.

Monee Reservoir is located at 27341 Ridgeland Ave., west of Route 50 and south of Pauling Rd., 2.0 miles south of Monee.

To register, call (815) 727-8700 between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Edgar Lecture Series Begins

The Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum, in partnership with the University of Illinois at Springfield, announced the creation of the Jim Edgar Lecture Series with inaugural speaker David McCullough, prize winning author of several historical blockbusters such as *Truman*, *John Adams* and *1776*.

For more than a decade former Governor Jim Edgar has been an integral part of the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum. For the last year, he has served as President of the Board of the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library Foundation, which supports temporary exhibits, conferences, lectures, educational and other programs at the recently opened library and museum. The Jim Edgar Lecture Series will be an annual event. The inaugural lecture will take place on October 24 in Sangamon Auditorium, to be followed by a book signing with David McCullough. A limited number of tickets will be available to the public for \$10. Additional ticket information will be forthcoming.

McCullough, author of *1776*, is twice winner of the National Book Award and twice winner of the Pulitzer Prize. He has been called a "master of the art of narrative history." His books have been praised for their exceptional narrative sweep, their scholarship and insight into American life and for their literary distinction. His *John Adams*, one of the most acclaimed American biographies ever published, hit the New York Times bestseller list at number one and remained on the list for more than a year. To date more than two million copies have been sold. His new book, *1776*, published last month and already perched atop the New York Times bestseller list, tells the intensely human story of those who marched with George Washington in the fateful year of the Declaration of Independence.

Recidivism Reforms Target Ten Regions

The state is pursuing some of the most aggressive reforms in its history to reduce crime and recidivism in the communities.

Governor Rod Blagojevich has initiated public safety measures to help build the strongest statewide system to aggressively target crime and recidivism.

In Illinois, 42,000 offenders return to their communities each year. Without positive intervention and proactive strategies, 54.6 percent will return to prison within three years. Among this population, those on parole after serving prison sentences for committing non-violent drug offenses account for 42 percent of parolees.

The Sheridan National Model Drug Prison & Reentry Program moves drug-involved offenders through an intensive drug treatment, cognitive skills development, vocational education and job preparation program that begins in prison and follow them through their return to their communities under an extensive case management program with heightened parole supervision. It is estimated that as many as 69 percent of all inmates in Illinois prisons were convicted of a drug- or drug-involved offense.

The Governor's Commission on Community Safety and Reentry, chaired by the Rev. Jesse Jackson and State's Attorney Kevin Lyons, provides leadership, community awareness and champion reforms that reduce recidivism throughout Illinois. The working

group is facilitated with the assistance of Department of Human Services Secretary Carol Adams and Department of Corrections Assistant Director Deanne Benos. The Commission is currently hosting public hearings on the question of reentry throughout Illinois.

The Governor has charged the working group with targeting 10 of the highest impact regions of the state, chosen on the basis of having the highest parolee populations in combination with traditionally high crime. By more efficiently focusing resources on these 10 key areas, the team will reach 84 percent of the state's entire entering adult parole population and ultimately establish these regions as sentinels for statewide reform. Two are in the area: Chicago Cook and Collar County Region/Aurora.

McCullough's books include *The Johnstown Flood*, *The Great Bridge*, *The Path between the Seas*, *Mornings on Horseback*, *Brave Companions* and *Truman*. In a crowded productive career, McCullough has been an editor, essayist, teacher, lecturer and familiar presence on public television - as host of Smithsonian World, The American Experience and narrator of numerous documentaries including *The Civil War* and *Napoleon*. His is also the narrator's voice in *Seabiscuit*.

Casting Call: Chicago Bulls IncrediBulls

The Chicago Bulls will host open auditions for the 2005-06 IncrediBulls team on Sunday, August 14th, at the United Center (Gate 4), 1901 W. Madison St. The IncrediBulls are known for their enthusiasm, energy and comedic antics on the court and in the stands at Bulls home games. They are searching for new members to rev up the United Center crowds this season.

The 2005-06 IncrediBulls team will continue its tradition of energizing Bulls home crowds by hosting fan contest, distributing prizes, leading cheers and working with other Bulls entertainers to generate excitement in the arena. Criteria for the ideal IncrediBulls Candidate includes being a Bulls fan (male or female) over the age of 21; being physically fit, energetic and outgoing; enjoys entertaining large crowds (up to 25,000); is interested in being part of the exciting Bulls season; and any gymnastic, acrobatic, cheerleading, stage or entertainment experience is a plus!

This is a paid, part-time, seasonal opportunity. These auditions are not for the LuvaBulls cheerleaders or the Matadors dance team.

Interested applicants should arrive at the United Center on Sunday by 10 a.m. All applicants will be interviewed and finalists will be invited to attend the interactive auditions in the afternoon. Candidates should dress ready to move, as they will be asked to participate in group exercises including a 3 to 5 minute routine to demonstrate personality, athleticism and entertainment skills. Team members will be selected based on energy, enthusiasm, creativity, fan interaction, physical fitness and personality.

For more information regarding the IncrediBulls try-outs, call the IncrediBulls hotline at (312) 455-4000 ext. 2149.

Letter To The Editor

Credit overdue

Let's look at Governor Blagojevich's record for working families.

He raised the state minimum wage to \$6.50 an hour - something that helps families put food on the table and brings money to all of our communities.

He extended health insurance for the first time to 74,000 working parents, with two-thirds of the tab paid for by the federal government.

He invested in our children by expanding the Illinois food program to tens of thousands of kids in childcare.

He further invested in the education of our children by expanding preschool for 8,000 at-risk children. That's good for all of us; studies show that for every dollar spent on early education, taxpayers save \$17.

The Governor deserves a lot of credit for his hard work for working families, and I've rarely seen an elected official get less credit for what he's done. So let's give credit where it's due: Thank you, Governor Blagojevich, for fighting for working families.

s/s Helen Miller, President, Local 880
Homecare and Childcare Union

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New Law Fills Gaps Created By Federal Drug Benefits Program

Governor Rod R. Blagojevich signed the 'No Senior Left Behind' law, critical legislation that protects Illinois seniors from the shortfalls created by the federal prescription drug program. In January of 2006, Medicare begins its new prescription drug benefit program and it is expected to increase out-of-pocket drug costs for seniors. The Governor's bill provides a safety net to seniors from those increasing costs. This new law is the nation's most comprehensive state response to fill in the gaps created by the federal Rx drug program.

Effective January 1st, 2006, the same day Medicare prescription benefits come into effect, the new law helps those in need cover costs that are not included under the new federal program. This new program will cover those who were previously enrolled in either the SeniorCare drug program or the Circuit Breaker pharmaceutical assistance program. By signing this law, Governor Blagojevich ensures that both groups are guaranteed the same coverage they previ-

ously received. In addition, those who are not eligible for Medicare will have their current SeniorCare or Circuit Breaker pharmaceutical benefits maintained in the new program, which by popular demand of seniors was named the "Illinois Cares Rx" program.

The federal Medicare Modernization Act helps seniors by paying 75 percent of prescription drug costs up to \$2,250 after a \$250 deductible with an average \$35 per month premium. Beneficiaries are responsible for all of their costs between \$2,250 and \$5,100, with the plan paying 95 percent of costs beyond that top threshold. The gap where a beneficiary has to pay all the drug costs between \$2,250 and \$5,100 is commonly referred to as the "donut hole."

The new "wrap around coverage" provided to Illinois seniors and persons with disabilities by this law will help cover the increased costs of the Medicare program, including premium costs, coinsurance, coverage during the "donut," and the deductible. For example, a senior whose income is 160 percent of the federal poverty level (around \$19,900 for a family of 2) who has annual drug costs of \$5,100 would have to spend over \$4,000 in out of pocket costs if the new Illinois program did not exist, but less than \$1,000 with the new Illinois program. A senior who has \$1,800 worth of drug spending would spend \$120 on average in the new Illinois program but over \$1,000 in Medicare if they did not receive assistance.

Illinois Cares Rx will be administered by the Department of Healthcare and Family Services (formerly IL Department of Public Aid) and the Department on Aging.



Vavra Wins Scholarship

Kelly Vavra '05, a West Lawn resident and New Life Church member, received the Comcast Leaders and Achievers scholarship of \$1,000. Mrs. Vazquez, Senior Counselor, nominated Kelly because of her outstanding leadership skills and dedication to each and every activity she gets involved in. "Kelly is a very

impressive young woman. She is the vice president of the National Honor Society, a Kairos Leader, member of the Sociedad Honoraria Hispanica, and captain of the volleyball and water polo teams," Mrs. Vazquez said.

After being nominated, Kelly had to write an essay to apply for the scholarship. "I wrote about the responsibilities that come with leadership. It is not only about influencing your peers; it is about demonstrating good qualities and setting a good example," Kelly said. She is involved in community service projects and feels that respect for others is a key element of being successful in life. "I am very proud and thankful to receive the Comcast scholarship," she added.

Kelly is a Daniel Murphy scholar, has taken three Advanced Placement classes and she scored 28 in the ACT. She will be attending University of Miami in the fall with her tuition completely paid for by a scholarship from the university and another award from Maryville Academy. "Wow, I am really relieved, no loans to think about, I am very thankful to all these people who are making this possible for me, can't wait to start college and do my best. My mom, Sandy Vavra, is very proud of me. Maria has given me the opportunity to gain leadership skills. I am a lot more outgoing, more confident, more determined to accomplish and try new things," said Kelly.

Disaster Training For Citizen Corps

Nearly 200 Citizen Corps volunteers from around Illinois were in Springfield last week to learn how they could help their communities be better prepared for any type of disaster.

The volunteers participated in the third annual Citizen Corps Conference hosted by the Illinois Emergency Management Agency (IEMA) and Illinois Terrorism Task Force (ITTF).

"In the past year, more than a dozen new Citizen Corps councils have formed in Illinois, bringing us up to 70 throughout the state," said William C. Burke, IEMA director.

The Citizen Corps program is funded by grants from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, through the Office of Domestic Preparedness (ODP).

The state's Citizen Corps Council, an 18-member committee of the ITTF, coordinates funding for the Citizen Corps program and assists local Citizen Corps councils.

The two-day conference, which took place June 29th and 30th, offered volunteers an overview of the national and Illinois Citizen Corps programs, along with information on grant applications, Community Emergency Response Teams (CERT), Fire Corps and Volunteers in Police Service (VIPS), Neighborhood Watch and the Medical Reserve Corps (MRC).

Participants also learned about state statutes regarding volunteer liability, volunteer management support teams and centers for spontaneous volunteers.

Conference attendees also will be the first in the nation to participate in a U.S. Department of Homeland Security pilot training program on organizing and sustaining Citizen Corps councils.

The training provided guidance on how local councils can structure their missions to be consistent with the National Preparedness Goal (Homeland Security Presidential Directive 8), which will help create consistency in councils across the nation.

Last fall, 166 Citizen Corps volunteers from Illinois were deployed to help with hurricane recovery efforts - the third largest state contingent. Many were sent to Florida to assist hurricane victims, while others assisted with disaster administration in Chicago.

Among Citizen Corps Councils in Illinois are those in Chicago, Evergreen Park, Palos Hills and Tinley Park.

Letter To The Editor

Editor:

Earlier this week, Gov. Blagojevich signed the state's first-ever "No Senior Left Behind" law, which he touts as a safety net that will protect seniors in Illinois from the shortfalls created by the federal prescription drug program.

While we applaud the governor for his leadership on assisting older adults afford their much-needed prescription drugs, we are concerned for the health and well-being of the state's elderly, Medicaid-dependent nursing home residents because: As of Aug. 1st, 2005, the Illinois Department of Public Aid (IDPA) will discontinue Medicaid coverage of many common, yet vital, over-the-counter drugs, including pain relievers, laxatives, iron replacements and artificial tears. And, as of Sept. 1st, 2005, IDPA will discontinue Medicaid payment for acid reducers and wound care dressings.

Gov. Blagojevich proclaimed July as "Health Care Month," saying, "We are making sure we don't leave any of our senior citizens behind." If this truly is the case, our state lawmakers would not be choosing to stop paying for pharmaceuticals that Illinois' Medicaid-dependent residents, many who live in nursing homes, so desperately need to heal.

We urge you to call Gov. Blagojevich and IDPA director Barry Maram to tell them to stop these detrimental cutbacks.

Terrence P. Sullivan, Executive Director
Illinois Council on Long Term Care

Blackberry Moon Harvest Time

A "Blackberry Moon Campfire and Hike," sponsored by the Forest Preserve District of Will County, will be held Friday, July 22nd at 8:30 p.m., at Plum Creek Nature Center in Beecher. This all-age, family program is free of charge, but registration is required by July 21.

Now is the time of the year when blackberries are ready for harvest. This annual occurrence led to Native Americans referring to the July full moon as the Blackberry Moon. Join a District interpreter as you dis-

cover wild blackberries - where they grow, what they are used for and most importantly, how they taste. A hike to search out these yummy snacks is included, so dress for the weather.

Plum Creek Nature Center is located in Goodnow Grove Forest Preserve, 1.25 miles east of the intersection of Routes 1 and 394 in Goodnow Road, south of Crete.

For information and registration, call (815) 727-8700, 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday-Friday.



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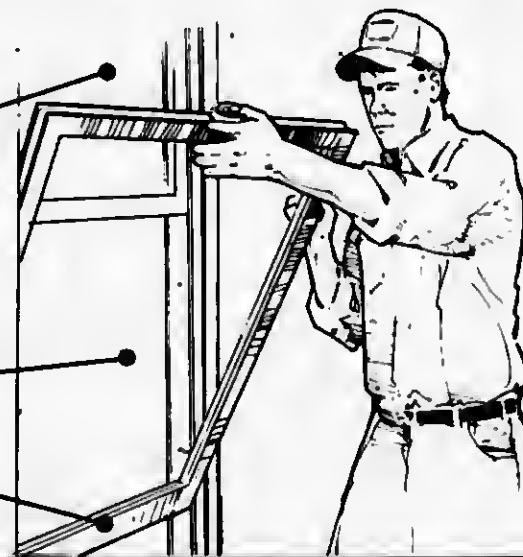
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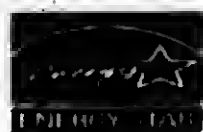
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PATRIOT Act

Maintaining a democracy is not easy work. It requires active participation from an informed citizenry. To that end, our government is required to protect the "uninhibited, robust and wide-open" public debate inherently found in the First Amendment to the U.S. Constitution. Without such protection, democracy becomes ineffective.

Successful public debate relies on the ability of citizens to dissent peacefully, making their voices heard without fear of government reprisal for their words or actions. The PATRIOT Act, as it stands, seriously intrudes on the basic American right of debate and dissent. For that reason, we all need to protect our right to be heard, a right that has historically benefited minority and immigrant communities. Traditionally, anti-immigration laws and overreaching prosecutorial discretion make these groups especially vulnerable when speaking out in dissent.

The Justice Department itself recognizes on its web site that "peaceful political discourse and dissent is one of America's most cherished freedoms." Why does it support a law that supplies the government with the tools to successfully and easily stifle that debate?

The government may, and has, used provisions of the PATRIOT Act to acquire information on large groups of U.S. citizens, meeting and organizing both legally and peacefully. In 2004, for example, the government demanded that Drake University hand over a list of people who had attended an anti-war forum at that school. That forum included workshops and nonviolence training sessions.

To take one example, section 505 of the PATRIOT Act allows the government to obtain such information "to protect against" terrorism as part of intelligence investigations. This can and does include all kinds of personal information about political and religious activities. Importantly, section 505 allows the government to gather this information in secret with virtually no independent oversight, so long as the FBI identifies the personal information as necessary. This means that the FBI can demand an entire group's membership database just because it believes one person in that group has a connection to terrorism. Moreover, the government never has to disclose who that person is or who else is on the list.

This means that mere membership in a religious group - a particular synagogue, church or mosque - or in a completely lawful political movement could lead to basically unfettered government ability to access both private and personal information.

As the debate continues behind closed doors on Capitol Hill, it is vitally important that we engage in a public examination of the troubling aspects of the PATRIOT Act, before our right to have those conversations is permanently cut off.

Julie Samuels
PILI Fellow,

Jewish Council on Urban Affairs

Successful Marketing & Selling

Attend a half-day workshop on Tuesday, July 12th, offered by SCORE, Counselors to America's Small Business. Learn how to find your prospects and keep them as customers. This workshop is the second of four required for a SCORE Completion Certificate, helpful when seeking a loan. Attendees should be in business or planning to start a business. Workshop hours are 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The fee is \$35. Call (312) 353-7724 to pre-register. Space is limited. Same-day registration is also available at 8:30 at SCORE. For more information, call (312) 353-7724 or visit the web site www.scorechicago.org.

Grandparent Visitation

A new Illinois law, which went into effect Jan. 1, allows grandparents, great-grandparents and siblings to be granted visitation rights if there is an "unreasonable denial of visitation" by one of the child's parents.

Under the law, grandparents must show that the denial of visitation is "harmful to the child's mental, physical or emotional health."

The number of grandparents raising grandchildren jumped 30 percent in the 1990s, with six million children younger than 18 living in households headed by grandparents and other relatives, according to U.S. Census reports. The census found that more than 200,000 children in Illinois live with a grandparent.

While the goal of the new law is to balance the parent and grandparent's rights, the power of the parent is preeminent.

The new law is a departure from a previous law, which had been in limbo. Under that law, grandparents simply had to prove that visitation was in the child's best interests. That law was held unconstitutional by the Illinois Supreme Court because it failed to take the rights of parents into consideration.

The new law also clarifies that petitioners must have support of at least one parent to proceed in cases where the parents have been divorced. In instances where a grandparent has not been raising the child or has had limited contact, a lawyer must use a child psychologist in court to prove that the grandchild would be harmed by not seeing the grandparent.

For further information about law-related issues, contact an Illinois Bar Association member-lawyer in your area or visit www.illinois-lawyerfinder.com.

**Statement From
U.S. Rep.
Bobby L. Rush On
The Retirement
Of Supreme Court
Justice Sandra
Day O'Connor**

"It is with great admiration that I thank Supreme Court Justice Sandra Day O'Connor for her many years of service and willingness to weigh in on key issues without prejudice. This country has benefited greatly by her decision to let what is "right" guide her decisions rather than what is popular or partisan. As the first woman to serve on the Supreme Court, her legacy has earned its place in history. I wish her well in retirement, and may her actions serve as an example for her peers and future lawmakers."

"I sincerely hope that President Bush and my congressional colleagues will select a replacement with the same fortitude and vision for equality and justice."



All Points Southwest

By THOMAS E. GAVIN

Congratulations to the 2005 Cialis Western Open champion, Jim Furyk, and the excellent field that demonstrated to the golf world that Cog Hill's Dubsread course can reward or humble some of the best golfers on the planet. The P.G.A., Western Golf Association and the Jensek family (golf course owners) provided a great week for the players and spectators. A first class tournament from start to finish at the Lemont course.

Jim Furyk notched his 10th P.G.A. Tour victory (-14,270 total) and his first since the 2003 Buick Open. Locals fondly remember his first major victory at the 2003 U.S. Open at neighboring Olympia Fields. A series of health issues and wrist surgery had stalled Furyk's career recently. He looks to be back in top form now after holding off runner-up Tiger Woods (-12,272) and Ben Curtis (-9,275 total).

The only positives Tiger Woods can enjoy from this week is that he is closing in on the once dominant performances that he used to furnish each week with runner-up performances in the U.S. Open at Pinchurst (three weeks ago) and this Western Open showing. He looks to be ready for the upcoming British Open at St. Andrew's, another major event. Incidentally, Tiger became the 1st player in Tour history to eclipse the \$50 million mark for career earnings!

Citing several high profile financial information security breaches across the nation, Gov. Rod Blagojevich has recently signed several pieces of legislation designed to safeguard consumers against identity theft. These bills not only place more stringent regulations on businesses, but also increase the penalties against identity thieves and provide victims with the resources necessary to protect themselves from future violation. The cornerstone of the package, House Bill 1633, makes Illinois the second state in the nation to require companies to quickly notify consumers in the state if their personal information is compromised due to a breach in company security.

The Governor and Attorney Lisa Madigan worked closely with the Personal Information Protection Act. "Over 9 million people had their information stolen or misplaced this year. The Breach Notification Act will force companies to take more responsibility in protecting our personal information," Illinois PIRG consumer advocate John Gaudette stated. House Bill 1633 becomes effective immediately.

Other consumer protection bills signed into law include:

* Senate Bill 1799, requires the Department of Revenue to notify a taxpayer directly if they suspect another person has used their Social Security number to register a business or pay taxes or fees. The bill becomes effective Jan. 1st, 2006.

* Senate Bill 123, requires the Illinois Department of Natural Resources (DNR) to phase in new Conservation ID (CID) numbers to replace Social Security numbers on hunting and fishing licenses as applicants renew. This change will be phased in over the next year.

* House Bill 2696, prohibits businesses from denying a person credit or utility services, or from increasing a person's credit limits based solely on their status as an identity theft victim.

* House Bill 2697, makes unauthorized copying and transmitting of any financial transaction devices including credit and debit cards, or other devices used to make a payment, get cash, or make a deposit a Class A misdemeanor.

* House Bill 2699, sponsored by Rep. Ruth Munson (R-Elgin) and Sen. Edward D. Maloney (D-Chicago), increases the penalties by one felony class for identity theft and aggravated identity theft crimes. This legislation also increases the penalties against those persons who steal the identities of more than three victims.

All three of the House Bills above become law and are effective immediately.

If you are over age 40 and believe you have been discriminated against by an employer because of your age, a new U.S.

Supreme Court ruling makes it easier for you to file an age bias claim.

The ruling allows an employee to file a lawsuit related to terms and conditions of employment, even if the company did not intend to harm. The new rule, which was issued by the U.S. Supreme Court in March 2005, is expected to open the door for more lawsuits challenging layoffs and changes in employer compensation and retirement plans. But it doesn't mean that older workers will automatically have a leg up if they choose to file a lawsuit. The ruling states that employers can cite reasonable factors such as necessary cost cutting to justify practices that may hurt older workers.

Since 1967, older workers have been protected by the federal Age Discrimination in Employment Act. The law, which applies to employees and job applicants who are 40 or older, states that it is unlawful to discriminate against a person because of his or her age with respect to any term, condition, or privilege of employment - including, but not limited to hiring, firing, promotion, lay-off, compensation, benefits, job assignments, and training.

It is also unlawful for employers with 20 or more employees to retaliate against an individual for opposing employment practices that discriminate based on age or for filing an age discrimination charge, testifying, or participating in any way in an investigation, proceeding, or litigation. The law also applies to employment agencies and to labor organizations, as well as to the federal government.

For more information about law-related issues, visit www.illinoislawyerfinder.com, sponsored by the Illinois State Bar Association.

There are still a few tickets available for the Women in Support of LaRabida (WIS) fundraiser to benefit the children and staff of LaRabida Children's Hospital. On Sunday, July 17th, enjoy an afternoon of cruising fun on the lakefront. Come on board the Mystic Blue at Navy Pier and enjoy dining, dancing and the magnificent view of Chicago's skyline from 2 to 4 p.m. Tickets are \$80/person. For information or reservations, contact LaVerne Mathews at (773) 753-9602 or log onto www.larabida.org.

The Action Sertoma Club will be hosting its "Fifth Annual Frank Oakes Golf Outing," Raffle and Silent Auction on Wednesday, July 20th at Silver Lake Country Club in Orland Park. More than 200 golfers, both men and women, are expected to participate in the 9 a.m. shotgun start. Cost of golf with cart is \$130 and includes breakfast, golf, goodie bag, lunch, beer and pop on the course, cocktails before dinner, steak dinner, and prizes for each golfer. A silent, as well as live auction, will be held featuring many exciting prizes.

One hundred percent of all monies raised at this event will be donated to the Sertoma Centre to train the individuals that are presently clients, and any new clients that seek assistance in the future. Over \$27,000 was raised last year for the physically and mentally disadvantaged trainees at the Sertoma Centre facility.

For more information and registration contact Joe Varanowski Sr. at (708) 921-0159. Additionally, any businesses or individuals interested in sponsorship or donating prizes would be greatly appreciated.

CAGW Report Debunks Federal Direct Student Loan Program

Citizens Against Government Waste (CAGW) released *The Direct Loan Program Flunks Out*, a report that debunks the supposed benefits of the Federal Direct Loan Program (FDLP).

The FDLP was established in 1993 to provide direct loans to students for college education. Proponents argued that "cutting out the middleman" of private lenders would save taxpayers money. However, participation in FDLP has declined by 29 percent over the past seven years and the program has a deficit of \$13 billion.

CAGW analysis and recent studies show the Federal Family Education Loan Program (FFELP), which uses private sources such as banks or other lenders to provide federally guaranteed student loans, to be superior to the FDLP. In January 2005, one financial aid director told the Manitowoc Herald Times Reporter, "Direct lending has been around for 10 years. If it is so wonderful, we all would have joined."

"Not surprisingly, government bureaucrats fail to duplicate the customer service and savings offered by competitive private lenders," CAGW President Tom Schatz said. "Congress needs to examine the full costs of direct lending when it considers reauthorizing the Higher Education Act this year."

FDLP loans are taken directly from the U.S. Treasury and recipients pay the money back to the federal government. But the Department of Education's (DoED) cash flow estimates have consistently been off the mark. From fiscal years 1995 to 2004, DoED overestimated expected interest payments on outstanding loans by \$11.2 billion or 49 percent—almost double what was actually received. The DoED continues to pay more interest to the Treasury than it collects from borrowers.

CAGW's report points out other problems with FDLP. The cost to administer FDLP has skyrocketed from \$10 million in fiscal 1993 to \$600 million in fiscal 2005, a 600 percent increase.

"Federal loans represent almost half of all financial aid for undergraduate and graduate students," Schatz concluded. "With the enormous taxpayer investment in higher education, taxpayers should be getting the best possible deal and unfortunately, direct lending is not living up to its promise."

The Direct Loan Program Flunks Out, authored by Elizabeth L. Wright, CAGW Vice President for Government Affairs, is available at www.cagw.org.

Citizens Against Government Waste is the nation's largest nonpartisan, nonprofit organization dedicated to eliminating waste, fraud, abuse and mismanagement in government.

Gov. Signed Diabetes Check-Off Fund Law

Cubs Legend Ron Santo, WGN radio announcer and former Chicago Cubs' third baseman, and Wild Bill Holden, a devoted Cubs fan who embarked on a 2,100-mile journey to raise awareness of juvenile diabetes, joined Gov. Rod R. Blagojevich, recently, to see the governor sign legislation to raise money for Diabetes Research. House Bill 1581 will create the 'Diabetes Research Check Off Fund' so taxpayers can donate money to diabetes research while they file their taxes. Money collected in this fund will be given to the Illinois Department of Human Services to provide grants for Diabetes Research.

Whalon Lake Dog Park Opened July 1st

A new fenced, free-run dog park opened on Friday, July 1st. The Whalon Lake Dog Park, located on Royce Road in Naperville, will be the second dog park owned and operated by the Forest Preserve District of Will County, joining the Hammel Woods Dog Park in Shorewood. Use of these parks requires an annual permit for each dog, and permits are good for use of both dog parks.

The Whalon Lake Dog Park will actually consist of three parks, two for large dogs, the other for small dogs. (Only one large dog park will be open at a given time. The other will be closed to allow grass to renew.) Each of the two large dog parks is in excess of 7 acres in size, while the small dog park is 2.5 acres in size.

The small dog park is designed for pets that weigh 30 pounds or less or measure 15 inches or less at the shoulder. Small dogs are free to use the large dog park, but dogs larger than the weight or height restrictions should use only the large dog park.

Annual permit fee is \$25 per dog for Will County residents and \$50 per dog for out-of-county residents. Up to three dogs can be registered per owner.

The separate dog parks grew out of suggestions offered by Hammel Woods Dog Park users. Small dog owners thought their pets would be less anxious if they were not around larger dogs.

Permits can be obtained in person at one of the District's visitor facilities or by mail. Proof of rabies vaccination is required.

A special Grand Opening for the new parks is planned in the fall, on Oct. 1st. The event will feature a full day of activities, food and giveaways.

The Whalon Lake Dog Park is located on Royce Road, 1.5 miles west of Route 53 in Naperville.

For information on obtaining a dog park permit, call (815) 728-8700.



Park Lawn's Grand Raffle Drawing

Park Lawn will hold its annual Grand Raffle drawing on July 20th at Park Lawn School and Activity Center at 10833 S. LaPorte in Oak Lawn. Tickets are \$100 each and only 900 tickets will be sold. Each ticket includes entrance to the raffle and buffet reception. Additional tickets to the reception are \$15. Winner need not be present.

The Grand Prize is a choice of \$15,000 cash, a 2005 Chevrolet Monte Carlo, a pair of Seadoos Jet Skis with double trailer or a 2005 Victory Motorcycle. The second prize is \$5,000 cash, third prize is \$3,000, fourth prize is \$1,000, fifth prize is \$500, sixth prize is \$300 and prizes 7 to 10, \$200 each.

This year's Grand Raffle is being sponsored by Rizza Chevy, 8200 S. Harlem Ave., in Bridgeview; Chicago Sports and Cycle, 14723 S. Pulaski, Midlothian; Motorplex, 11425 S. Harlem Ave., Worth and Worth Auto Parts, 6603 W. 111th St., Worth. Tickets can be purchased at sponsor locations or at Park Lawn at 10833 S. LaPorte in Oak Lawn.

The Grand Raffle is an annual fundraising event for Park Lawn, a local non-profit organization which provides educational, vocational and residential services to individuals with developmental disabilities. All proceeds from the Grand Raffle help support programs and services provided by Park Lawn.

For more information, call the development office at Park Lawn at (708) 425-6867 or visit www.parklawn.com.

Pictured left to right Park Lawn Program participants Paul, Angel, Nicole and Charles.

YMCA Network Holds Anger Management Sessions

The YMCA Network in Alsip is holding a six-session program, open to the public, on Anger Management. The sessions will take place every Tuesday for six weeks starting on July 19th.

The program will be run by a bachelor's level counselor who is a certified alcohol and drug counselor. The sessions will cover how to understand the cause and effects of anger, signs of anger, ways to trigger anger, and how to manage anger.

To be eligible for the pro-

gram, individuals must be at least 16 years of age who have difficulty managing angry feelings and as a result are experiencing impairment in personal, social, school or work-based relationships.

The cost for the event is \$60 for all 6 sessions (payable only at first session) and all participants are committed to all six sessions. The sessions are from 6:30 to 7:45 p.m. every Tuesday for six weeks. The deadline for registration is Friday, July 15th.

To register for the pro-

gram or to get more information on Anger Management, call (708) 385-6700.

Art Entries

Tall Grass Arts Assn. announces a call for entries from artists in the south suburbs and Northern Indiana for a show featuring the collage techniques. The entries must be received by Saturday, Aug. 6th.

For application, call (708) 748-3377 or write The Association at 367 Artists Walk, Park Forest, IL 60466.

"Market Opportunities In Food Security" Forum

Gov. Rod R. Blagojevich's Opportunity Returns program held the "Market Opportunities in Food Security" forum, the first in a series of homeland security business development forums to identify market opportunities to grow and support businesses in the homeland security industry. Experts in food security and homeland defense highlighted current and emerging needs for products, as well as strategies to protect our food supply. Gov. Blagojevich made a commitment to building the Illinois homeland security industry in his State of the State address in February. Illinois is already a national leader in homeland security, and it is only natural to develop, promote and expand this industry and create more jobs across the state.

"I'm committed to leveraging Illinois' history of industrial and technological innovation to meet today's security-conscious market demands in our ongoing efforts to protect the people in our state, nation and world. By teaming our resources, we can meet urgent homeland defense needs and grow Illinois businesses by providing cutting-edge products and services to the global marketplace," Gov. Blagojevich said.

The "Market Opportunities in Food Security" forum was held in partnership with the Illinois Center for Food Safety and Technology to discuss factors currently inhibiting homeland defense and to explore solutions that are being developed by inventors, entrepreneurs and large companies. More than 175 attendees, including food producers, businesses in the food supply chain, distributors and companies that protect the nation's food supply, were on hand, and each sector learned new ways to compete in today's security-conscious world.

Bike Tour Of I & M Canal Offered

"Bike and Brake for History," a free, family bike tour for persons of at least 10 years of age along the historic I & M Canal from Lockport to Joliet, a distance of seven miles roundtrip, will take place Saturday, July 23rd at 9:00 a.m. The program is sponsored by the Forest Preserve District of Will County.

Bike from the Gaylord Building in Lockport to the Joliet Iron Works Historic Site, with frequent stops along the I & M Canal. At these stops interpreters will provide historic insights about the I & M Canal and its importance to the history of this region.

Upon reaching the Joliet Iron Works Historic Site, participants can take a walking tour of the mile-long site or leave the tour and return to Lockport on their own. The Iron Works, owned by the Forest Preserve District, contains the ruins of the factory that existed from the 1870s to the 1930s and gave rise to Joliet's slogan as the City of Steel. Those who take the tour of Joliet Iron Works will return as a group.

Those taking the "Bike and Brake for History" tour are required to provide their own bicycles, bicycle helmet and drinking water. Participants will meet in the Lockport City parking lot, at 8th and State Streets, next to the Gaylord Building, 9:00 a.m. For additional information, call the Forest Preserve District of Will County at (815) 727-8700, 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday-Friday.

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ENTERTAINMENT NEWS

Present "Hot Jazz - 6 Cool Nites" Concerts

Each of the six "Hot Jazz-6 Cool Nites" concerts presented the week of July 22-28 at North Central will offer a different combination of featured jazz artists and musical selections to make each evening's performance distinctive.

The concerts, jointly sponsored by North Central College and the First National Bank of Naperville with radio sponsorship from 90.9 FM WDCB Public Radio from College of DuPage, will begin each evening at 8 p.m. in Heining Auditorium, Larrance Academic Center, 309 E. School Street, Naperville.

The concert series is presented in conjunction with the Janice Borla Vocal Jazz Camp, a highly acclaimed educational workshop, which has been featured on the nationally televised PBS news program, "The News Hour with Jim Lehrer," WGN-TV, WTTW Chicago Public Television and HDNET-TV.

This year, new computer-based conferencing technology will bring an additional dimension to the event. This technology allows users to make live, real-time audio and video connections with other users, anywhere in the world.

On Wednesday, July 27, the Janice Borla Vocal Jazz Camp will use this technology to join forces with the KOSA International Percussion Workshop in Castleton, Vermont (www.kosdamusic.com). This video conferencing event will be set up in Heining Auditorium and the audience in Naperville will be able to see, hear and interact in real time with the staff artists of the KOSA camp performing in Vermont, while at the same time the audience in Castleton will be able to see and hear the Borla camp staff artists perform.

The series itself will open on Friday, July 22 and Saturday, July 23, with the entire vocal jazz camp artist faculty: Blujazz Records recording artist Janice Borla, Judy Niemack of Sony Jazz Records and Sunnyside recording artist Jay Clayton, joined by trumpeter vocalist

Floyd Standifer, pianist Dan Harle, bassist Bob Bowman, drummer Jack Mouse and guitarist Jeanfrancois Prins.

Monday through Wednesday, July 25-27, two of the three vocalists will be featured in various combinations, individually and together, backed by Standifer, Prins, Harle, Bowman and Mouse: Borla and Clayton on Monday; Clayton and Niemack on Tuesday and on Wednesday, Brola and Niemack.

On Thursday, July 28, all eight artists will once again join to present a special "Tribute to Miles Davis," performing music composed by and associated with the celebrated jazz trumpeter.

"What makes this series so unique," says Janice Borla, the camp's founder, "is the wide range of jazz material and vocal performance styles it encompasses. Because this series was originally created for the benefit of the vocal jazz camp participants, our intention is to present the widest possible variety of jazz repertoire—blues, standards, bebop tunes, Brazilian and contemporary jazz—as performed by three singers with distinctly different vocal styles and backed by world-class instrumentalists."

In honor of the camp and concert series, Naperville Mayor George Pradel will proclaim July 22-29 "Vocal Jazz Week." The proclamation recognizes the camp, "which has gained an international reputation as one of vocal jazz's most prestigious and unique events." The mayor "urges all residents to support this assemblage of world-class jazz vocalists and instrumentalists who will be performing in Naperville, Illinois during this week."

Presenting sponsor for the event is the First National Bank of Naperville. Media sponsorship is provided by the Daily Herald and 90.9 FM, WDCB Public Radio from College of DuPage. Equipment and services provided by Brookdale Music, Shure Brothers Inc. and Yamaha Corporation of America.

Tickets to the concerts are \$15 for adults and \$12 for students and senior citizens. A 5 night concert pass also can be purchased for \$60 (adults) or \$48 (students/seniors).

For concert ticket reservations and further information, contact the Janice Borla Vocal Jazz Camp at (630) 637-5620.

Youth Orchestra Performs Free Concert

The Protégé Philharmonic orchestra dedicated to the future of music with strong emphasis on polished professionalism and musical discipline for high school students.

Further information is available by calling (312) 341-1521.

Summer Performances At MVCC

Moraine Valley Community College's Fine and Performing Arts Center, 10900 S. 88th Ave., Palos Hills, has announced its performance schedule for June and July.

Now through summer, Gallery 2005 will be featured. Area residents share their artwork in an exhibition celebrating local artists and their contributions to the community in the Fine and Performing Arts Center's Robert F. DeCaprio Art Gallery. Gallery hours are 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday; 9 a.m. to noon on Fridays, and during most performances. Admission is free.

The Moraine Choral, under the direction of Nicholas Thomas, will present the "best" of patriotic music at its annual summer choral concert on July 29th. The program will include "The Battle Hymn of the Republic," "The Stars and Stripes Forever," "God Bless America," a "Salute to the Armed Forces," and other choral arrangements that will get one into the patriotic spirit. The concert will take place in the college's Dorothy Menker Theater at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$11 for adults and \$9 for students and senior citizens.

Moraine Valley Academic Theater Department will present its production of Romeo and Juliet. Bring a picnic and blanket and enjoy Shakespeare's tale of two "star-crossed lovers" under the stars in the Moraine Valley Courtyard. The shows begin at 7 p.m. and admission is free.

For more information on tickets, performances or exhibitions, call the Moraine Valley Box Office at (708) 974-5500, or visit the Moraine Valley Web site at www.morainevalley.edu/fpac.

St Nicholas Greek Food Festival & Carnival

The Parish of St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church in Oak Lawn happily welcomes the community, families and friends to their annual Greek Food Festival & Carnival, Friday, July 15th through Sunday, July 17th.

The festival committee headed by Andy Ramsaran is preparing a festive family environment for guests to eat, visit, dance and play.

As always, special efforts are underway to offer spectacular food and delicious pastries to please every palate. Visitors will enjoy the traditional succulent Souvlaki, hand-skewered by St. Nicholas chefs to insure the best quality, tasty Grecian Chicken, fresh Gyros, mouth-watering Pastichio, Spanakopita, Tiropites, Saganaki and more. As always, there will be a wide variety of Greek pastries, and warm, sweet Loukoumades, thanks to the Ladies Philoptochos.

There will be lots of music and dancing. Six live bands featuring music from the 60s and 70s with a Frank Sinatra singer will get everyone moving. A DJ will provide ongoing Greek and American music to set the backdrop.

Other entertainment will include St. Nicholas Dance Troupe performances, 2 exciting kid shows with music, magic, puppets and animal acts, and church tours.

St. Nicholas is ready to serve visitors great food, great fun and an opportunity for family and friends to get together.

The Festival takes place on the church grounds, 10301 S. Kolmar Ave. Hours are Friday, July 15th and Saturday, July 16th from 4 to 11 p.m. and Sunday, July 17th from noon to 11 p.m. Admission is \$2. Children 12 and under are free. For more information, call the church office at (708) 636-5460.

Gaelic Park Folk Music

Continuing its Summer schedule, Carraig Irish Pub will present Pat, Guinness and his brand of Irish folk music on Friday, July 8th at 9:30 p.m.

The Katie Sullivan Band will follow on Saturday, July 9th at 10 p.m.

There is no cover charge. For further information, call Gaelic Park at (708) 687-9323.

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St. Richard's Fest

Saint Richards Parish, 59th and Kostner Ave., is sponsoring its 34th annual Family Fest and Carnival to be held Thursday, July 7th through Sunday, July 10th. The Family Fest will feature carnival rides, games, food and delicacies from various local restaurants, Bingo, a Grand Raffle with a \$2,500 first prize, and a Beer Garden with live nightly entertainment.

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Entertainment In July At Gaelic Park

For the entire month of July the Carraig Pub at Gaelic Park is packed with entertainment including:

- Pat Guinee, Friday, July 8th
- The Katie Sullivan Band, Saturday, July 9th
- The Ploughboys, Friday, July 15th
- Jerry Eadie, Saturday, July 16th
- Joe McShane, Friday, July 22nd
- Bernie Glim & Country Road, Saturday, July 23rd

But don't just come for the music, the Carraig has daily food and drink specials including mouth-watering BBQ ribs on Wednesdays. The Irish Music Family Session continues on Thursday nights at 7:30 p.m. with both children and adults participating. Check the web site at www.cgp-chicago.org for complete entertainment and menu information.

By hosting events such as the Musical Luncheon and bringing in various entertainers, Gaelic Park maintains Irish culture and heritage in Chicago. Gaelic Park contains sports playing fields, home to the Chicago GAA, meeting rooms and banquet halls used by Irish organizations and community groups and also for the monthly shows featuring top Irish performers. Gaelic Park also houses the Carraig Pub that always books the best Irish musicians in the Chicago area.

Become a member of this remarkable facility for a minimum annual contribution of \$30. Membership for married couples is available for \$50 annually. With your membership you will receive mailings and newsletters on all upcoming events at Gaelic Park and other important information. Members are also encouraged to vote in the annual election and any member of Gaelic Park for three consecutive years can run for office as a director.

Every Sunday night from 7 to 9 p.m., broadcast direct from Gaelic Park, is Harry Costelloe, Mary Hackett and Mary Riordan on WCEV 1450 AM. Hear all the week's Irish news and sports direct from Ireland, and all the latest events and goings-on at Gaelic Park. Call (708) 687-9330 to request a song or dedication.

For further information or to make reservations, call Gaelic Park at (708) 687-9323. Also visit the web site at www.cgp-chicago.org for more information.

Symphony Orchestra Gives Free Concert

The Classical Symphony Orchestra of Chicago will kick off its 2005 Summer Season at Preston Bradley Hall, The Cultural Center, at 78 E. Washington St. in Chicago. This free concert will take place July 10th at 3 p.m.

The performance will be conducted by Music Director Joseph Glymph and will include Homer Glen musicians Garrett Spatz on trombone and Lauren Toner on bassoon.

Rossini's Semiramide Overture, Strauss' Death and Transfiguration and Rimsky-Korsakov's The Golden Cockerel Suite will be among the pieces performed.

Further information may be obtained by calling (312) 341-1521.

CLASS REUNIONS

Delano Grammar School - All Class Reunion on July 16th at 6:30 p.m. at Hyatt Regency Hotel, 9300 Bryn Mawr in Rosemont. Call (847) 729-0919.

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Sullivan High School class of 1966 will hold a reunion on Sept. 3rd and 4th. Call (847) 374-5080.

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Wendell Phillips High School classes of 1946 and 1947 will hold a reunion and scholarship dance on July 9th at the Martinique, 8200 S. Cicero Ave. Call (773) 436-8903.

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Grant High School class of 1970 and classmates of 1969 and 1971 will hold an ice breaker on Aug. 12th at 6:30 p.m. at Lakes Bowl, Route 134, Round Lake. A reunion will be held on Aug. 13th at 6:30 p.m. at Antioch Golf Club, Route 59 and Grass Lake Road. Call (847) 587-5112 or e-mail www.grant1970.com.

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Morton East High School class of 1950 is looking for classmates and will hold a reunion on Sept. 16th at Drury Lane, Oakbrook. Call (847) 381-4286.

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St. Bede the Venerable - 50th anniversary celebration on Oct. 1st, 6:30 p.m. Mass with celebration to follow, 83rd and Kostner. Call (773) 884-2075.

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St. Turibius School class of 1955 is looking for classmates for a reunion. Call (708) 599-0045.

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Hinsdale South High School class of 1975 will hold a reunion on Aug. 13th at the Signature Room in Woodridge. Call (708) 636-3714.

"Music At The Island"

Imagine you are sitting on a hillside with a loved one, the sun is setting, and nearby music makes you hum in delight. This will be the scene on Friday, July 15th at 7 p.m. at Isle a la Cache Museum in Romeoville, when singer and songwriter Dorie Stewart and other artists will be sharing folk songs and country music

tunes. Open to all ages, this Forest Preserve District of Will County family program, "Music at the Island," is free.

Isle a la Cache Museum is on E. 135th St. (Romeo Rd.), 0.5 mile east of Route 53.

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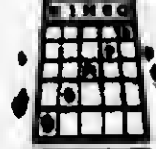
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ENTERTAINMENT NEWS

Theatre's New Vision Of Faust

The isolation and loneliness of an old man's cyber existence sets the stage for DuPage Opera Theatre's new vision of Charles Gounod's Faust, opening on July 17th at 6 p.m. with additional performances on July 19th and 23rd on the McAninch Arts Center Mainstage. While this 19th century opera will be sung in the original French (with projected English supertitles), Artistic and Music Director, Maestro Kirk Muspratt, hopes to bring this struggle between good and evil closer to Internet-surfing audiences by updating the image of the famous doctor. This story of moral choices and the ramifications of actions chosen without considering spirituality seems apropos to any age or human culture, and stage director Amy Hutchison's choice to update the settings only brings the questions it poses closer to our understanding.

How do we deal with the cultural clashes between communities of strong faith and communities of logical independence? How does a backdrop of war affect our beliefs? Is it on the world at large we must focus, or are the interactions in our small, daily lives just as soul shattering? These are issues countless authors and philosophers have explored through the timeless story of Dr. Faust. He is a man faced with the personal demons of age and aspirations of a far more exciting life than what he lives. He longs for a second chance, which he knows God will not grant him.

so he turns to the devil Mephistopheles, who will grant his request at a very high price. Faust pays the price to fulfill his desires; unfortunately, because of his choice and the choices of each of the other characters, everyone ends up paying a price too dear. So the question becomes, is redemption possible for any of them?

Within the heavy moral issues, Gounod created a musical loveliness unique to himself. The beauty of the arias and the chorus of villagers might be enough to seduce anyone, let alone the naïve Marguerite, while the depth of Mephistopheles' range can shake a listener's insides. The contrast of darkness and lightness in the music creates the emotionality that forces an audience to admit that, while we might easily judge from our seats offstage, it would be a different and difficult story were we in the skins of those onstage.

Prices are \$38 for general admission, with a discounted \$36 ticket price available to seniors and students. Group rates are available upon request. Accepted are cash, check, Discover, MasterCard, Visa and American Express.

The McAninch Arts Center is located at 425 Fawell Blvd. (Fawell and Park Boulevards) in Glen Ellyn. Parking is free. For ticket information, call the ticket office at (630) 942-4000 or visit the web site at www.mca.org.

Mt. Carmel Golf Classic

The Mt. Carmel High School Alumni Association 2005 Frank Kiszka Memorial Golf Classic will be held on Monday, Aug. 1, at the Green Garden Country Club, 9511 W. Monee-Manhattan Rd., Frankfort. Registration will be from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. with a Shotgun Start at 12 Noon. There will be a free driving range from 9 to 11 a.m.

The fee is \$130 and includes greens fees, range balls, golf cart, continental breakfast, course refreshments, lunch, dinner and 19th Hole open bar. There will be awards to regular and senior (50+) and longest drive. To reserve a spot, call Celeste Rupcich at (773) 324-1020, Ext. 228, or mail a check made payable to Mt. Carmel Alumni Assn. to Mt. Carmel Golf Classic, 6410 S. Dante Ave., Chicago, IL 60637-3896. One can also pre-register on the alumni web site at www.mchs.org/development/alumniassociation.

McAuley Features "Guys And Dolls"

The 99th Street Summer Theatre Festival will present the musical "Guys and Dolls" on July 7, 8 and 9 at 8 p.m. in Mother McAuley's Auditorium, 3737 W. 99th Street. This will mark the Festival's 27th season of community summer theatre.

This is the first of three shows for the Festival's season. "Music Man Jr.," featuring the 99th Street Summer Theatre Kids Kampers, will be presented on July 8 and 9 at 10:30 a.m. and noon, followed by "Fiddler on the Roof" on July 21, 22 and 23.

"Guys and Dolls" is based on the Damon Runyon stories and characters of New York in the late 40's and early 50's and features a score by Frank Loesser and a book by Jo Sweling and Abe Burrows. The 99th Street Music Festival production is directed by Patricia Haynes assisted by Michael Gutrich, choreography by Marci Calicndo and musical direction is by Patrick Mooney. The set design is under the supervision of Bridget Thomas and Jamie

Girdauskas advised by Don Haynes, and lighting is designed by Todd Koeppl.

"Guys and Dolls" features a talented cast of community theatre veterans including Brian Rigg of Orland Park as Nathan Detroit; George Miller Jr. as Benny Southstreet; Matt Slomka of Beverly Hills as Rusty Charlie; Jenny Roney of Palos Heights as Sarah Brown; Chris Hasson of Tinley Park as Sky Masterson; Erica Zintek of Tinley Park as Miss Adelaide; Joe Streit of Oak Lawn as Arvide Abernathy; Tony Levine of Woodridge as Harry the Horse; Stacy Cunningham as General Cartwright; and Andy Lambros of Chicago as Big Jule.

Tickets are available for all performances. Tickets are \$16 for adults, \$14 for Senior Citizens and \$12 for children. Tickets may be purchased by phone with a credit card or at the McAuley Theatre. For information on individual or group tickets sales, call (773) 881-6512.

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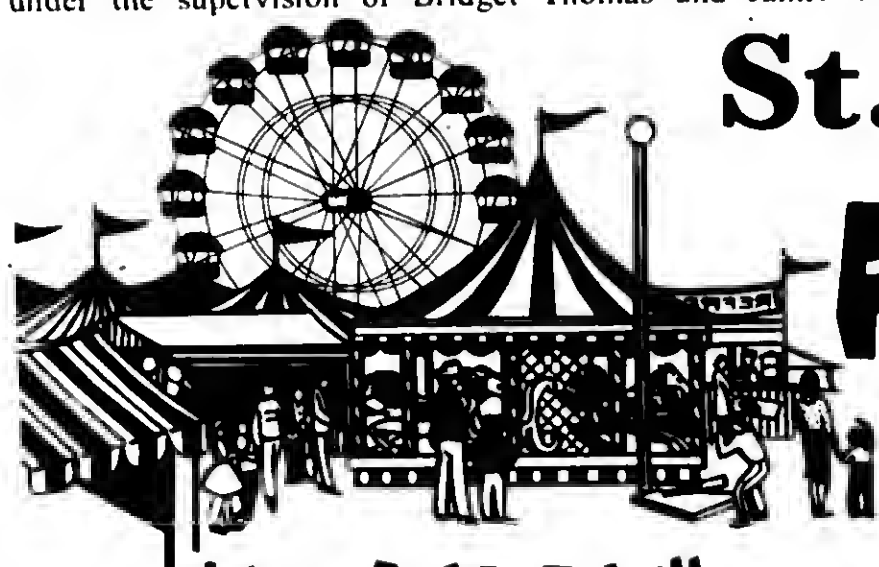
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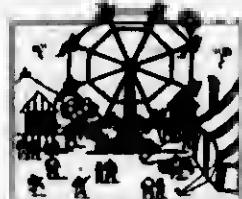
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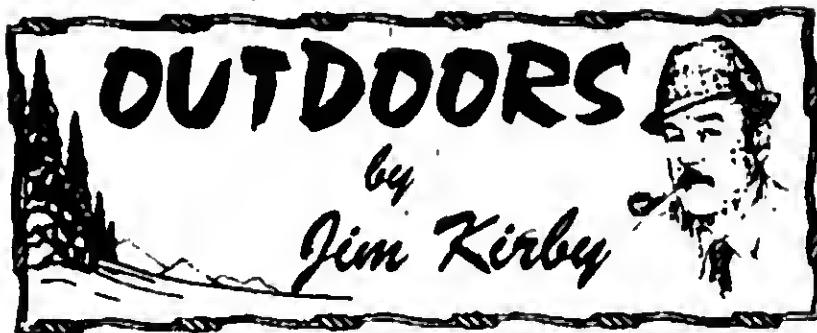
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- Most boating accidents can be attributed to reckless boating, boating under the influence of alcohol, or not wearing a life jacket.
- In 2004, 18 people died in boating accidents.
- In Illinois, 15 people might have survived if they had worn a life jacket.
- Most accidents involve boat operators between the ages of 20 and 40 with more than 100 hours of boating experience.
- Most accidents involve open motorboats cruising in a reckless manner.

■TAKE A SAFETY COURSE: Check the IDNR web sites for dates, times and locations of upcoming Illinois Safety Education Programs. Courses this summer are available for boating and hunter safety education. The courses are available for new boaters and hunters, but are also available for those with plenty of experience on the water or in the field. Check the schedule at <http://dnr.state.il.us/lands/education/safety> or phone toll-free at 1(800) 832-2599.

■GOING FOR A BOAT RIDE ALA "BONNIE & CLYDE": Illinois Conservation Police Officers, the Will County Sheriff's Department, and K-9 units from Braidwood and Wilmington joined together in a massive manhunt, resulting in the arrests of two men and a woman who are suspected of committing a series of thefts of boats on the Kankakee River. They have also been linked to the theft of a pickup truck in Sangamon County.

"This was very dangerous and could have turned out very ugly," said Conservation Police Sergeant Mark Simpson. "These suspects were heavily armed. Because of this excellent interagency cooperation, the suspects are behind bars."

A citizen made the original report of the suspects to police at approximately 8 a.m., alerting authorities to the theft of a boat in progress on the Kankakee River. As police pursuit ensued, the fleeing suspects stole and abandoned two more boats, before seeking to elude officers on Bardwell Island.

Officers continued the manhunt on the island, relying on the Conservation Police Force Airboat and canine from Braidwood and Wilmington, as well as Illinois State Police aircraft for assistance. Rugged terrain on the island including grasses growing 12 feet tall, made pursuit challenging to law enforcement. At approximately 1 p.m. the suspects were apprehended.

The suspects were jailed in Will County Jail on a variety of preliminary felony charges. Stolen property valued at hundreds of thousands of dollars has been recovered, but has incurred damage.

■DID YOU KNOW? Anglers pump nearly \$600 million annually into the Illinois economy, and 1.2 million Illinoisans fish each year.

■A NEW GENERATION NEEDS YOUR SUPPORT AND GUIDANCE: A recent U.S. Sportsmen's Alliance study shows that the number of new hunters taking to the field is lower than the number of outdoorsmen who, because of age or health issues, are hanging up their guns.

This trend is due in part to the fact that potential sportsmen are not provided with opportunities to experience outdoor traditions. Urbanization contributes to this situation as nearly 80 percent of Americans reside in urban areas and the average family is three or more generations removed from rural life.

This trend can be reversed. Seasoned sportsmen can attract new families to enjoy the outdoors. This can be accomplished on a one-on-one basis or through organized activities such as the Trailblazer Adventure Program. Through Trailblazer, youth and families who would not typically participate in outdoor activities including fishing, archery, shooting sports and much more are given the opportunity to do so.

Over 60 Trailblazer Adventure Programs will take place nationwide in 2005. Over 75,000 participants are expected. Sportsmen are needed to lend their expertise and demonstrate to youth and parents the thrill of the outdoors.

The sportsmen community has the opportunity to significantly increase the number of new sportsmen entering the field. If you or a club representative would like to discuss this "Giving Back" opportunity, please contact the U.S. Sportsmen's Alliance Foundation at (614) 888-4868 or info@ussportsmen.org.

■TEACHER WORKSHOPS: The IDNR Division of Education is sponsoring 19 educator workshops through the Environment and Nature Training Institute program for 2005-2006. These free workshops offer Continuing Professional Development Units for Teachers. Contact the IDNR Division of Education at teachkids@dnr.state.il.us or call (217) 524-4126 for more information.

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LaSalle Bank Chicago Marathon Registered Participants Hits 30,000

Registration for the 28th LaSalle Bank Chicago Marathon already reached 30,000 and is heading toward the 40,000 participant cap at record pace - thirty percent faster than last year. The anticipated close of registration for the 2005 race is late-July.

For runners working to achieve their 26.2-mile goal, registering for the Marathon is only the first step. Training is the next and most critical step.

Training Consultant Hal Higdon who has completed more than 100 marathons suggests there are two ways to approach Marathon training: with a group or individually. Either way, marathon training should be grounded in building your mileage, performing long runs and taking days off each week to allow for recovery.

For those who want to train individually, training information is readily available on the Web. Training tips are available through the Marathon's InterActive Training Guide. This official online training program offers novice, intermediate and advanced levels of training. This InterActive Training Guide is provided free to chicagomarathon.com visitors.

For those interested in training with a group, The Chicago Area Runners Association (CARA) LaSalle Bank Chicago Marathon Training Program includes guest speakers for motivation, coaching, pace groups for almost any speed and most important, people to run with. Learn more about this program, which has a 99.9 percent completion success rate during the past 15 years, at www.cararuns.org.

The 2005 LaSalle Bank Chicago Marathon takes place Sunday, October 9 starting and finishing in Chicago's Grant Park. The race will be broadcast live on CBS 2 CHICAGO and ESPN 1000. Last year's race attracted the maximum 40,000 participants. Elite athletes will compete for a portion of the \$650,000 prize purse, the highest in the sport. The LaSalle Bank Chicago Marathon draws world-class athletes and participants from all 50 states and from more than 122 countries.

Runners may register online at chicagomarathon.com until the participation cap has been reached or August 15, whichever comes first. There will be no Race Weekend registration. The entrance fee for the Marathon is \$90 for U.S. runners and \$100 for international runners.

SXU's Setter Signs

Jenna Guide, a setter from Sandburg High School, recently signed a letter of intent to continue her athletic and academic career at St. Xavier University in Chicago as a member of the Cougar volleyball program. Guide, a native of Orland Park, was coached by Kelly Mendoza and Katie Brasher (club coach) during her prep career at Sandburg.

Guide is expected to move to the libero position next season at SXU. She plans to

pursue a degree in either education or business. Guide is the daughter of Frank and Janet Guide.

The Health & Fitness Expo will take place Friday, October 7 and Saturday, October 8. The weekend will include more than 150 exhibitors featuring the newest designs in running gear and shoes, as well as the latest developments in sports, fitness and nutrition.

For more information on The LaSalle Chicago Marathon visit chicagomarathon.com or call (312) 904-9800.

Illinois Parks Provide Perfect Picnic Spots

Amid the piles of paper plates and plastic spoons in local stores, it's easy to envision a family picnic. To make the vision a reality can require foresight and flexibility, with fun the final result. Illinois State Parks, with plentiful picnic tables, pavilions and shade trees, are ideal destinations for any family.

"The family picnic doesn't have to be an elaborate event. Just taking the family to the park for a simple lunch provides fodder for valued family memories," said Joel Brunsvold, director of the Illinois Dept. of Natural Resources. "It's not the extravagance of a big vacation that makes an impression on kids - it's the chance to spend quality time with the people they love, away from distractions."

Many Illinois State Parks feature developed picnic areas, with tables and grills. Most often, these are located near toilets. In some cases, drinking water is also accessible. Many parks also feature playground equipment, as well as access to fishing, boating and hiking.

General rules that can enhance the picnicking experience include:

- If possible, make reservations ahead of time, especially for pavilions.
- If using charcoal, make sure the coals are completely extinguished before disposing of them.
- Follow all alcohol rules at the site.
- Be respectful of other campers.
- Keep pets on a leash at all times.
- Pick up all litter, including cigarette butts.
- When packing for the picnic, include bug spray and sunscreen.

"Because admission to Illinois State Parks is free, a visit can be an economical outing that kids remember forever," said Tony Mayville, IDNR director of land management. "Illinois State Parks are one of the greatest entertainment values you'll find anywhere."

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27th Annual MS Fundraiser

Registration is now underway for the 27th annual Carol Cohn and Margie Weil Memorial MS Golf and Bridge Outing to raise funds for a cure for multiple sclerosis. The event benefits the National Multiple Sclerosis Society, Greater Illinois Chapter, and tees off at 12:30 p.m. on Monday, July 18th at Northmoor Country Club in Highland Park. Participants can enjoy 18 holes of golf or a bridge tournament, followed by a formal dinner and auction.

"The Carol Cohn and Margie Weil Memorial MS Golf Outing proves to be one of our most successful and most fun fundraisers every year," said Joe Weil, co-chair for the event. "We're hoping to raise more than \$225,000 this year to support the research that will bring us a cure for MS tomorrow and the programs and services that make life better for people living with MS today."

Spots are limited, so early registration is encouraged. Register by calling (312) 423-1171. Sponsorship opportunities are also available. For more information on sponsorship opportunities, contact either of the event co-chairmen: Joe Weil, (708) 579-9595; or Rick Kaye, (847) 404-7600.

Sponsor Autism Research Bill

A bill co-sponsored by State Sen. Ed Maloney (D-18) would raise money for research to fight autism through a check-off on state income tax forms passed the Illinois Senate 58-0.

Funds raised under the terms of House Bill 18 would be distributed through a program of research grants administered by the Dept. of Human Services.

"I hope that the money raised by this program will get us one step closer to understanding the cause of autism and one step closer to eliminating it," said Sen. Maloney. "This bill, House Bill 18, passed out of the General Assembly without a single vote against it, and I hope the governor signs it into law without delay."

Autism is a developmental disability that affects the functioning of the brain and it appears during the first 3 years of a child's life. Children and adults with autism generally have difficulties in verbal and non-verbal communication, social interactions, and leisure or play activities.

Autism is four times more prevalent in boys than girls and knows no racial, ethnic or social boundaries. Experts contend that one out of 166 children are autistic and that there are 1.7 million children and adults affected by autism in the U.S.

Turn Abandoned Strip Mine Into Tourist Site

Governor Rod R. Blagojevich announced a \$325,000 grant to fund some of the actions that are transforming an abandoned Southern Illinois strip mine into a place where tourists will be able to enjoy hiking, hunting and fishing.

The grant brings to \$1.125 million the amount of funding in the new state budget to improve the Sahara Woods State Fish and Wildlife Area. The governor's budget also provides funding to hire a new Department of Natural Resources site technician to oversee activities at Sahara

Woods in Saline and Williamson Counties.

"Property that was an eyesore now becomes an asset, benefiting the Southern Illinois economy," said Blagojevich. "Here in the heart of Illinois coal country, this project proves that mining is compatible with natural resource stewardship."

Funding for Sahara Woods includes \$325,000 in capital funds, and \$800,000 from the Illinois Department of Transportation Park Road Program. The capital funding for Sahara Woods will allow the state to take the next steps toward developing the site. That will include road improvements, building boat ramps, and posting informational signs on the property. IDOT will provide funding to upgrade the existing loop roads with an oil chip surface, grade and reshape ditches, reshape pipe culverts, and build new parking lots.

Sahara Woods State Fish and Wildlife Area will attract tourists to Southern Illinois as it is developed into a premium fish and wildlife area. Opportunities including fishing, deer and turkey hunting and bird watching will be emphasized. The site encompasses approximately 4,000 acres in Saline County. The Sahara Coal Company of Harrisburg donated the land for development in 1999. It includes a 100-acre lake, several smaller ponds, wetlands and wooded areas.

Sahara Woods State national Area is located in Saline and Williamson Counties in Southern Illinois, along Illinois Route 13 and Carrier Mills Road. No date has yet been scheduled when the Sahara Woods State Fish and Wildlife Area will be open to the public. The site was open for archery deer hunting on a limited basis in fall of 2003.



Latrese Haynes



Corey Powers

South Division Credit Union Salutes College Scholarship Winners for 2005-2006 School Year

South Division Credit Union, one of the south side's leading non-profit financial institutions, announced the winners of its two annual \$500 scholarship awards for the 2005-06 school year. The scholarships are awarded for academic achievement, educational goals, financial need and letters of recommendation and are intended to help offset a portion of the student's college expenses. This year's scholarship recipients continue to demonstrate the exceptional talent and high ideals that rise from America's schools and communities every year, and the Members of South Division Credit Union wish them every success.

Latrese Haynes graduated from Hyde Park Academy. She has been an SDCU Student's First Member since 2000. She is a National Honors Society member with a cumulative 3.5 GPA. Active in school, her community, and recognized in the American High School Who's Who, she plans to study Biology as a pre-med student and then go on to become a medical doctor and surgeon.

Corey Powers graduated from Evergreen Park Community High School. He is also a National Honors Society member with a cumulative 3.46 GPA. He's been Captain of the Track & Field and Cross Country teams, but his real love is film making. "My biggest aspiration is to create films that change the way people think," Corey says. He plans to study film production, screen writing and direction at either Columbia College or Notre Dame.

"South Division offers these annual awards to exceptional young people who aspire to make positive impact upon our society," says Geraldine Burek, President and CEO of South Division Credit Union. "Their dreams are the basis of our nation's success. And our Members are proud to support their achievements and personal goals."

For information regarding the requirements and an application for SDCU's 2006-07 awards, call (708) 857-7070 and speak to a Financial Services Representative.

U.S. Portion Of Global Fund To Fight AIDS

U.S. Senators Dick Durbin (D-IL) and Rick Santorum (R-PA) expressed their shared commitment to fully fund the United States' portion of the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis, and Malaria at a total of \$800 million in fiscal year 2006. If supported, these funding levels will provide \$3.7 billion for all international HIV/AIDS, tuberculosis, and malaria programs in fiscal year 2006.

Senators Santorum and Durbin sent a letter to the Chairman and Ranking Member of the Senate Committee on the Budget to underscore the importance of the United States' commitment to international HIV/AIDS assistance programs. In the letter dated March 5, Senators Santorum and Durbin stated, "We urge you to add these funds as the Committee considers the fiscal year 2006 Budget Resolution. If the Committee is unable to add an additional \$500 million for the Global Fund, we intend to pursue a floor amendment to add these funds when the budget resolution is taken up by the full Senate."

"The global crisis of AIDS is not a partisan or a political issue. It is first and foremost a human issue," said Durbin. "Every country and every person must accept responsibility but the United States, as the world's wealthiest and most powerful nation, should take the lead in securing resources to fight the global AIDS pandemic. No one should lose access to life-saving treatment because the U.S. didn't come up with our share of the needed funds, which is why Senator Santorum and I are working to fully fund our nation's portion of the Global Fund."

"The HIV/AIDS pandemic has reached a staggering proportion. At the end of 2004, an estimated 40 million people were living with HIV/AIDS. The United States has been an important leader in the effort to fight these infectious diseases and as a result of our efforts, many people are now receiving antiretroviral therapy treatment," said Senator Santorum. "This is one of the most consequential issues of our time and we cannot afford to avoid responding to this crisis. We must continue our commitment of compassion and work in a bipartisan fashion to ensure that the efforts to fight these diseases know no political boundaries. If an amendment to the fiscal year 2006 Budget Resolution is necessary, I hope my colleagues in the Senate will join Senator Durbin and me in adding \$500 million to the Global Fund."

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New Rental Assistance Program Law Is Signed

Gov. Rod R. Blagojevich signed a new law creating the largest state rental assistance program in the nation. The Rental Housing Support Program will help 4,000 to 5,000 families find safe housing that they can afford. Sponsored by Sen. Iris Martinez (D-Chicago) and Rep. Julie Hamos (D-Evanston), the Rental Housing Support Program is expected to generate \$30 million in its first year of operation to help as many as 5,000 families. Less than half the states in the nation have a rental assistance program, and only two states, Massachusetts and Connecticut, provide long-term rental support. The Rental Housing Support Bill takes effect July 5, 2005.

Degree Recipients

Oak Lawn residents were among graduates of Northern Illinois University, DeKalb.

They were Lisa Ann Bonn, Louis C. Christopher, Darcy D. Folliard, Margaret Mary Keiner, Jason Rosales, Magdalena W. Szumilas, Kristin Leigh Wild, Elizabeth L. Williams and Norma E. Capeles.

Bonn earned a Bachelor of Science degree in sociology - criminology.

Christopher received a Bachelor of Science degree in bio-logical sciences.

Folliard earned a Bachelor of Science degree in clinical laboratory sciences.

Keiner received a Bachelor of Science degree in elementary education.

Rosales and Wild earned a Bachelor of Science degree in marketing.

Szumilas received a Bachelor of Arts degree in English.

Williams earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in psychology.

Capeles received a Master of Science in Education degree from the College of Education.

Named To Northern Illinois Communications Dept. Honor Roll

Alison Ruth Shoesmith of Oak Lawn was named to Northern Illinois University's Department of Communication's Spring 2005 Outstanding Student Honor Roll.

To earn a place on the Honor Roll, a student must have a 3.5 or higher grade point average for the semester.

Shoesmith is a pre-communication studies major.

Oak Lawn Elks Celebrate Flag Day

The Oak Lawn Elks #2254, 107th and Central Ave., Chicago Ridge, celebrated "Flag Day," a national event. Approximately 150 guests were in attendance. Flag Day is a national ceremony that is mandatory in all Elk Lodges throughout the nation. It has been celebrated yearly since 1911.

Local color guards and flag veneration orders in attendance and participating were: Alsip V.F.W. Post #450; Burbank Detachment Marine Corp. League; Bremen V.F.W. Post #2791, Tinley Park; Canaryville Veterans Association; Johnson Phelps V.F.W. Post #5220; Korean War Ex-P.O.W. Association; Korean War Veterans Association Chapter #23; South Suburban Chapter; American Legion Post #691, Midlothian; Midlothian Memorial V.F.W. Post #2580; Midwest Chapter of American Merchant Marine Veterans; Mt. Greenwood American Legion Post #844; Chicago Light Artillery; Girl Scout Troop #398 and Windy City Veterans Association.

Exalted Ruler, Kevin Kennedy conducted the program with the history of the flag by PER Earl Konecki with flag bearers from the Windy City Veterans Association. Response by PER William Skinner. Guest speaker was Ret. Sgt. Chicago Police Department, Thomas Eichler, also VP of the Khe-Saan Survivors, U.S.M.C. Patriotic Medley (Service Songs) by John Black and Kathy Diggins-Quinn. A poem was written by Patricia Carstens.

The new flag was furnished by Congressman Daniel Lipinski. Elks Vets Chairman is Mike Daukus (pictured).



A reception was furnished by Janet Kennedy, Ladies of the Elks and guests. All of the Elk officers and trustees participated. Exalted Ruler Kennedy said, "We hope and urge all people to observe the day as the anniversary of the adoption on June 14, 1777, by the Continental Congress of the Stars and Stripes as the official flag of the United States of America."

Using BBB Name To Scam Online Buyers

Better Business Bureaus have issued an international alert to warn about individuals who are fraudulently using the BBB name to extort money from online shoppers seeking to purchase "big-ticket" items advertised at "low ball" prices.

The BBB advises consumers to take note of the following:

- The BBB does not operate a "Better Business Bureau Insurance Service," and it does not offer a "BBB Auto Buyers Protection Program."
- The BBB is not a "preferred insurance provider" for eBay or any other equity.
- The BBB does not manage financial transactions for online merchants.
- The BBB does not issue profiles or reports on individuals; BBBs report on businesses.

The fraudulent e-mails attempt to encourage buyers to proceed with the "Better Business Bureau Managed Transaction" by emphasizing that the BBB is an objective third party; protects online buyers and sellers; is highly effective in

completing a successful transaction; resolves thousands of cases each month from eBay and other marketplaces; treats your personal information with the utmost care; and has a Privacy Policy designed to protect you.

E-mail addresses affiliated with the scam include support@bbb-paysafe.com, support@bbbsafe.com and support@inc-bbb.com. One consumer said the e-mail she received from "Better Business Bureau Customer Support" had a BBB Torch logo that, when clicked on, transferred her to the bbb.org Web site. In some of the e-mails, "Square Trade Better Business Bureau" or "Better Business Bureau Financial Department" appears as the name of the sender.

The BBB advises consumers to:

- Always contact the BBB when there are questions concerning the legitimacy of an offer.
- Always check with the BBB when its name is being used in an unusual fashion.
- "Click to check" BBBOnline Reliability or BBBOnline Privacy seals displayed on Web sites or go to www.bbbonline.org for a list of merchants meeting BBBOnline standards.

Emergency Lawn & Garden Sprinkling Tier 1 Restrictions

Due to the extreme temperature conditions and persistent drought, the Village of Oak Lawn will replace the Tier II sprinkling restriction with the Tier I (Conservation Emergency) of the Emergency Lawn & Garden. Tier I Sprinkling Restrictions began on Monday, June 27th.

Tier I restrictions allow sprinkling or irrigation of lawns or gardens, on an odd/even basis between the hours of 7 a.m. and 11 a.m. ONLY. The odd/even address system provides that addresses where the last digit is an odd number are permitted to water their lawns and gardens on calendar days that are odd in number. Likewise, addresses where the last digit is an even

number are permitted to use water for their lawns and gardens on calendar days that are even in number.

In addition, as of Monday, June 27th, automatic lawn sprinkler or irrigation systems are permitted to be used on an odd/even basis between the hours of 12 midnight and 5 a.m.

The Tier I Sprinkling Restrictions will remain in effect until further notice.

If you have questions or need additional information concerning the emergency lawn and garden sprinkling restrictions that have been imposed, call the Department of Public Works at (708) 499-7758 or the Water Division at (708) 499-7746.

Senior's Ceramic Class

The Worth Township Senior Ceramic Class will start up again on Sept. 13th. The class is held on Tuesday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Worth Township Center, 11601 S. Pulaski.

The class will cost \$30 and run for 10 weeks.

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Plan To Restore Special Education Funding

Governor Rod R. Blagojevich and the Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE) announced their plan to restore funding for a number of key Special Education Programs in Illinois.

These programs serve critical needs that cannot be met by local school districts. When the Governor learned that Fiscal Year (FY) 06 funding for these programs was at risk, he took quick action to restore support for programs serving children with autism, deafness and severe behavioral disorders.

Earlier this year a lack of available Federal Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) Part B funds threatened the FY 06 funding to these programs. When the Governor learned of this situation, he worked with the General Assembly to lift the State restrictions on the State Board's access to Federal IDEA Part B funds. The changes are made by Senate Bill (SB 1815), which has passed the General Assembly and will be signed into law by the Governor.

ISBE announced the proposed FY 2006 allocation for its Federal IDEA Part B Discretionary Grants, which included restored funding for the following programs:

- Illinois Service Resource Center (ISRC) - Center on Deafness \$460,000

- Illinois Autism Training and Technical Assistance Project (IATTAP) \$732,000
- Assistive Technology Exchange Network (ATEN) - United Cerebral Palsy \$550,000
- Emotional and Behavioral Disabilities/Positive Behavior Interventions and Support Network (EBD/PBIS) \$3,258,000
- Project CHOICES \$800,000
- Project HEAR, Illinois School for the Deaf \$50,000

Incentive For Film Makers

Continuing his efforts to make Illinois an attractive location for major motion pictures, television shows and commercials, state Rep. Ken Dunkin (D-Chicago) on Tuesday, May 24th advanced an expansion to the highly successful Film Production Tax Credit he enacted in 2003.

"About five years ago, we started to see a decline in the amount of movies and television shows filmed in Chicago and Illinois," Dunkin said. "We grew tired of watching movies that supposedly take place in Chicago, only to find out the pictures were filmed in Canada or some other state, so in 2003, we passed an incentive program to encourage the movie industry to film in this state. We put our money where our mouth is and it paid off, so I am now working to make the tax credit stronger."

During the 93rd General Assembly, Dunkin sponsored a new law that provides a 25 percent tax credit for film production companies that shoot in Illinois. Dunkin's legislation helped revive Illinois' film industry, as the state saw a 100 percent increase in tax revenue between 2003 and 2004.

Dunkin's new legislation, Senate Bill 1965, raises the tax credit to 35 percent for film production companies that shoot in areas of Illinois with high poverty or unemployment. It further extends the tax credit through the 2006 tax year and makes the credit transferable for up to one year. The legislation also seeks to increase the hiring of minorities and women by requiring applicants for the credit submit and follow a diversity plan.

The House Revenue Committee unanimously approved Dunkin's measure. Senate Bill 1965, co-sponsored by 70 House members, now moves to the full House for further consideration.

Oak Lawn Chamber Of Commerce Golf Classic

The Oak Lawn Chamber of Commerce will hold its golf classic, Wednesday, July 13th, at Oak Lawn Park District Stony Creek Golf Complex, 5850 W. 103rd St.

Check-in will be at 11 a.m.; lunch served at 11:30 a.m.; shotgun start at 12:30 p.m.; miniature golf at 4 p.m.; open bar from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m.; and dinner at 6:30 p.m. Door prizes will be given to every golfer, according to a chamber representative. Special and grand raffle prizes also will be awarded. The golf classic will be sponsored by the Mid-America Development Partners & Morningside Group. Sponsors, prize donations and volunteers are being sought. Further information is available by calling the chamber at (708) 424-8300.

Rev. Racine Will Speak At Potluck Supper

On Tuesday, July 12th at 6 p.m. the Rev. Maria Elena Racines Cobos, a pastor from Colombia, will speak at a potluck supper at Mt. Zion Lutheran Church, 104th & Kostner in Oak Lawn.

Pastor Racines serves two communities of displaced people in Colombia, refugees within their own country, fleeing the violence of Colombia's 45-year civil war.

Come learn what Christians in the United States can do to help those in Colombia.

The visit is sponsored by Lutheran World Relief, and open to everyone.

For more information, contact Mt. Zion's church office at (708) 423-6554.

Route 66 Road Trip

Travel down Historic Rt. 66 with the Oak Lawn Park District aboard a Travel Services Motoreoach on Friday July 8. The trip will depart from the Community Pavilion, 9401 South Oak Park Ave., at 8 a.m. and continue on to Joliet to pick up Rt. 66. Participants will visit the shops, restaurants, and gas stations that have made Rt. 66 legendary. The fee for this trip is \$66 for Oak Lawn residents and \$71 for non-residents which includes an all-you-can-eat lunch. For more information call (708) 857-2200.

Degree Recipients

Oak Lawn residents are among spring 2005 graduates of Illinois State University, Normal.

Krista Nicole Erickson and Molly Louise O'Connell each received a Bachelor of Science in Education degree. Erickson graduated with summa cum laude honors, while O'Connell graduated with cum laude honors.

Issa Barakat Daoud, Lester A. Kobylarczyk, Jennifer Lee Price, Dominick Sirio Russo and Matthew John Ulanowski each earned a Bachelor of Science degree.

Alison Jennifer Millett received a Bachelor of Music in Education degree.

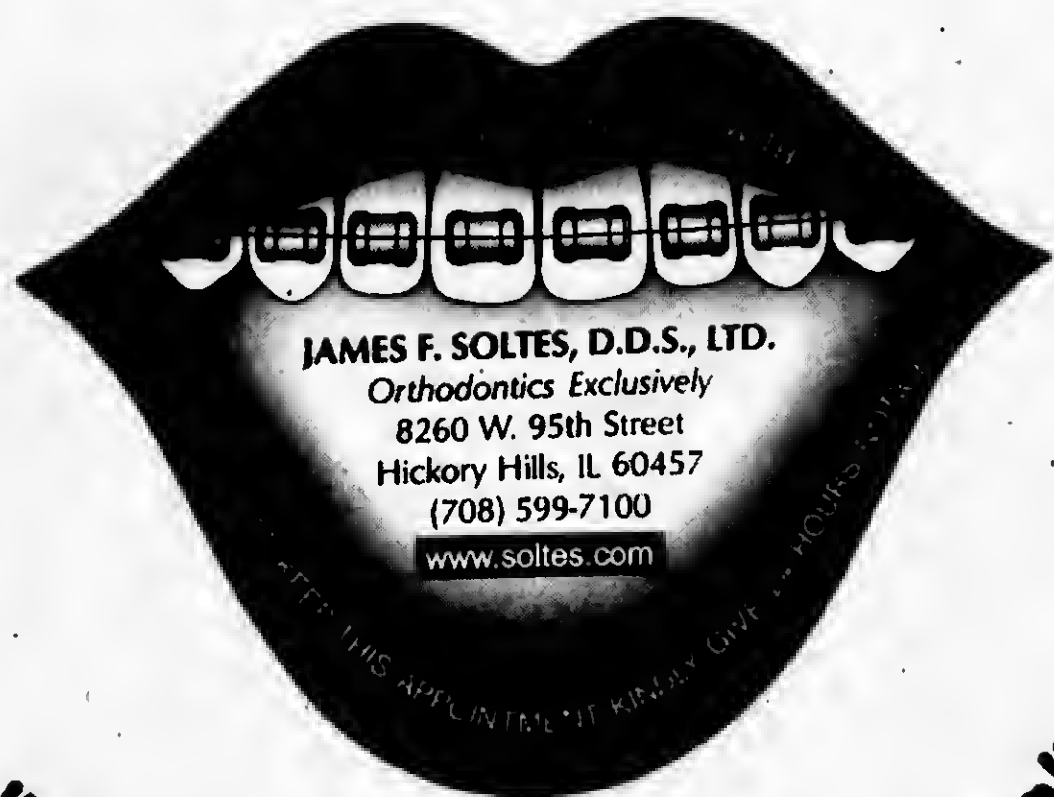
Susan Marie Mueller, Casey Anne Reynolds and Patrick Thomas Ryan each earned a Bachelor of Arts degree.

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Thoughts On Health & Nutrition

by
Lucinda K. Lysen, RD, RN, BSN

Ms. Lysen is in vacation for the July 4th Week. Her column will resume in next Thursday's newspapers.

Lucinda K. Lysen is a registered dietitian and registered nurse with consulting practices in Chicago, Illinois, and Stuart, Florida. She is Health & Medicine Editor for Southwest Messenger Press Newspapers. For further information regarding today's column or other nutrition-related issues, you may contact Ms. Lysen at Southwest Messenger Press, 3840 West 147th Street, Midlothian, Illinois, 60445 or at dietdown@aol.com.

Northwestern Receives Award

One of the nation's preeminent symbols of quality in health care – the 2005 National Quality Health Care Award – was bestowed upon Northwestern Memorial Hospital. The award is presented annually by the National Committee for Quality Health Care (NCQHC) with corporate sponsorship from the Cardinal Health Foundation and with legacy partner *Modern Healthcare* magazine.

Established in 1994, NCQHC's National Quality Health Care Award is presented to a healthcare provider which demonstrates outstanding programs to improve quality, embraces innovation and forward thinking, and establishes ways to measure and evaluate those processes to benefit the community. The award is the oldest and one of the most prestigious health quality awards in the United States.

Northwestern Memorial's recent accomplishments that were considered during the selection process included the successful integration of a process improvement program using industry-leading methodology from Six Sigma, DMAIC (Define-Measure-Analyze-Improve-Control). More than 500 employees have served on project teams which have implemented more than 40 improvement initiatives ranging from clinical programs, transportation services and bed management to financial reporting. In addition, Northwestern Memorial continues to develop and refine its comprehensive clinical information system to improve quality and patient safety by implementing an electronic health record (EHR). During fiscal year 2004, 78 percent of all inpatients had medication administration documented online and 94 percent of Internal Medicine inpatients had the EHR available.

In 2004, Northwestern Memorial also began implementing computerized provider order entry (CPOE) to help ensure effective treatment based on clinical evidence, to improve patient outcomes and to enhance availability of clinical information across a broad network of care providers. By this spring, Northwestern Memorial will have achieved the Leapfrog Standard, which ensures that physicians enter at least 75 percent of medication orders online. Currently, fewer than 3 percent of hospitals nationwide have achieved this standard. Northwestern Memorial is also a national leader in using bar coding and robotic technology for specimen processing. Nearly three million laboratory tests are processed annually at Northwestern Memorial, and use of this technology has reduced result turnaround time by 32 percent, while also increasing accuracy and reducing costs.

Illinois Dept. Of Public Health To Create Chronic Kidney Disease Awareness Program

Gov. Rod R. Blagojevich create and conduct a signed legislation to raise awareness and save lives from a treatable illness – chronic kidney disease. According to the latest data, more than 2,000 Illinoisans died in 2002 as a result of Chronic Kidney Disease and it's the ninth leading cause of death in Illinois and nationally. Senate Bill 1461 requires the Illinois Dept. of Public Health (IDPH) to create a Chronic Kidney Disease Awareness, Testing, Diagnosis and Treatment Program.

Sponsored by Sen. Donna E. Trotter (D-Chicago) and Rep. Eddie Washington (D-Waukegan), Senate Bill 1461 requires the IDPH to create and conduct a program to promote awareness, testing, diagnosis and treatment of chronic kidney disease. The campaign will include public service announcements, educational materials and grants the Department will provide to communities. The Dept. of Public Health will annually submit a report to the governor and General Assembly describing the effectiveness of the program along with the number, ethnic, geographic, age breakdown, stages of progression and the diagnostic and treatment status of people served by the program.

Senate Bill 1461 takes effect Jan. 1st, 2006.

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Smoke-Free Ordinance Introduced Into Chicago City Council By Request

Alderman Ed Smith (28th Ward), chair of the City Council Health Committee, introduced a comprehensive smoke-free ordinance into the City Council at the request of the American Cancer Society. The ordinance would make Chicago smoke-free in all indoor public places, including workplaces, restaurants and bars.

Every day in Illinois, eight people die from the effects of secondhand smoke.

Just a half-hour of secondhand smoke exposure causes heart damage similar to that of a habitual smoker, according to the Journal of the American Medical Assn.

Secondhand smoke can also lead to stroke and emphysema and is the number one trigger for asthma attacks.

Classified as a Group A carcinogen, a substance known to cause cancer in humans, secondhand smoke is unsafe at any level of exposure.

"It's time for Chicago to change its status as the largest city in the United States that does not protect the health of its citizens, particularly its workers, from secondhand smoke," said Smith.

By passing a smoke-free law, Chicago will join New York City, Boston, Los Angeles and hundreds of other municipalities where comprehensive smoke-free ordinances are in effect.

"Tobacco companies and their allies will use scare tactics about lost revenues and jobs or the inappropriate intervention of government to oppose smoke-free laws," said Steve Derks, CEO of the American Cancer Society, Illinois Division. "While there is irrefutable medical evidence linking secondhand smoke to illness and death, there also is economic evidence that smoke-free laws do

not have a negative economic impact on the hospitality industry. Twenty-two independent studies, involving 12 different states, have proven that smoke-free laws have no negative impact on the hospitality industry – in some cases business has increased. Smoke-free laws do not prevent people from eating in restaurants or drinking in bars. They prevent people from dying."

A major new poll reveals that 62 percent of registered Chicago voters broadly support making the city's workplaces, restaurants and bars smoke-free. In addition, 87 percent of Chicagoans would eat out the same or more often if Chicago were smoke-free.



Sizzling Savings For Shoppers At Sertoma Centre Sale

July temperatures aren't the only hot topic in town! Sertoma Centre, Inc. is liquidating its entire inventory of housewares – during Sertoma Centre Foundation, Inc.'s Housewares Super Sale, July 9th and 10th, at Tinley Park Convention Center.

From 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, July 9th and again from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Sunday, July 10th at the convention center, 183rd St. and Harlem Ave., the same famous brand-name items found at fine department stores can be purchased at spectacular savings.

Shoppers will find bargain prices on fine china, silverware, crystal, holiday décor, accent furniture, hardware, patio accessories, stoneware, household cleaning equipment, kitchen appliances, ironing boards, hake-ware, tea kettles, home office storage, college dorm accessories, picture frames, photo albums, scrapphooks, paper & party goods, candles, and much more. Items will be continually restocked on both days, until depletion.

A 15 percent savings coupon on purchases totaling \$50 or more, that can be used either July 9th or 10th, can be printed out online by entering www.sertoma-centre.org on your Internet browser and clicking on the announcement that appears on the home page or by calling (708) 371-9700 for more information.

Don't miss this chance to buy hot ticket items at cool prices!

All proceeds from Sertoma Centre's Housewares Super Sale benefit Sertoma Centre, Inc. Foundation. Started by the Alsip (now Action), Evergreen, and POW-R Sertoma Clubs in 1971, Sertoma Centre, Inc. is a nationally-accredited, not-for-profit agency that provides services to more than 650 individuals with developmental, physical and emotional disabilities, and/or mental illness. Communities served include 45 south and southwest suburbs and parts of Chicago. Two primary facilities are located in Alsip – Administrative Office & Insite Training Systems at 4343 W. 123rd St. and the Martha Polacek facility at 4100 W. 127th St. Sertoma Centre also operates several community group and foster care homes located in the south suburbs.

Volunteer (left to right) Dorothy Bojanowski and Sertoma Centre's Diane Sak display just a few items from the 105 pallets of fine housewares that can be found on July 9th and 10th at Sertoma Centre Inc. Foundation's Super Sale at Tinley Park Convention Center.

HIV Drug Therapy

Combination drug therapy effectively reduces 90 percent of HIV deaths in African-American injection drug users when they are given ample access to care, according to a new study by The New York Academy of Medicine in the June issue of the *American Journal of Epidemiology*.

Because this disadvantaged population has historically lacked access to pricey multi-drug therapy, there has long been uncertainty about whether it would reduce their late-stage HIV infection and whether these patients could adhere to such a complex treatment regimen.

The results of this important longitudinal study, conducted over the course of 14 years, show that HIV-related deaths nearly disappeared among these minority drug users when they received access to highly active antiretroviral therapy, or HAART.

"There has been longstanding concern among clinicians and policymakers that some populations may not be good candidates to receive these life-sparing medications," said lead author David Vlahov, PhD, director of the Academy Center for Urban Epidemiologic Studies, and Adjunct Professor in the Dept. of Epidemiology at the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health in Baltimore. That concern has been based on anticipation that persons with unstable or marginally stable lifestyles would be less able to adhere to the complex regimens.

"Although medication adherence was not assessed in this study, the dramatic improvement in survival among those on HAART indicates that minority injection drug users are able to follow the drug therapy with success," Vlahov said. "Access to these drugs should be broadened aggressively both in the U.S. and in developing countries."

A research team led by Vlahov and including the Academy's Sandro Galea, MD, DrPH, and scientists from Johns Hopkins and Vanderbilt University School of Medicine, followed 665 minority injection drug users with advanced HIV infection and perilously low CD4 cell counts. Some of the participants were followed for up to 14 years. Before HAART was introduced in 1996 as a standard medical treatment, 15.9 percent of study participants were dying each year. After 1996, when patients in the study received HAART, the annual mortality rate plunged to only 1.2 percent per year.

Two alternative explanations were considered for this dramatic drop in deaths. Vlahov said that those who survived until at least 1996 were simply stronger and healthier from the start; and that use of illicit drugs declined as the study progressed. However, additional analyses did not support these alternative explanations.

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Authorize Gang Violence Grants

U.S. Sen. Dick Durbin (D-IL) has introduced legislation to authorize \$862.5 million in grants over the next five years to provide local and state prosecutors with essential tools to combat violent gangs. The American Neighborhoods Taking the Initiative - Guarding Against Neighborhood Gangs (ANTI-GANG) Act is a comprehensive bill that will help state and local prosecutors prevent, investigate and prosecute gang crimes.

The National Youth Gang Survey, conducted by the National Youth Gang Center, estimated that in 2002 there were 21,500 gangs comprised of 731,500 members in the United States. The FBI has noted that "street gangs and other loosely knit groups are responsible for a substantial portion of the increase in violent crime in the United States."

"Gang violence is a serious and growing threat in communities all across America," Durbin said. "In Chicago, 46 percent of the homicides last year were gang-related. The Chicago Police Dept. is currently tracking 68 identified gangs, with an estimated 68,000 members. The ANTI-GANG Act is a comprehensive, common-sense approach to fight gang violence that will help communities in Illinois and across the rest of the country as well."

The ANTI-GANG Act of 2005, which is co-sponsored by U.S. Senators Ted Kennedy (D-MA), Patrick Leahy (D-VT) and Russ Feingold (D-WI), contains four major provisions:

- It authorizes \$52.5 million for the cooperative prevention, investigation and prosecution of gang crimes; \$10 million for technology, equipment and training to identify gang members and violent offenders and to maintain databases to facilitate coordination among law enforcement and prosecutors; \$300 million over five years for the protection of witnesses and victims of gang crimes; \$60 million for the protection of witnesses and victims of gang crimes; and \$50 million for grants to develop gang prevention, research and intervention services.
- It replaces the current provision on criminal street gangs in federal law

with a stronger measure that criminalizes participation in criminal street gangs, recruitment and retention of gang members, and witness intimidation.

- It will provide Congress with the necessary data to determine whether to expand the federal role in prosecuting juvenile offenders by requiring a comprehensive report on the current treatment of juveniles by the states and the capability of the federal criminal justice system to take on these additional cases and house additional prisoners.
- It promotes the recruitment and retention of highly qualified prosecutors and public defenders by establishing a student loan forgiveness program modeled after the current program for federal employees.

\$2 Million for Teen Pregnancy Prevention Grants Announced

Gov. Rod R. Blagojevich announced \$2 million in grants for teen pregnancy prevention. The grants included in the fiscal year 2006 budget will be distributed by the Illinois Dept. of Human Services (DHS) to 35 community-based agencies throughout the state.

The DHS Teen Pregnancy Prevention program provides grants to community agencies to reduce teenage pregnancy and sexually transmitted diseases and the incidence of HIV/AIDS. Earlier this year, Blagojevich announced the number of babies born to Illinois teenagers continued a nine-year decline in 2003, falling to a record low of 9.7 percent.

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Penwomen's Spring Luncheon

The Chicago Branch, League of American Penwomen (LAPW), recently enjoyed an exciting time at the Board Room of Saint Xavier University. The occasion was the annual Spring Luncheon where awards were given to winners of Prose and Poetry competitions.

Members and guests who attended were delighted to hear the poetry of speaker for the occasion, Connie Vogel of Glenview. They were also happy to receive advice from her which would guide their future writing. Vogel, who is a past president of Poets of Chicago, has written over 150 poems, several books, and been published in *The New York Times*, *Rhino*, and *The New Yorker*. The latter publication rejected a poem she had submitted, then wised up and nine months later thanked her for it.

There followed an introduction by Katie Witek, Branch President of NLAPW, Milton, WI., of the chairmen of this year's contests: Erika Deiters, Prose Chair, of Naperville. In turn, the first prize winners were announced, given their awards, and applauded for the reading of their works. They were Louise Hullinger of Beverly, June Wildman of Clearwater, FL, Constance Vogel, Katie Witek, Dolores Baird of Kankakee, and Ruth and Parsapour of Naperville. Other winners included Jean Henning of Marco Island, FL, Nancy Harless of Wever, Iowa and Gwen Griffin of Lake Forest.

A special category of poetry was created this year, dedicated to "The Buttermakers," an oil painting by John H. Vanderpoel which was the nucleus of the John H. Vanderpoel Art Association collection. Winners of this category were Ruth Ann Parsapour, first; Elmira Wilkey of Bourbonnais, second, and Constance Vogel, third. The Vanderpoel Association furnished additional cash awards to these winners.

"The Buttermakers" hangs in the Vanderpoel Gallery located in the Ridge Park Field House at Longwood Drive and 96th St. It was pictured in the three-volume book by William Gerdt, *Art Across America*. It was praised by Harriet Monroe, founder of *Poetry Magazine*, when displayed in a retrospective exhibition at the Art Institute following Vanderpoel's death. This year, *Poetry Magazine* provided a gift of a one-year subscription to first place winner, Ruth Ann Parsapour.

Other members and guests enjoying the luncheon were Madeleine Kutsulis of Palos Heights, former president of NLAPW, Chicago and popular writer for *The Beverly Review*; Kitty LaBoiteaux, Therese Gump and Catherine Cajandig of Chicago; Elsie Bruce and Ethel Wirtshafter of Beverly; Louise Bruce of Minneapolis; Maureen Rigane of Park Ridge; and Jimmie Lee Buehler of Ashurn.

NLAPW Poetry and Prose winners pictured left to right: (seated) Louise Hullinger and Dolores Baird; (standing) Katie Witek; (back row) Gwen Griffin, Ruth Ann Parsapour, Constance Vogel, Nancy Harless and Elmira Wilkey.

John Stroger Appoints Martha Martinez

Cook County Board President John Stroger announced the appointment of Martha Martinez as the conference coordinator for the 2006 National Assn. of Counties (NACo) Annual Conference and Exhibition which will be held at McCormick Place from Aug. 4th to 8th. The conference is expected to attract more than 4,000 county officials, executives and employees. Cook County last hosted the conference in 1993.

Ms. Martinez currently serves as the first assistant to the chief administrative officer for Cook County and was part of the 1993 team that hosted the conference. "Martha's experience and work ethic make her the logical choice to manage this event. The team that has been assembled will make the taxpayers proud," said Stroger.

Headquartered in Washington DC, NACo is the only national representative of counties, and acts as an advocate for counties by advancing and promoting policy that its members adopt. NACo's membership totals more than 2,000 counties, representing more than 80% of the nation's population.

"We are honored to have been selected to host this national event. With our rich cultural and ethnic diversity serving as the backdrop for this conference, the selection of Cook County as the host could

generate record attendance numbers and contribute greatly to our local economy," Stroger added.

The Chicago Convention and Tourism Bureau estimates that a conference of this size generates approximately \$5 million in hotel, food and entertainment receipts. NACo estimates that at the peak of the conference, 2,100 hotel rooms will be booked and that overnight bookings will exceed 9,700.

Cook County will work closely with both the Illinois and Chicago tourism agencies as well with officials from the city of Chicago in ensuring the success of this conference. County staff will serve in additional capacities in planning for the conference.

"Hosting a conference of this size is no small task. From transporting delegates to, and from McCormick Place to security, communications and special events, we are committed to making this the best conference NACo members have attended since we hosted in 1993," Stroger added.

The 1993 NACo conference was attended by more than 4,000 people from across the nation.

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Veterans And Soldiers News

By Lori Taylor Ph: 708.388.2425

U.S. Senator Dick Durbin apologized to the veterans assembled at the VFW's 84th annual state convention in Peoria, Ill. Durbin addressed over 200 veterans at the Saturday, June 25th session. He said his comments about the Guantanamo Bay prison camp do not reflect his support for the U.S. military. Durbin reportedly said he was trying to drive home the point that treatment of prisoners of war does not reflect America's values. He did pledge stronger support for veterans' health care and other needs. Many of the veterans at the meeting praised Durbin for explaining his remarks. At a banquet of the Ladies Auxiliary and VFW members on Saturday evening, Robert Wallace, past National Commander-in-Chief and now the assistant Adjutant General, commended State Commander "Big Bob" Migalich and those who attended the meeting for their kind and courteous acceptance of Durbin's apology. Wallace said Migalich came right to the core of each question he asked and received the answers.

In a letter to the press earlier last week American Legion Department of Illinois Commander Arnold "Art" Ambros asked for an apology from Senator Durbin regarding the same matter. To date I have not heard if he received an apology. Durbin also apologized to the Senate last week.

Father John Barkmeyer who has been serving in Iraq as an Army chaplain since November resigned as pastor of St. Cajetan Catholic Church in the Morgan Park neighborhood to become a full-time chaplain. Fr. Barkmeyer, 41, is stationed at Camp Bucca which is the largest detainment facility in Iraq. God bless you, Fr. John, for your dedication to our troops and our country!

Governor Blagojevich and the Illinois Department of Veterans Affairs are hosting the first-ever Illinois "Supermarket of Veterans' Benefits." The event will be held on Saturday, July 9th from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. at Navy Pier in Chicago. The Supermarket promises to be a terrific event, offering veterans a great opportunity to sign up for the benefits and services they deserve. In addition, the Jesse White Tumblers will perform to entertain the kids, young and old, and there will be various musical entertainers throughout the day. Plan to attend and take advantage of the many services and programs you are entitled to for so bravely serving our country. For more information, call IDAVA at 1(800) 437-9824 or email to webmail@dva.state.il.us.

Civilian Joshua R. Kreuger, son of Laura Kreuger of North Liberty, Indiana and Thomas Kreuger, Sr. of Chicago, recently enlisted in the U.S. Navy under the Delayed Entry Program at Navy Recruiting District Chicago, Fort Sheridan, Ill. Kreuger will report for duty to undergo basic training at the Navy Recruit Training Center, Great Lakes. He is a 2002 graduate of Marist High School in Chicago.

Civilian Anthony D. Cash, son of Estella Lopez of Bridgeview, recently enlisted in the U.S. Navy under the Delayed Entry Program and will report for duty to undergo basic training at the Navy's Recruit Training Center at Great Lakes. Cash is a 2004 graduate of Argo High School in Summit.

Navy Hospitalman Matthew T. Wick, son of Thomas Wick of Markham, recently graduated from the Basic Hospital Corps School at Naval Hospital Corps School, Great Lakes. Wick is a 1997 graduate of Bremen High School in Midlothian. He joined the Navy in November 2004.

Coast Guard Scaman Timothy J. Baver, son of Debbie and Stephen Baver of Tinley Park, recently graduated from the U.S. Coast Guard Recruit Training Center in Cape May, New Jersey, and was promoted to his present rank. Baver is a 2004 graduate of Victor J. Andrew High School in Tinley Park.

McDonald Linn Chicago Ridge VFW and Ladies Auxiliary 177, 10537 Ridgeland Ave., are asking for your help. The Auxiliary is in need of yarn; clean, any color, length or size, for their projects. They are making lap robes for hospitalized veterans, the Hospice Program at Palos Hospital and the children's unit at Christ Hospital. They are also making helmet liners for the troops. If you would like to donate yarn or have any questions, call the VFW Post at (708) 636-3220 and ask for Pat or call Cathy at (708) 599-5268.

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Commander Praises Swift Response To VA Budget Shortfall

American Legion National Commander Thomas P. Cadmus said he is encouraged that Congress and the administration acted swiftly to cover a recently revealed \$1 billion shortfall in this year's VA health-care budget. However, the leader of the world's largest veterans organization added that emergency spending bills are merely a short-term fix to a long-term problem.

"Timely, compassionate care must be delivered to the heroes of past wars and to today's newest veterans - 85,000 and counting - who have come home from Iraq and Afghanistan and now entrust their care to VA," Cadmus said. "It's unfortunate the 2005 VA health-care budget was miscalculated, but it's not surprising. These shortages are becoming annual events because the current discretionary funding formula used to set the budget is inherently flawed. Our elected leaders must now follow recommendations of The American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Disabled American Veterans, AMVETS and seven other veterans organizations, in addition to President Bush's own Task Force to Improve Health Care Delivery for Our Nation's Veterans. They must change the funding formula. VA health-care funds must be assured. This is about human lives."

On Wednesday, June 29th, the Senate voted 96-0 to add \$1.5 billion to this year's drained VA health-care system. VA Secretary Jim Nicholson on Thursday presented Congress a proposal to add \$975 million in emergency spending to cover the shortfall. Also Thursday, Rep. Steve Buyer, R-Ind., chairman of the House Veterans Affairs Committee, praised The American Legion and other veterans organizations for providing what he said was a "more accurate" assessment of VA's budgetary needs than VA's own projections. "We all work from the same data," Cadmus said, adding that the Legion also benefits from

having hundreds of field representatives who work closely with VA on the local level. "We know firsthand that VA's health-care system is under-funded and that care is now being rationed. VA health care is not a partisan issue. No American, Democrat or Republican, veteran or not, wants rationing."

In the 108th Congress, Rep. Chris Smith, R-N.J., then chairman of the House Veterans Affairs Committee, and ranking Democrat Lane Evans of Illinois, both introduced bills for assured funding of VA health care. Evans introduced a similar measure in the 109th Congress.

Cadmus said VA must now make a priority of collecting some \$3 billion in unpaid bills from insurance companies and other third-party payers. Also, he added, veterans must be permitted to use their Medicare benefits at VA facilities.

"The American Legion looks forward to working with the administration and Congress to better meet the health-care needs of America's veterans," Cadmus said. "Our mission is shared. Our mission is sacred. And it is growing ever more critical as the war against terrorism presses on, producing more wartime veterans who need us."

Road To Recovery

Road to Recovery is one of the many volunteer-based patient service programs offered by the American Cancer Society.

The program relies on volunteer drivers to take cancer patients to their treatments. Lack of transportation has become a major problem for a number of cancer patients. Many patients need daily or weekly treatment, often over a period of months and they simply have no transportation or are too ill to drive. Family and friends may help, but sometimes it's just not enough. Road to Recovery is struggling in many areas of the state, leaving some cancer patients scrambling to find rides to their life-saving treatments.

"We have a critical need for volunteer drivers specifically in the West Cook County area and throughout the state. Cancer patients find it particularly difficult to always rely on family and friends to get to and from their treatments," said Marni Fredrickson, patient services coordinator with the American Cancer Society, West Cook Region.

"Time commitments vary and it is up to the volunteer to decide how much time they contribute. There is an application process and training involved to become a Road to Recovery driver. Supporting the American Cancer Society through volunteer service is a very efficient and productive way of making a personal statement against cancer."

The requirements include holding a current valid driver's license, having a safe driving record and proof of insurance.

If individuals are interested in helping but are unable, or do not wish to drive, volunteer coordinator positions are also available. Coordinators would arrange the rides connecting volunteer drivers with the patients.

The American Cancer Society is dedicated to eliminating cancer as a major health problem by saving lives, diminishing suffering and preventing cancer through research, education, advocacy and service.

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Durbin's Energy Statment

U.S. Senator Dick Durbin (D-IL) made the following statement on June 15 regarding the inclusion of a Renewable Fuels Standard (RFS) in the energy bill up for debate on the Senate Floor that week. The RFS was included in an amendment offered by Senator Pete Domenici (R-NM) which passed on a 70-26 vote:

"I joined Senators from both parties to pass an amendment that creates a nationwide standard for the use of renewable fuels, including ethanol. The amendment will increase the use of domestically-produced renewable fuels to 8 billion gallons by 2012. This is good news for Illinois."

"Illinois farmers stand ready and willing to contribute to our nation's energy security and independence, and I know they are up to the task. Our state's investment in the ethanol industry exceeds \$1 billion and has created nearly 5,000 jobs. Illinois ethanol production alone has increased the national market price for corn by 25 cents a bushel."

"Democrats have set a national goal to cut our dependence on foreign oil by 40 percent in 20 years - a reduction of 7.64 million barrels per day. If we stick with the renewable fuel standard set by the Domenici amendment, we can reduce our dependence on foreign imports by 2.5 million barrels per day 20 years from now."

"Depending on foreign oil means depending on the people who own it. Replacing Middle Eastern oil with Midwestern ethanol is a winner for everyone but the oil sheiks."



VFW & Aux. Officers

Sixteenth District VFW Commander John Dudash (right) and 16th District VFW Auxiliary President Mary Jayne Fitzpatrick (center) officially took office for the coming year at the close of the state VFW and Auxiliary Convention in Peoria, following the installation of Ruth Ann Smit (left) as State President, Department of Illinois, for the 2005-06 term. Leon Barnes of the 5th District VFW was installed as state commander of the VFW Department of Illinois.

John Dudash is a resident of Tinley Park and a member of the Palos Heights VFW Post 7454. Mary Jayne Fitzpatrick of Westmont is a member of the Owen W. Winter Jr. VFW Auxiliary 4241 in Oak Forest. Ruth Ann Smit of Chicago Ridge is a past president of the Alsip VFW Auxiliary 450 and of the 16th District VFW Auxiliary.

TAS Audit Revealed Massive Waste In Contractors Operations

Citizens Against Government Waste (CAGW) recently called for a scaling back of the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) after an audit revealed massive waste in a one-year contract given to a private firm after the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11th, 2001. The audit, performed by the Defense Contract Audit Agency and obtained by The Washington Post, calls into question \$303 million of the \$741 million spent by NCS Pearson Inc. to hire 60,000 airport passenger screeners.

"The government spent \$12,350 to hire each screener," said CAGW President Tom Schatz. "That is more than half of the first-ever screener salary of \$23,600. There is no organization in the world that should spend that much to hire an employee. These have to be the most expensive employees in U.S. history, and this extravagance must stop."

The lack of oversight and the failure to follow federal contracting rules led to such expenses as \$1,180 for 20 gallons of Starbucks Coffee - \$3.69 a cup - at the Santa Clara Marriott in California.

"They paid latte prices for regular coffee," Schatz continued. "This ranks as one of the most wasteful government contracts in memory. Post-9/11 urgency is no excuse for what looks like free-for-all looting of taxpayer dollars."

Important details of the contract were not fixed, allowing the total cost to balloon by more than 700 percent. The hiring process was conducted at 150 hotels and other meeting facilities rather than Pearson's 925 private centers - a disputed decision that resulted in adding \$343 mil-

lion to the cost of the contract. Much of the waste revolves around the army of 168 subcontractors hired by Pearson mostly without competitive bidding. Examples include: \$30 to \$40 per hour for security guards in the Virgin Islands, double the normal rate; \$1,540 to rent extension cords at \$5 per day for three weeks at Wyndham Peaks Resort and Golden Door Spa in Telluride, Colorado; and \$8,100 for elevator operators at the Marriott Marquis in Manhattan. The company that booked the hotels - which did not even enter into a formal contract with Pearson - took 10 percent off of every room it booked, so it had no incentive to keep costs down. Although Pearson executives blocked a complete review, auditors reviewed "about two dozen of 150 assessment centers and documented unsubstantiated spending at nearly every turn."

The federal government has spent more than \$4 billion on improving transportation security since 9/11. In January 2005, Richard Skinner, acting inspector general of the Homeland Security Department, testified that TSA screeners fared no better in detecting prohibited items than screeners prior to 9/11. An April 2005 Government Accountability Office report found that privately employed screeners outperformed government screeners. The Bush administration might soon recommend major reductions in TSA's mission.

"Turning over airport security to a massive federal bureaucracy was a wasteful endeavor from the start," Schatz continued. "It is time to protect both taxpayers and passengers in a more efficient and less costly manner."



Marquette Bank Celebrates 60th Anniversary

Marquette Bank has grown from a single location at the corner of 63rd and Western Ave. on Chicago's south side in 1945 to 21 locations throughout Chicagoland. While other community banks have been bought and merged into larger regional and national organizations, Marquette Bank remains an independent family-owned, friendly bank committed to the neighborhoods and communities in which it is located. Marquette Bank will continue to celebrate its 60th anniversary with more customer contests and special offers throughout the remainder of the year.

Marquette Bank employees take time to commemorate the bank's official birthday on May 12th at the Marquette Corporate Center in Orland Park.

Pass Safe Games Illinois Act

Gov. Rod R. Blagojevich recently praised the Illinois General Assembly for passing the landmark *Safe Games Illinois Act* and reaffirmed his commitment to signing the bill, which will make Illinois the only state in the nation to ban the sale and rental of violent and sexually explicit video games to children under 18. HB 4023, sponsored by state Sen. Deanna Demuzio (D-Carlinville) and state Rep. Linda Chapa LaVia (D-Aurora), won final legislative approval when the House of Representatives concurred with the Senate's amendment. The governor proposed the Safe Games initiative in December.

"The passage of the Safe Games Illinois Act is a landmark achievement for Illinois," said Gov. Blagojevich. "When this legislation becomes law, Illinois will become the only state in the nation to protect children from adult video games. In today's world, parents face unprecedented challenges in monitoring and protecting

their children from harmful influences. This bill will make their job easier. I commend the Illinois General Assembly for recognizing the importance and necessity of this bill, and I am pleased to have the opportunity to sign it into law."

"I introduced this legislation because these games are graphic, offensive and intended for adults, not children," said Rep. Chapa LaVia. "Illinois has an opportunity to be the only state in the nation to legislate on this matter, and I am grateful to the governor and my colleagues in the General Assembly for showing leadership on this issue."

Retailers who violate the ban commit a petty offense and face a fine of \$1,000. The bill also requires retailers to label violent and sexually explicit video games, similar to the "Parental Advisory" label found on music CDs, and to post signs explaining the video game rating system. A retailer's failure to properly label games or place proper signs

is punishable by a \$500 fine for the first three violations and a \$1,000 fine for every subsequent violation.

Marist High School Class Of 2005 Graduation

The 39th annual commencement exercises were held at Marist High School.

The Class of 2005 was the last all-male class. It was made up of 259 young men.

Among the graduates were Thomas Kingsbury of Oak Forest, valedictorian and recipient of the Kevin Lehnert Award of Excellence; Joseph Thompson of Palos Park, salutatorian; Antoine Brook of Indiana, recipient of the Joseph Cardinal Bernardin Award; and Daniel Namoff of Midlothian, recipient of the faculty award.

Chick Evans Scholarship winners were David Cypser, Matthew Huczek and Brent Mavity of Midlothian; Edward Dosz of Blue Island; Christopher Dudek of Crete; and Anthony Peccatiello of Justice.

Marist Block M awards winners, students honored for excellence in their extracurricular activities were Joseph Thompson of Palos Park, academic team; Ryan Ball of Oak Lawn, art club; Justin Natale of Lemont, band; Dominic Altobelli of Oak Forest, baseball; Thomas Sullivan of Tinley Park, basketball; David Chomiak of Chicago, bike club; Paul Blackburn of Midlothian, bowling club; Kevin Donnelly of Beverly, cross-country; Jeremy Nelson of Matteson, drama club; Donald

Skelly of Oak Lawn, football; Scott Stack of Alsip, French National Honor Society; Kyle Matkaitis of Oak Lawn, golf; Steve Somerfield of Orland Park, hockey; Chris Chinske of Alsip, Junior State of America.

Also Brent Mavity of Midlothian, math team; Daniel Namoff of Midlothian, mission committee and student ambassadors; Ed Dosz of Lemont, science club; Britt Mork of Lemont, sentinel; John Toussaint of Beverly, ski club; Luke Stortzum of Orland Hills, soccer; Thomas Kingsbury of Oak Forest, Spanish Honor Society; Frank Nielsen of Alsip, speech team; Dave Gatlin of Midlothian, stage crew; John O'Connell of Oak Lawn, student council; Evan Kelly of Alsip, technology; Doug Fritz of Alsip, tennis; John Weston of Beverly, track and field; Pat Condon of Oak Lawn, volleyball; and John Putman of Oak Lawn, wrestling.

Outdoor Music Series

"Groovin' at Goodenow," an outdoor music series for persons at least 16 years of age, will be on Saturday, July 23rd at 8:30 p.m. at Plum Creek Nature Center in Beecher. Tickets for this Forest Preserve District of Will County program cost \$7.50 per person if purchased in advance or \$10 at the gate.

The performer for this concert is The Shawn Maxwell Quartet, a local jazz ensemble. Bring your blankets, lawn chairs and picnic baskets filled with snacks and beverages, and enjoy a relaxing two hours of musical reverie.

Tickets can be purchased in advance at Plum Creek Nature Center.

Plum Creek Nature Center is located in Goodenow Grove Forest Preserve, 1.25 miles east of the intersection of Routes 1 and 394 on Goodenow Rd., south of Crete.

For information, call the nature center at (708) 946-2216. For advance ticket purchases, the nature center is open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday and from 12 noon to 4 p.m. on Sunday. The nature center is closed on Monday.

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At 8:30 p.m. approximately 30 decorated boats will set sail along downtown Chicago's Lake Michigan coast, mystifying all-ages crowds ashore. This year's theme "Rock the Boat" will bring out the rock star in everyone, sailing to the music of 93XRT.

Dating back to Aug. 8th, 1958, this city tradition continues to lure an escalating attendance of over half

a million people for one spectacular night. The first Venetian Night, modeled after the aquatic festivals in Venice, Italy, consisted of approximately 300 decorated yachts, including a Water Tower replica, Mrs. O'Leary's notorious cow and a Frankenstein tribute.

Venetian Night takes place along Lake Michigan between the Shedd Aquarium at Roosevelt Road and the Chicago Yacht Club at Monroe Street. The Boat Parade begins just after dark at 8:30 p.m., with the spectacular fireworks display launched from Monroe Harbor, following the parade at 9:30 p.m.

Groundbreaking Ceremony In Oak Lawn

A groundbreaking ceremony at 2 p.m. on July 12th will celebrate the construction for the new facility for The Children's Museum in Oak Lawn. The new facility is part of a cooperative effort between the Village of Oak Lawn, The Children's Museum in Oak Lawn, and a joint venture between the Mid-America Morningside Group to build a permanent home for The Children's Museum. The Children's Museum at 95th and 51st Ave. will occupy

approximately 11,000 square feet of space of the retail building with the space being specifically designed for the museum's operations and exhibits.

Children and parents are encouraged to attend the groundbreaking ceremony as children will have the opportunity to play a special role in the ceremony. Juice and cookies will follow.

For more information, contact Elizabeth Gelman at (708) 423-6709.

Increases In Financial Aid Awards

Most of the college students eligible to receive grants from the state-funded Monetary Award Program will see an increase in their financial aid awards for the 2005-06 academic year. The 2006 state budget, approved by the Illinois General Assembly and signed by Gov. Rod R. Blagojevich, gives \$8 million in new state money for the financial need-based grants. That increase will help Illinois qualify for a matching grant from the federal government of \$3.7 million. Combined, almost \$12 million in additional funding will be available to help eligible under-graduate students cover the cost of tuition and fees at qualified Illinois colleges and universities.

At a funding level of \$339 million last year, the Monetary Award Program grants, administered by the Illinois Student Assistant Commission, helped about 149,000 Illinois students pursue a post-secondary education. This year, with at least \$347 million for the financial aid program, the grants awarded will be larger, covering more of the tuition and fee charges that have continued to rise dramatically over the last few years.

"Even though state leaders have protected the Monetary Award Program from funding cuts in recent years and despite the state's poor economic condition, we have reached the critical stage of ensuring the MAP grants are at sufficient level to truly help low-income students afford a college education," stated Larry E. Matejka, ISAC's Executive Director.

Since 2003, each MAP grant has gotten smaller, due to stagnant funding, while college costs have climbed significantly. In 2002, the maximum MAP grant covered all the average tuition at Illinois public universities, but this

year's maximum MAP grant covered only 65 percent of those costs tuition and fees, and in some cases the coverage dropped to 45 percent. MAP students, due to their limited family resources, have generally paid the remaining charges by borrowing more student loans, working more hours while attending school or dropping the number of classes in which they are enrolled, even leaving school altogether because they could not afford the costs.

"For the first time in ten years, ISAC is actually seeing fewer applications for MAP grants," Matejka explained. "Family incomes haven't significantly improved, and we know there are as many high school graduates this year as in past years, so the drop in financial aid applications may mean that college is just not affordable for a lot of families. We must reverse this trend and raising MAP grant awards is key to making college affordable."

The added funding for MAP grants will raise the amount awarded to each eligible student by an average of \$161, from \$2,2863 to \$3,024. Students at public universities will see the largest increase in MAP grants, with the average moving from \$3,533 to \$3,964. These students will still need to cover the remaining tuition and fees, now averaging \$7,100 at public universities, but this year marks the first increase in MAP grants after three years of continuous cuts.

For more information, individuals should contact ISAC toll free at 800-899-ISAC (4722) or visit the comprehensive college website, CollegeZone.com. College Zone counselors and materials are available in Spanish.

Schools Open For Parents To Verify Residency

All parents of students who will enroll in District 218 schools for the 2005-2006 school year must present documentation of residency prior to the start of the coming school year. District staff will be available during the summer, including several evenings, for parents to verify residency status.

The Board of Education passed a policy change last year that requires all parents to provide proof of residency for any child who will enroll in District 218 for the coming school year. In the past, only parents of students new to the district or whose home address came into question were asked to verify their residency.

Now parents of all current and incoming students will need to supply proof of residency over the summer months. Parents must present two different and original

(no photocopies) utility bills and one of the following: driver's license or state identification card displaying current address.

If parents fail to verify residency during the summer, the district will drop their student's schedule. They

would then need to meet with a counselor to re-register.

Board members passed the policy change to avoid the high cost of educating non-resident students.

Days and hours when parents may document their residency status differ by school. For summer 2005, parents may present documentation on the following days and times:

Eisenhower High School, 12700 S. Sacramento, Blue Island: Monday through Thursday through July 20, 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Evening hours will be Thursday, July 21 and Thursday, July 28, from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Harold L. Richards High School, 10600 S. Central Avenue, Oak Lawn: Monday through Thursday through July 14, 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Evening hours and dates are Wednesday, July 13 and Wednesday, July 27 from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Shepard High School, 13049 S. Ridgeland Avenue, Palos Heights: Monday through Thursday through July 28, 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Evening hours are Wednesday, July 13, Wednesday, July 20 and Wednesday July 27 from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Parents of students enrolled at ASPEN High School and Summit Learning Center may verify their residency at registration in early August.

AWJ Summer Picnic on the Pier

The Association for Women Journalists-Chicago invites you to its annual Summer Picnic On The Pier! At 6:30 p.m., there will be about a One-Minute Meeting. More than a parlor game and less than all-out networking, the One-Minute Meeting gives everyone a chance to meet everyone else in a round-robin conducted — more or less — at the speed of light. Or, just come to relax, share

a light supper and the best view of the skyline and lake.

The event will take place from 6 to 8 p.m. on Thursday, July 21 at the rooftop of WBEZ/Chicago Public Radio, Navy Pier, 848 E. Grand Ave., Chicago. This is for AWJ members only; all others are welcome to join at the door. For nonmembers wishing to join AWJ, there will be a special Picnic on

the Pier membership offer: Pay \$50 to join for the rest of 2005 and all of 2006 — a savings of \$20.

For more about AWJ-Chicago, see <http://www.awjchicago.org>. For more information, or to RSVP, contact: Libby Sander, AWJ Program Committee member (312) 644-4339 L.Sander@lbpc.com.

Letter To The Editor

Letter to the Editor:

High gasoline prices are the missing link to bankrupt the American economy!

China and Japan own 40% of US Treasury Bonds. In the next two years if China and Japan sell all their US Treasury Bonds there could be a financial disaster worse than 9-11!

The 911 wake up call is ringing in the ears of American tax payers. We can't let foreign governments bail us out of our American debt. Charity begins at home.

The US dollar value will drop into the bottomless pit if China and Japan sell all their US treasury bonds. If China and Japan convert the money from the sale of their US treasury bonds to Euros that would be a double whammy for the USA!

If the price of oil is priced in Euros instead of US dollars then a barrel of oil will cost \$80.00 and a gallon of gas will cost \$3.00.

The next two years some of Bible prophecy will be fulfilled. The wealth of the wicked will be given to the just! The world will give the devil's money to do the work of the Lord and for Christians to preach the gospel!

Don't let all these doom and gloom scenarios scare you. Just turn your eyes upon Jesus and he will help you through floods, fires, disasters and the desert. Remember the joy of the Lord is your strength!

George Culley
Pinckneyville, IL

Manzarek To Perform

Ray Manzarek, -key-boardist for "Doors of the 21st Century," and former keyboardist of "The Doors" band will perform at St. Rita High School, 7740 S. Western Ave., on Thursday, Aug. 11th at 7 p.m.

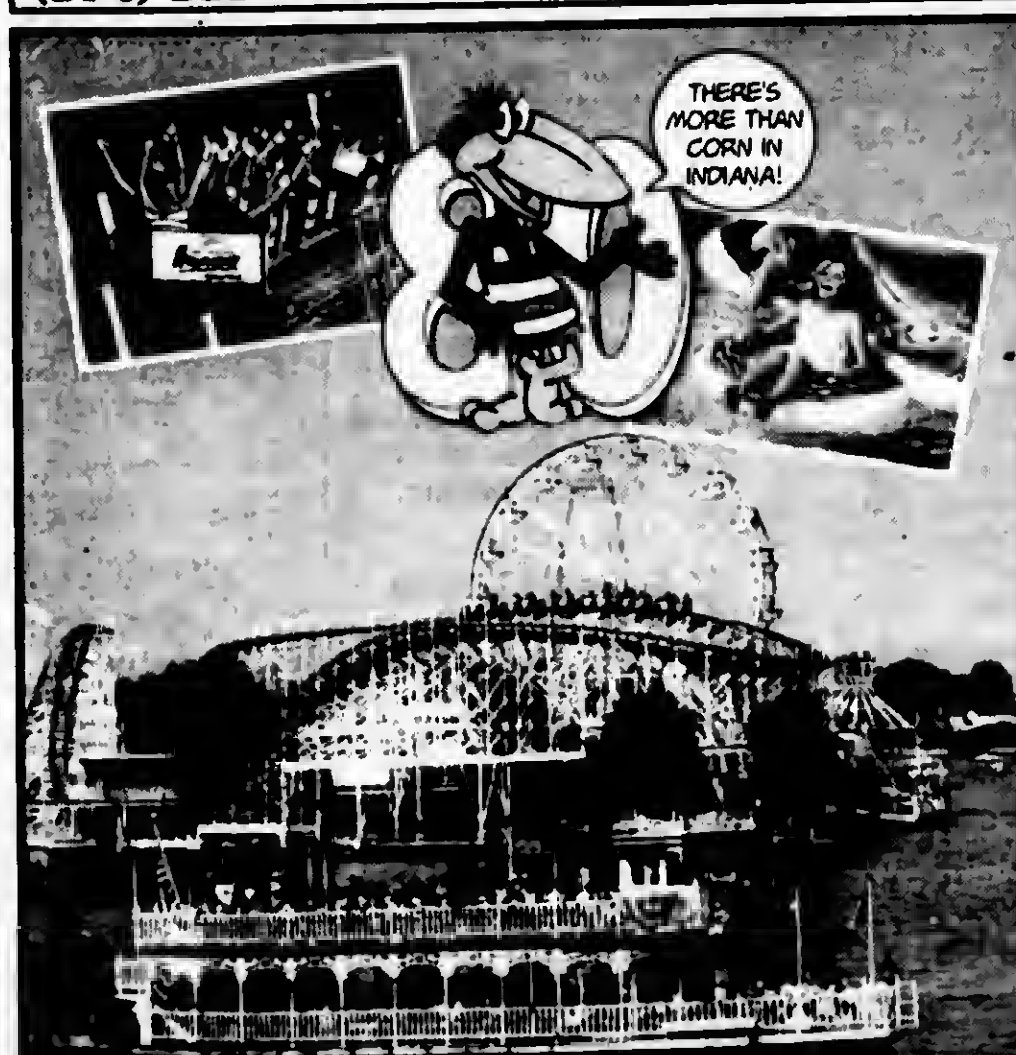
Manzarek, a St. Rita graduate from the class of 1956, will perform "Ravinia" style at the campus. Opening act for Manzarek is "The Larkin Brothers," also known as the south side of Chicago as the Celtic Rat Pack.

Tickets are \$15 for adults 21 and older, \$10 for students with high school ID. Beer garden and concessions will be available for additional cost. Lawn chairs and/or blankets encouraged. No coolers or picnic baskets are allowed to be brought in. Enter 77th St. at Western Ave. To order tickets call (773) 925-5029.

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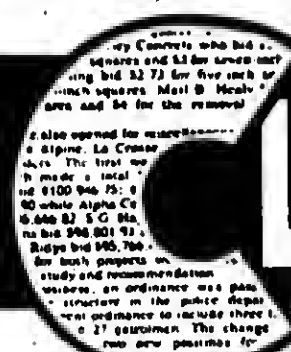


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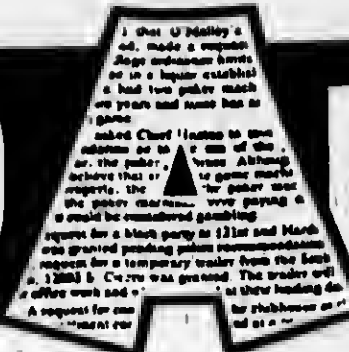
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title and the real estate and
should also examine the court
file. Nothing herein is to be construed
as a substitute for the necessity
of making these examinations.

Properly will NOT be open for
inspection.
Sale Terms: 10% down by
certified funds, balance within
24 hours, certified funds. No
refunds. The sale shall be subject
to general taxes and to special
assessments.
Upon the sale being made the
purchaser will receive a Certificate
of Sale, which will entitle the
purchaser to a Deed on a
specified date unless the property
is redeemed according to law.
For information contact Kropik,
Papuga & Shaw, Attorneys
for Plaintiff, 120 S. LaSalle St.,
Chicago, IL 60603. Pursuant to
section 15-1507 (c) (7) of the
Illinois Code of Civil Procedure,
no information other than the
information contained in this Notice
will be provided.
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF
Cook County, Illinois County
Department - Chancery Division.
Bank of America, N.A.,
Plaintiff, vs. James W. Gibson
a/k/a James Gibson, et al.,
Defendants. No. 03Ch-20399.

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby
given that pursuant to a Judgment
of Foreclosure entered in the
above entitled cause on
March 9, 2004, Intercounty
Judicial Sales Corporation will on
Monday, July 18, 2005, at the
hour of 11 a.m. in its office at
120 W. Madison St., Suite
718A, Chicago, IL, sell to the
highest bidder for cash, the following
described property:

Commonly known as: 4104
W. 89th Pl., Hometown, IL
60456.

The improvement on the property
consists of a multi-family
residence with 1 car garage. The
sale shall be subject to general
taxes, special assessments and
to a prior recorded first mortgage.

Sale terms: 10% down by
certified funds, balance within
24 hours, by certified funds. No
refunds.

The judgment amount was
\$121,713.64.

The property will NOT be
open for inspection.

Upon payment in full of the
amount bid, the purchaser will
receive a Certificate of Sale
which will entitle the purchaser
to a Deed in the premises after
confirmation of the sale.

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between 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. only.
Pierce & Associates, Plaintiff's
Attorneys, One N. Dearborn St.,
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. JPMorgan Chase Bank, as Trustee for the registered holder of the Home Equity Loan Asset-Backed Certificates, Series 2003-2, Plaintiff, vs. Larry P. Grochowski, et al., Defendants. Case No. 04Ch-20301. PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on January 27, 2005, The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 a.m. on July 18, 2005, in its office at 33 N. Dearborn St., 10th Floor, Chicago, IL 60602-3100, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as: 8622 S. Nordica Ave., Burbank, IL 60459. The real estate is improved with a single family residence. The judgment amount was \$140,921.71. Sale terms: <u>25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction;</u> the balance, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate, water bills, etc., and any prior mortgages of record and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "as is" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. Upon payment in full of the bid amount, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale. The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information. For information contact Plaintiff's Attorney: The Sales Clerk, SHAPIRO & KREISMAN, 4201 Lake Cook Road, Northbrook, IL 60062, (847) 498-9990, between the hours of 1:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. only. Please refer to file number 04-67320. NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act you are advised that Plaintiff's Attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. 146786C	IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., acting solely as nominee for Bank of New York as Trustee for the Certificateholders of CWALT-2004-ECC1, Plaintiff, vs. Jorge Corona, et al., Defendants, No. 04Ch-20976. NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE Fisher & Fisher File #62182 It is advised that interested parties consult with their own attorneys before bidding at mortgage foreclosure sales. PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered on April 27, 2005 in the amount of \$140,253.58, Kallen Financial & Capital Services, Inc. as Selling Official will at 11:30 a.m. on August 11, 2005 at 175 W. Washington Street, Chicago, IL, sell the following described real property to the highest bidder at auction for cash: C/K/A: 4655 W., 84th Pl., Chicago, IL 60652. The improvements on the property consist of a masonry one-story single-family dwelling with separate garage. The property will NOT be open for inspection. Sale terms: property offered "as is," with no express or implied warranties; sale subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, and superior liens, if any; 10% of successful bid to be paid at conclusion of auction and balance by noon the next business day, both by cashier's checks; and no refunds. After confirmation of the sale by the court, the successful bidder will receive a Selling Official's Order. For information, contact the Sales Officer at the office of the Plaintiff's attorneys, Fisher & Fisher, 120 N. LaSalle Street, Chicago, IL, (312) 372-4784, between 1:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. Monday through Friday; however, under Illinois law the Sales Officer is not required to provide information in addition to that contained in this notice. 149954C	IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., Plaintiff, vs. Nena M. Chambers, et al., Defendant. No. 04Ch-16361. PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on February 14, 2005, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Monday, July 25, 2005, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 W. Madison St., Suite 718A, Chicago, IL, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described mortgaged real estate: Commonly known as: 8027 S. Maglewood Ave., Chicago, IL 60652. The improvement on the property consists of a single family residence. Sale terms: Bidders must present, at the time of sale, a cashier's or certified check for 10% of the successful bid amount. The balance of the successful bid shall be paid within 24 hours, by similar funds. The property will NOT be open for inspection. For information call Ms. Diane Thomas, at Plaintiff's Attorney, Freedman, Anselmu, Lindberg and Raope, 1807 W. Oehl Road, Naperville, IL 60566-7107. 630/983-0770. 146393C	IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Home Servicing Corporation (f/k/a TMS Mortgage Inc. d/b/a The Money Store, Plaintiff, vs. James L. Monaco a/k/a James Monaco, et al., Defendant. Case No. 04Ch-20504. PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on February 3, 2005, The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 a.m. on July 19, 2005, in its office at 33 N. Dearborn St., 10th Floor, Chicago, IL 60602-3100, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as: 3906 W. 116th St., Alsip, IL 60658. The real estate is improved with a single family residence. The judgment amount was \$111,699.61. Sale terms: <u>25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction;</u> the balance, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagee, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale. The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information. For information contact Plaintiff's Attorney: The Sales Clerk, CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 N. Frontage Road, Suite 100, Burr Ridge, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876 Ext. 1320. Please refer to file number 14-04-0011. NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act you are advised that Plaintiff's Attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. 146769C	IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Principal Residential Mortgage, Inc., Plaintiff, vs. Donald Pierce, et al., Defendant. Case No. 04Ch-17085. PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on March 29, 2005, The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 a.m. on August 3, 2005, in its office at 33 N. Dearborn St., 10th Floor, Chicago, IL 60602-3100, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as: 14824 San Francisco St., Posen, IL 60469. The real estate is improved with a single family residence. The judgment amount was \$124,408.13. Sale terms: <u>25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction;</u> the balance, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagee, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale. The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information. For information contact Plaintiff's Attorney: The Sales Clerk, CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 N. Frontage Road, Suite 100, Burr Ridge, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876 Ext. 1320. Please refer to file number 14-04-A400. NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act you are advised that Plaintiff's Attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. 145523C	IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Mortgage Clearing Corporation, Plaintiff, vs. Ronald M. Arnot, et al., Defendants. No. 04Ch-21428. PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above entitled cause on April 13, 2005, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Tuesday, August 9, 2005, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 W. Madison St., Suite 718A, Chicago, IL, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described mortgaged real estate: Commonly known as: 8039 Laramie Ave., Burbank, IL 60455. The mortgaged real estate is improved with a single family residence, and will NOT be open for inspection. The judgment amount was \$158,020.96. Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance, by certified funds, within 24 hours. The sale shall be subject to general taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and any prior first mortgages. The subject property is offered for sale without any representation as to quality of title or recourse to Plaintiff. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information. For information: Sale Clerk, Shapiro & Kreisman, 4201 Lake Cook Road, 1st Floor, Northbrook, IL 60062, (847) 498-9990, between the hours of 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. only. 145161C
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. ABN AMRO Mortgage Group, Inc., Plaintiff, vs. Michael R. Deddo, et al., Defendants. No. 04Ch-17919. PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above entitled cause on February 17, 2005, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Friday, July 29, 2005 at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 W. Madison St., Suite 718A, Chicago, IL, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described mortgaged real estate: Commonly known as 4912 W. 92nd St., Oak Lawn, IL 60453. The mortgaged real estate is improved with a single family residence and will NOT be open for inspection. The judgment amount was \$184,880.95. Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance, by certified funds, within 24 hours. The sale shall be subject to general taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and any prior first mortgages. The subject property is offered for sale without any representation as to quality of title or recourse to Plaintiff. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information. For information: Sale Clerk, Shapiro & Kreisman, 4201 Lake Cook Road, 1st Floor, Northbrook, IL 60062, (847) 498-9990, between the hours of 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. only. 146404C	IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., Plaintiff, vs. Clinton Roseborough a/k/a Clinton Roseborough Jr., et al., Defendants Case No. 04Ch-19388. PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on April 13, 2005, The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 a.m. on July 15, 2005, in its office at 33 N. Dearborn St., 10th Floor, Chicago, IL 60602-3100, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as: 7964 S. Pulaski Rd., #305, Chicago, IL 60652. The real estate is improved with a brown brick 3 story w/no garage. The judgment amount was \$79,731.78. Sale terms: <u>25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction;</u> the balance, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale. The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information. For information: Visit our website at http://service.ally-pierce.com, between the hours of 3 and 5 pm only. PIERCE & ASSOCIATES, Plaintiff's Attorneys, One N. Dearborn St., Ste. 1300, Chicago, IL 60602, (312) 476-5500. Please refer to file number PA0409001. NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act you are advised that Plaintiff's Attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. 146780C	IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., Plaintiff, vs. Nena M. Chambers, et al., Defendant. No. 04Ch-16361. PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on February 14, 2005, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Monday, July 25, 2005, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 W. Madison St., Suite 718A, Chicago, IL, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described mortgaged real estate: Commonly known as: 8027 S. Maglewood Ave., Chicago, IL 60652. The improvement on the property consists of a single family residence. Sale terms: Bidders must present, at the time of sale, a cashier's or certified check for 10% of the successful bid amount. The balance of the successful bid shall be paid within 24 hours, by similar funds. The property will NOT be open for inspection. For information call Ms. Diane Thomas, at Plaintiff's Attorney, Freedman, Anselmu, Lindberg and Raope, 1807 W. Oehl Road, Naperville, IL 60566-7107. 630/983-0770. 146393C	IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., Plaintiff, vs. Nena M. Chambers, et al., Defendant. No. 04Ch-16361. PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on February 14, 2005, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Monday, July 25, 2005, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 W. Madison St., Suite 718A, Chicago, IL, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described mortgaged real estate: Commonly known as: 8027 S. Maglewood Ave., Chicago, IL 60652. The improvement on the property consists of a single family residence. Sale terms: Bidders must present, at the time of sale, a cashier's or certified check for 10% of the successful bid amount. The balance of the successful bid shall be paid within 24 hours, by similar funds. The property will NOT be open for inspection. For information call Ms. Diane Thomas, at Plaintiff's Attorney, Freedman, Anselmu, Lindberg and Raope, 1807 W. Oehl Road, Naperville, IL 60566-7107. 630/983-0770. 146393C	IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., Plaintiff, vs. Nena M. Chambers, et al., Defendant. No. 04Ch-16361. PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on February 14, 2005, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Monday, July 25, 2005, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 W. Madison St., Suite 718A, Chicago, IL, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described mortgaged real estate: Commonly known as: 8027 S. Maglewood Ave., Chicago, IL 60652. The improvement on the property consists of a single family residence. Sale terms: Bidders must present, at the time of sale, a cashier's or certified check for 10% of the successful bid amount. The balance of the successful bid shall be paid within 24 hours, by similar funds. The property will NOT be open for inspection. For information call Ms. Diane Thomas, at Plaintiff's Attorney, Freedman, Anselmu, Lindberg and Raope, 1807 W. Oehl Road, Naperville, IL 60566-7107. 630/983-0770. 146393C	IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., Plaintiff, vs. Nena M. Chambers, et al., Defendant. No. 04Ch-16361. PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on February 14, 2005, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Monday, July 25, 2005, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 W. Madison St., Suite 718A, Chicago, IL, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described mortgaged real estate: Commonly known as: 8027 S. Maglewood Ave., Chicago, IL 60652. The improvement on the property consists of a single family residence. Sale terms: Bidders must present, at the time of sale, a cashier's or certified check for 10% of the successful bid amount. The balance of the successful bid shall be paid within 24 hours, by similar funds. The property will NOT be open for inspection. For information call Ms. Diane Thomas, at Plaintiff's Attorney, Freedman, Anselmu, Lindberg and Raope, 1807 W. Oehl Road, Naperville, IL 60566-7107. 630/983-0770. 146393C

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois, County Department — Chancery Division, Eastern Savings Bank, Plaintiff, vs. Steve Schimook, et al., Defendants. Case No. 04Ch-18901.

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on April 28, 2005, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Friday, July 29, 2005, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 W. Madison St., Suite 718A, Chicago, IL, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described mortgaged real estate: Commonly known as: 15360 Alameda Ave., Oak Forest, IL 60452.

The improvement on the property consists of a single family residence.

Sale terms: Bidders must present, at the time of sale, a cashier's or certified check for 10% of the successful bid amount. The balance of the successful bid shall be paid within 24 hours, by similar funds.

The property will NOT be open for inspection.

For information call Mr. Stephen G. Daday at Plaintiff's Attorney, Still, Klein, Daday, Arellano & Giampicchio, LLC, 121 S. Wabash Rd., Arlington Heights, IL 60005, (847) 590-8700, 1464130.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois, County Department — Chancery Division, Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. Successor by Merger to Wells Fargo Home Mortgage, Inc., Plaintiff, vs. Lawrence F. Sibr, et al., Defendants. Case No. 04Ch-18283.

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on March 16, 2005, The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 a.m. on August 2, 2005, in its office at 33 N. Dearborn St., 10th Floor, Chicago, IL 60602-3100, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as: 5245 Crescent Green Dr., Oak Forest, IL 60452.

The real estate is improved with a light brown brick siding single family 2 story detached 2 car garage.

The judgment amount was \$189,682.68.

Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; the balance, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.

The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information.

For information: Visit our website at <http://www.irserviceally.com> between the hours of 3 and 5 pm only. PIERCE & ASSOCIATES, Plaintiff's Attorneys, One N. Dearborn St., Ste. 1300, Chicago, IL 60602, (312) 476-5500. Please refer to file number PA0408355.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois, County Department — Chancery Division, Federal National Mortgage Association, Plaintiff, vs. Princess R. Whitehead a/k/a Princess R. Whitehead, et al., Defendants. Case No. 04Ch-21610.

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on March 21, 2005, The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 a.m. on August 5, 2005, in its office at 33 N. Dearborn St., 10th Floor, Chicago, IL 60602-3100, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as: 3815 W. 123rd St., Unit 201, Alsip, IL 60803.

The real estate is improved with a condominium.

The judgment amount was \$50,098.61.

Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; the balance, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

Upon payment in full of the bid amount, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.

The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information.

For information contact Plaintiff's Attorney: The sales clerk, SHAPIRO & KREISMAN, 4201 Lake Cook Road, Northbrook, IL 60062, (847) 498-9990, between the hours of 1:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. only.

Please refer to file number 03-18400.

NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act you are advised that Plaintiff's Attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. 145509C



IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois, County Department — Chancery Division, Amerquest Mortgage Company, Plaintiff, vs. Susan J. Riessland, et al., Defendants. No. 04Ch-6048.

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on June 16, 2004, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Monday, August 1, 2005, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 West Madison Street, Suite 718A, Chicago, IL, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described mortgaged real estate.

Commonly known as: 9714 S. Homan Ave., Evergreen Park, IL 60805.

The improvement on the property consists of a single family residence.

Sale terms: Bidders must present, at the time of sale, a cashier's or certified check for 10% of the successful bid amount. The balance of the successful bid shall be paid within 24 hours, by similar funds.

The property will NOT be open for inspection.

For information call Ms. Kristie Taylor, at Plaintiff's Attorney, James, Gustafson and Thompson, Ltd., 1001 E. Chicago Ave., Naperville, IL 60540, (630) 369-3535, 145633C

REAL ESTATE

Houses For Sale

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois, County Department — Chancery Division, Wells Fargo Bank, N.A., Plaintiff, vs. Terrell Thurmond a/k/a Terrell Thurmond, et al., Defendants. Case No. 04Ch-19464.

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on February 28, 2005, The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 a.m. on July 18, 2005, in its office at 33 N. Dearborn St., 10th Floor, Chicago, IL 60602-3100, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as: 14952 Lawndale Ave., Midlothian, IL 60445.

The real estate is improved with a blue alum. single family 2 story w/separate 2 car garage.

The judgment amount was \$130,590.40.

Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; the balance, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.

The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information.

For information: Visit our website at <http://www.irserviceally.com> between the hours of 3 and 5 pm only. PIERCE & ASSOCIATES, Plaintiff's Attorneys, One N. Dearborn St., Ste. 1300, Chicago, IL 60602, (312) 476-5500. Please refer to file number PA0409182.

NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act you are advised that Plaintiff's Attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. 146778C

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois, County Department — Chancery Division, Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, as Trustee for Long Beach Mortgage Loan Trust 2003-1, Plaintiff, vs. Andre D. Atron, et al., Defendants. Case No. 03Ch-17743.

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of the above Court entered in the above entitled cause on November 29, 2004, The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 a.m. on July 29, 2005 in its office at 33 N. Dearborn St., Suite 1015, Chicago, IL 60602-3100, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as: 7721 S. Albany Ave., Chicago, IL.

The real estate is improved with a single family residence.

The judgment amount was \$131,368.78.

Sale terms: The bid amount shall be paid in cash immediately by the highest and best bidder at the conclusion of the sale. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.

The property will NOT be open for inspection. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information.

For information contact Plaintiff's Attorney: Heavner, Scott, Beyers & Mihlar, 111 E. Main St., Suite 200, Decatur, IL 62525, (217) 422-1719 ext. 23.

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PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on March 21, 2005, The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 a.m. on August 1, 2005, in its office at 33 N. Dearborn St., 10th Floor, Chicago, IL 60602-3100, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as: 7823 S. Sawyer Ave., Chicago, IL 60652.

The real estate is improved with a single family residence.

The judgment amount was \$5,439.33.

Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; the balance, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

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For information contact Plaintiff's Attorney: Krosch, Papuga & Shaw, 120 S. LaSalle St., Suite 1327, Chicago, IL 60603, (312) 236-6405. Please refer to file number 35365.

Pursuant to Sec. 15-15C(1)(7) of the Illinois Code of Civil Procedure, no information other than the information contained in this notice will be provided.

NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act you are advised that Plaintiff's Attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. 145931C

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois, County Department — Chancery Division, Home Servicing Corporation, Plaintiff, vs. Edward Berry, et al., Defendant. No. 04Ch-2686.

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above entitled cause on April 21, 2004, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Monday, August 1, 2005, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 W. Madison St., Suite 718A, Chicago, IL, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described mortgaged real estate:

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The mortgaged real estate is improved with a single family residence.

Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance, by certified funds, within 24 hours. No refunds.

The property will NOT be open for inspection.

For information call William E. Dutton, Jr./Barbara J. Dutton, at Plaintiff's Attorney, Dutton & Dutton, P.C., 10325 W. Lincoln Hwy., Frankfort, IL 60423, (815) 806-8200, 145649C

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Chicago Public Library Presents Its Author Series

Every month, the Chicago Public Library presents its *Author Series* featuring stimulating and informative conversations with renowned authors of contemporary fiction and nonfiction. The *Author Series* events are always free and open to the public.

On June 7th at 6 p.m. in the Cindy Pritzker Auditorium, lower level, at the library, Myrlie Evers-Williams, former chair of the NAACP and widow of Medgar Evers, one of the greatest leaders of the civil rights movement, will discuss and sign her new book, *The Autobiography of Medgar Evers: A Hero's Life and Legacy Revealed Through His Writings, Letters, and Speeches*. There has been much written on Martin Luther King, Jr. and Malcolm X, but until now, Medgar's story, in his own voice, has not been told.

On June 8th at 5:30 p.m. in the Chicago Authors Room at the library, Tayari Jones, author of the award-winning novel *Leaving Atlanta*, will read from and sign her new novel, *The Untelling*. Building on her extraordinary debut, Jones satisfies fans with this moving story about an African American woman coming to terms with the tragedies in her life.

On June 9th at 6 p.m. in the Cindy Pritzker Auditorium at the library, Georgie Anne Geyer, veteran foreign reporter and syndicated columnist, will discuss and sign her latest book, *When Cats Reign Like Kings: On the Trail of the Sacred Cats*. Geyer lightheartedly addresses the history, legends and sagas of the cats that served as symbols of the spirit and royalty.

On June 13th at 6 p.m. in the Cindy Pritzker Auditorium at the library, David McCullough, best-selling historian, two-time Pulitzer winner and recipient of the Chicago Public Library Foundation's Carl Sandburg Literary Award, will discuss and sign his latest book "1776." In this book, McCullough chronicles America's founding, focusing on a momentous 12 months in the fight for independence. As McCullough vividly shows, the colonial militiamen beat the British Empire with a great deal of suffering, determination, ingenuity — and, the author notes, luck.

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Local residents will have the opportunity to watch some of the most talented horses and riders in the Olympic sport of eventing test their mettle at the Maui Jim Wayne Horse Trials, which take place at the Lamplight Equestrian Center in Wayne, Illinois, July 8th to 10th. This event benefits the Illinois Wisconsin Search and Rescue Dogs Organization and participating Special Olympic programs. The Illinois Special Olympics Equestrian Competition will take place on Sunday, July 10th alongside the show jumping phase of the horse trials.

The divisions of competition are designed for horses and riders at almost every level of the sport. While some are content to win ribbons and bragging rights, others will also use this competition as a stepping stone to hopefully some day qualify for international caliber events in order to pursue their goal of one day representing their country at the Olympic Games.

Admission and parking are free.

For more information on the event, contact Katherine Lindsay at flutie@interaccess.com or call (630) 377-7597. For more information on the sport of eventing, the USEA Gold Cup Series, and the United States Eventing Assn., go to www.useventing.com or contact Amy Daum at (703) 779-0440, ext. 3017, or email amy@useventing.com.

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Southwest Area Obituaries

Virginia E. Ryan

Services were held on Saturday, July 2nd, at the John Sheehy and Sons Funeral Home, Palos Heights for Virginia E. Ryan.

She was the loving daughter of Velma O'Brien and the late Philip M.; the sister of the late Thomas O'Brien; aunt of Kimberly, Michael & Karyn; great-aunt to many and god-mother to Emma, Amy, Jamie and Stephen.

Robert J. Stachura

Mass was said at St. Catherine of Alexandria on Friday, July 1st, for Robert J. "Rob" Stachura, 39. He was the Principal at Western Ave. Elementary School in Geneva, IL.

He was the son of Claude (Betty) Stachura and Loretta "Lori" Stachura; brother of Don (Nancy) and Steve (Meghan) Stachura; uncle to Jeffrey, Jeremy, Steven & Valerie; and cousin to Bob Kelevich and many more.

George L. Azeling

Services were held at the Parkwood Baptist Church, Chicago, on Saturday, July 2nd, for George L. Azeling, 75. He was a longtime member of the Parkwood Baptist Church & the Mt. Greenwood Historical Society.

He was the beloved son of Bonnie and the late George; brother of Beverly (Harold) Bryce; uncle of Christopher (Elizabeth), Kurt (Cheryl), Todd (Alice), Douglas (Gina); and great-uncle to nine.

Dorothy M. Gahan

Mass was said at St. Germaine Church, Oak Lawn, for Dorothy M. Gahan on Friday, July 1st.

She was the wife of the late Bernard; the mother of Lawrence, Bernard (Pat), John (Pat) and the late Robert Gahan; the grandmother of 14; and the aunt of Dorothy (the late Wayne) Clements.

Andrew Hammett

Services were held on Saturday, July 2nd, at the Schmaedeke Funeral Home, Worth, for Andrew Hammett, 49.

He was the son of Alma (Robert) Young and the late Thomas J. Hammett; father of Andrea (Fred) Eassa and Thomas Hammett; grandfather of Nathan; brother of Michael Hammett and Joanne (Harold) Habersat.

Margaret M. Healy

Mass was said at St. Linus Church, Oak Lawn, on Saturday, July 2nd, for Margaret M. "Peggy" Healy.

She was the wife of John P. Healy Jr., retired Capt. C.F.D.; mother of Donald Mueller; stepmother of Debra (Ron) Perkins, Donna Hanson, Diane (Joseph) Yozze and Dawn (Wes) Lamb; grandmother of five; great-grand-

mother of two; sister of Dorothy (John) Fox and George "Morgan" (Kathy) Lehman; aunt of many nieces and nephews.

Patricia R. Grimm

Services were held at the McKenzie Funeral Home, Oak Forest, on Saturday, July 2nd, for Patricia R. "Ma" Grimm.

She was the wife of Ernie C. Grimm; mother of Charles (Lori) Grimm and Darlene (Len) Smith; grandmother of Brandon & Cameron Grimm and Szeahary and Brett Smith.

Raymond G. Mazalan

Mass was held at St. George Church, Tinley Park, on Saturday, July 2nd, for Raymond G. Mazalan, a veteran of World War II where he was a U.S. Army Air Force, 1st Lieutenant Flight Officer.

He was also the past owner of Armor Tile and American International Tile. He was the husband of the late Eileen; brother of Helen Aitchison, Lorraine Murphy and the late Lois Rains; uncle of Ronald, Richard, Robert Aitchison, Sharon Dannenberg, Michael, Kathleen Murphy, Scott, Jeffrey, Laynee Rains; & great-uncle of many.

He was the husband of the late Eileen; brother of Helen Aitchison, Lorraine Murphy and the late Lois Rains; uncle of Ronald, Richard, Robert Aitchison, Sharon Dannenberg, Michael, Kathleen Murphy, Scott, Jeffrey, Laynee Rains; & great-uncle of many.

Patrick J. Philbin

Mass was said at St. Christina Church, Mt. Greenwood, on Friday, July 1st, for Patrick J. Philbin.

He was the husband of Hannah; father of John (Connie), Tom (Loretta), Michael and the late Mary Pat (Tom) Krumrie; grandfather of Theresa, Kerry, Courtney, Noreen, Laurie, Kyle and Jack; brother of Bridget Joyce, Annie (Phillip) Devlin, John (Eileen), Mary Flanagan; and the late Richard, Martin and Tom (Philomena) Philbin.

Kelly Roberta Moore

Services were held at the Lawn Funeral Home, Orland Park, on Saturday, July 2nd, for Kelly Roberta Moore, 22, who died suddenly.

She was the daughter of Gale (Robert) Anderson and the late Gregory Moore and granddaughter of June Fregeau.

Alan A. Hlad

Services were held at the First United Methodist Church, Burbank, on Friday, July 1st for Alan A. Hlad.

He was the husband of Arlene; father of April and Aric Hlad; he was the son of Olga; and brother of Angie Naron, Olga Lindsay and Tony Hlad.

Laura Yunker

Services were held on July 3rd at the Orland Park United Methodist Church for Laura Yunker, 93.

She was a longtime member of the church & an employee of the Orland Public Library.

Bernadette Glombicki

Mass was held at St. Christopher Church, Midlothian, Thursday, June 30th, for Bernadette Glombicki of Midlothian.

She was the wife of the late Roman Glombicki; mother of Arlene DiGiacomo, Carl Glombicki, Alan (Sheri Ratoosh) & Bruce Glombicki; and grandmother of 7.

Anne K. Sears

Mass was said at St. Christopher Church, Midlothian, on Thursday, June 30th, for Anne K. Sears of Midlothian. She was a retired dental assistant.

She was the wife of the late Charles; mother of Mary Las, Charles (Peggy), John (Marsha), Robert (Kathleen), Thomas (Hope), Michael (Deborah) and Edward Sears; sister of Mary Stott; grandmother of 10 great-grandmother of 12 and great-great-grandmother of 1.

Edward J. Stryszak, Sr.

Mass was said at St. Fabian Church, Bridgeview, on Friday, July 1st, for Edward J. Stryszak Sr., 73.

He was the husband of the late Margaret; father of Edward John (Patricia) Stryszak, Jr., Marianne Stryszak and Cynthia (Gregg) Felsenthal; grandfather of Marc, Paul, Eddie III, Angelina, Nick, Amy and John; brother of Len Stryszak; uncle of Dawn (Joe) and their children Alex, Kayla and Meagan Radtke.

Mary H. Bauch

Mass was said at St. Linus Church, Oak Lawn, on Saturday, July 1st, for Mary H. Bauch, 92. She was a retired 17-year employee of Nabisco Brands. She was the wife of John L.; mother of John M., George and Paul (Mary); grandmother of John Edward; and stepsister of Jim Weed.

Thaddeus M. Chwedyk

Mass was said at St. Albert the Great Church, Burbank, on Thursday, June 30th, for Thaddeus M. Chwedyk, an Army Veteran of World War II.

He is the husband of Wanda; father of Edwin (Sonia) and Robert (Kathy); grandfather of Eric and Matthew; & brother of Joseph (Renata) Chwedyk.

Elizabeth M. Haffner

Services were held at the Blake-Lamb Funeral Home, Oak Lawn, on Saturday, July 2nd, for Elizabeth M. Haffner, 90. She was the wife of the late Charles; mother of Paul and Sarah Triezenberg; grandmother of Fred Jr. (Michelle) & Linda Triezenberg and Amy (Tom) Griffin; and great-grandmother of Lisa, James, Mark, Abigail and Logan.

Gregory David Muselman

Services were held at the Parkview Christian Church, Orland Park, on Saturday, July

2nd, for Gregory David Muselman, 58. He was Vice President of Technology for the Chemical Codings Division of Sherwin Williams Co.

He was the husband of Linda; father of Sean (Melody), David and Drew; brother of Anne Piazza, Dawn (Bob) Piekerill and Debra (John) Freiburger; grandfather of Teagen and Taylan.

Elsie Alberta Hensen

Services were held at the Chapel Hill Gardens South Funeral Home, Oak Lawn, on Saturday, July 1st, for Elsie Alberta Hensen, 85, a member of the Oak Lawn Senior Center & the TOPS organization.

She is the wife of the late Henry; mother of Marlene (John) Walsh and Arthur (Maria) Hensen; grandmother of Janice (Steve) Lipine, Rob (Julie) Radunz, Suzanne (Joe) Njegovan, Cari Hensen, Dawn Hensen, Kristen Hensen and Matthew Hensen; great-grandmother of nine; sister of 14; and aunt of many nieces and nephews.

Laverne Hitzelburger

Services were held at the St. Mary Cemetery Chapel, Chicago, on Thursday, June 30th, for Laverne Hitzelburger, 85, of Oak Lawn.

She is the sister of Gordon Hitzelburger.

Peter Stuursma

Services are being held on Thursday July 7th at Calvary Church of Orland Park for Peter Stuursma, 36.

He is survived by his wife, Shanda; children, Madison, Matthew and Ryan; siblings, Gert (Rick) Miller, John (Chris), Jacob (Gail), Dave (Linda) and Elizabeth (Ron) Postema.

Harry E. Kirchman

Services are being held on Thursday, July 7th at Gloria Dei Evangelical Lutheran Church, Tinley Park, for Korean Army Veteran Harry E. Kirchman, 74.

He is survived by his wife, Carole L.; children, Douglas (Carol), Jeffrey (Lisa), Lisa (Patrick) Madden and David (Camilla); nine grandchildren; and his sister, Maxine (William) Henry.

Andrew S. Keating

Mass was said on Wednesday, July 6th at St. Christina Church, Mt. Greenwood, for Andrew S. Keating, 15.

He is survived by his parents, Elisa & Stephen Keating; sisters Amanda and Alison; and grandfather, Harold.

Brian W. H. Marsden

Services were held on Wednesday, July 6th at Episcopal Church of the Transfiguration, Palos Park, for former CEO of Aeme Steel Corporation Brian W. H. Marsden, 73. He was a member of the Midlothian Country Club.

He is survived by his wife, Eileen; children, Huw (Elizabeth), David (Melissa), Alun (Catherine) and Peter (Alice); and ten grandchildren.

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On June 16th Sherry McSwain, 41, and Jamison Fisher, 50, both of Chicago were arrested and charged with theft. McSwain had removed the wallet from a first victim's purse and was attempting to remove the wallet from a second victim's purse when the victim became aware of what was happening. She confronted McSwain and McSwain fled the Jewel in the 4600 block of 103rd to an awaiting auto driven by Fisher, with the second victim in pursuit. The victim got the license plate number before Fisher drove the car into a parked car.

On June 23rd Jennifer Jachim, 31, of Palos Hills was arrested and charged with resisting arrest and disorderly conduct after a verbal altercation in the 8800 block of Austin. Jachim was shouting and swearing loudly as officers arrived. When she refused to cooperate with the officers and started to struggle with them as they attempted to arrest her she was sprayed with pepper spray.

Radogno Honored For Her Support Of The Community First Act

State Sen. Christine Radogno (R-Lemont) was recently recognized by the Illinois Progress Center for Independent Living for her support of the Community First Act, and her commitment to the civil rights and freedoms of people with disabilities.

This was the first time that the Illinois Progress Center for Independent Living has distributed any award at their annual meeting. Diane Coleman, Executive Director of the Progress Center, explained that this award was uniquely inspired by the sponsorship of the Community First Act, which Sen. Radogno, along with Sen. Maggie Crotty (D-Oak Forest) and Rep. James Brosnahan (D-Oak Lawn), sponsored this year.

"We felt that her effort was so important to people with disabilities, old and young, that it deserved to be recognized. Sen. Radogno has dedicated a lot of time and energy to learning about the long-term care system, and I think, on the policy level, she is incredibly knowledgeable and committed to expanding services to people with disabilities," Coleman said.

The Community First Act is an initiative that would authorize disabled citizens - regardless of the severity of their disability - who would have been placed in an institution, to receive community services or support to prolong the time these individuals are able to remain at home and actively involved in their community. The Illinois Progress for Independent Living was a strong supporter of this legislation, and felt that the efforts of its main sponsors should be recognized.

"I am extremely proud to be honored as an advocate for Illinois' disabled citizens - particularly by an active and committed organization like the Illinois Progress Center for Independent Living," said Sen. Radogno.

Fireside Theater Senior Trip

The Worth Township Seniors will have a day trip in November to the Fireside Theater in Wisconsin for their spectacular Christmas program. The trip will be by deluxe motorcoach and include lunch & the show. Departure is at 8 a.m. and return around 7 p.m. The cost is \$82 and a deposit

Employment Opportunities Available At Library

People who would like to work at the Oak Lawn Public Library, 5300 W. 95th St., can find a wealth of information at its Human Resources web site. Just start at the library's main page, www.lib.oaklawn.il.us, and click on "Employment Opportunities."

The Human Resources web site details current position openings at the library, employment policies, the application process, descriptions of positions, qualifications and employee benefits. Interested parties may download a printable application form. The library accepts applications and resumes on an ongoing

basis for full-time, part-time and substitute positions. Most openings are for part-time service desk clerks and book shelvees (12-20 hours per week). Employment applications are also available at the library's Reception Booth.

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Mayher Makes Dean's List

Oak Lawn resident Becky Mayher was named to the spring semester dean's list for Monmouth College.

Mayher, a junior education major, is the daughter of Jerry and Judy Mayher of Oak Lawn.

To be listed on the dean's list, a student must earn a 3.667 grade point average or higher on a 4.0 scale while carrying a full-course load.

Oil Painting Class Begins

The Worth Township Seniors are going to start a beginning Oil Painting class in the fall. This class would be on Monday morning in the Senior Rooms of the Worth Township, 11601 S. Pulaski. The class would be for 3 hours and the fee would be nominal.

If you are interested, call as soon as possible, (708) 361-2900, ext. 28.

Village of Oak Lawn Water Ban Changed

Due to a severe water shortage for all communities on the Southwest Water System, the Village of Oak Lawn has changed the outdoor water ban for the twelve communities which receive water from Oak Lawn. The Village of Orland Park, in cooperation with Oak Lawn and surrounding communities will allow outdoor water usage from 7 a.m. to 11 a.m. ONLY, based on the odd/even address system, effective Monday, June 27, 2005. These restrictions will be strictly enforced. Notification of any change in status will be issued.

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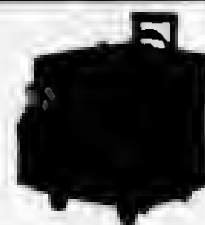
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Congressman Daniel Lipinski invites young men and women in the Third Congressional District interested in attending the U.S. Service Academies in 2006 to submit nomination letters to him.

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The service academies include: Air Force Academy, Colorado Springs, CO; Naval Academy, Annapolis, MD; West Point Military Academy, West Point, NY; Merchant Marine Academy at Kings Point, NY. (Coast Guard admissions are based on nationwide competition with no congressional nominations.)

Potential candidates must have reached their 17th birthday but not their 22nd by July 1st, 2006, be a United States citizen, graduated from high school, taken the ACT and/or SAT tests and meet the stringent entrance requirements of their preferred Academy.

The selection of nominees is based upon the "whole person" evaluation. Although nominations will not be made until January of 2006, all interested persons are encouraged to submit their written requests as soon as possible or no later than Sept. 1st, 2005.

Closing date for completed files is Dec. 1st, 2005. Contact Lenore Goodfriend at Congressman Lipinski's Chicago office, 6245 S. Archer Ave., Chicago, IL 60638, (312) 886-0481.

Ceramic Class

The Worth Township 11601 S. Pulaski. Senior Ceramic Class will The class will cost \$30 start up again on Sept. 13th. and run for 10 weeks. The class is held on Tuesday To register for the class, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the call (708) 371-2900, ext. 28. Worth Township Center, as soon as possible.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

- JULY 18 - Monday - Nifty Fifties Senior Meeting, Salem United Church of Christ, 9717 S. Kostner, 1 p.m.
- JULY 18 - Monday - Planning & Development Commission Meeting, 9446 S. Raymond, 8 p.m.
- JULY 19 - Tuesday - OL Library Board Meeting, 94th & Raymond, 7 p.m.
- JULY 19 - Tuesday - Environmental Concerns Meeting, 9446 S. Raymond, 7:30 p.m.
- JULY 19 - Tuesday - Special Events Committee Meeting, 9446 S. Raymond, 7:30 p.m.
- JULY 19 - Tuesday - Community Mental Health Board, 9401 S. 53rd Ct., 8 p.m.
- JULY 19 - Tuesday - Human Services Board, 9446 S. Raymond, 8 p.m.
- JULY 20 - Wednesday - Fire & Police Commission Meeting, 9446 S. Raymond, Conference Room B, 6:30 p.m.
- JULY 20 - Wednesday - Oak Lawn Community High School District 229 Board Meeting, 9400 Southwest Highway, Board Room, 119, 7:30 p.m.
- JULY 21 - Thursday - Public Works Meeting, 9446 S. Raymond, 7:30 p.m.
- JULY 21 - Thursday - Athletic Club Meeting, VFW Hall, 9514 S. 52nd Ave., 8 p.m.

Firefighters/Paramedics Terry Murphey And Joseph Gainor Receive

Special Recognition

At the only July board meeting of the Oak Lawn Village Board on Tuesday July 12th, firefighters/paramedics Terry Murphey and Joseph Gainor received special recognition. The two paramedics were the first to arrive at a residential fire, a resident was leaning out of an upstairs window. The men backed the ambulance underneath the window and led the homeowner to safety having time to move the ambulance out of the way before the firetrucks arrived.

The board voted to finally approve the municipal pay and benefits ordinance, but not before emotions and tempers flared. Trustee Streit, who had requested the numerous delays along with Trustee Olejniczak, stated that he would vote for the ordinance and it would be retroactive, however he still had questions. Streit stated that his every request to Gail Paul for further documentation was met with documents that produced more questions. Trustee Streit cited a case where a person received a promotion that included a large increase in pay, the person then retired. Streit questioned whether this was to increase his pension. Trustee Olejniczak questioned the lack of defined written policy for evaluation. Both trustees claimed serious revisions are needed. Trustee Joy stated that assumptions were being made that were not true, and that the village needed a manager. President Heilmann agreed that a manager is

needed, however he questioned whether the village could afford to pay two village managers- with Joe Faber receiving a paycheck until February, 2006. Heilmann also stated that he had emailed an ad he had written to search for a manager but had not heard from all six trustees about the ad and was awaiting their input. During this "free for all" exchange trustees interrupted trustees, talking over each other, audience members interrupted trustees and each other, talking over trustees and other members of the audience and the man with the gavel never used it once.

Finally two items were tabled until the next meeting on August 9th - the resolution that lists the president and the village clerk as qualifying IMRF positions and a request to subdivide at 5807 W. 95th St. Both items were tabled at the request of Trustee Streit.

Hot Weather Driving Precautions

Summer is here and many drivers will be hitting the road for vacations and weekend get-a-ways. "Hot weather brings unique challenges," said Ray Palermo, director of public relations for auto insurer, Response Insurance. "It can present dangerous conditions for both the vehicle and its occupants." Each summer sees more than 7,000,000 car breakdowns on the road and he suggests that most summer breakdowns can be easily avoided.

Before heading out be sure you check the basics, including: oil, transmission fluid, windshield washer, battery level and strength, tire pressure (including the spare), cooling system (which should be flushed and refilled at least every two years), belts and hoses and have a well equipped emergency kit and tool box in the trunk.

When driving in hot weather it's particularly important to keep an eye on the lights and gauges. If your temperature gauge moves up, turn off your air conditioner and turn on your vehicle's heater to its highest and hottest setting. It will be uncomfortable, but it will help draw some of the heat away from the engine. If you are stopped in traffic put the car in "park" and lightly step on the gas to help circulate coolant. If the temperature light goes on or if the gauge enters the red zone, immediately pull off the road to a safe spot, well away from traffic. Do not drive any further - not even to the next exit. Driving with an overheated engine can cause serious damage to the engine.

Do not attempt to remove the radiator cap itself. The pressurized coolant is extremely hot and will spray out with great force. Do not pour water over the radiator or engine, since a dramatic change in temperature could cause damage. After the engine cools a bit, add a 50-50 mix of coolant and water to the reservoir to bring it up to its proper level.

Even when not stranded due to a breakdown, summer heat can pose dangers. Never leave a child or pet in a parked car in summer heat. Even an outside temperature in the 80's can quickly bring a car interior to well over 140°.

Bring a cell phone for emergency calls, but don't use it while driving. Response's studies have shown that driving distractions have become the number one fear on the road.

Two free brochures, Driving Tips for Hot Weather and Hitting the Road Safely, and other information are available by calling 1-800-610-5928 or at its website www.response.com.

Census Bureau Updating Information on American Spending Habits

In July, information about how much Americans spend for health care, groceries, clothing, transportation, housing and other items will be collected by U.S. Census Bureau field representatives from a sample of randomly selected households across the country.

The Consumer Expenditure (CE) Survey program consists of two surveys. About 7,500 households will be interviewed once every three months to obtain data on relatively large expenditures. Over the year, another 7,500 households will keep two consecutive one-week diaries of all purchases. The CE Interview Survey is designed to capture expenditure data respondents can reasonably recall for a period of three months or longer, whereas the CE Diary Survey captures expenditures

on small, frequently purchased items that are normally difficult for respondents to recall later (such as toothpaste, bread or for a hamburger from a fast-food restaurant). The results are published by the Bureau of Labor Statistics. Government economists use the results to update a "market basket" of goods and services for the Consumer Price Index, our nation's single most widely used measure of inflation.

Before the CE surveys begin, households receive a letter from Census Bureau Director Louis Kincannon informing them of their selection. Census Bureau field representatives conducting the interviews will carry official photo identification badges. The law ensures survey respondents' personal information and answers are kept confidential.

St. Christopher's 58th Annual Fiesta

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Legal Lessons Learned From The 'Runaway Bride'

The recent case of the "runaway bride" has captured the nation. The young woman, a nurse from Duluth, Georgia, told police a phony story about being abducted a few days before her planned wedding. Eventually, she told authorities that she fled because of personal reasons.

The woman agreed to pay the city of Duluth \$13,250 to help pay for the costs the city incurred searching for her. She also faces fines and jail time if convicted of lying to the police. She agreed to psychiatric counseling, which doesn't come cheap, and she or her family possibly lost the down payments made to throw the lavish wedding that was planned.

While there are personal lessons to be learned from the saga of the runaway bride, there are legal lessons as well.

Do not lie to the police. The making of a false report to the police of a non-existent crime may constitute the commission of the class 4 felony offense of Disorderly Conduct in Illinois, punishable by up to three years in prison, and a \$25,000 fine (restitution could be even more), plus mandatory community service. Similarly, one might be charged with Obstruction of Justice for furnishing false information to police when it is intended to prevent the apprehension, or obstruct the prosecution or defense, of any person. This offense too is categorized as a class 4 felony with the same penalties (although community service is not mandatory for obstruction). However, the mere denial of criminal wrongdoing when questioned by police can not result in criminal liability even if the denial is false.

1. If the police have probable cause to believe that you made a false report, they can arrest you. Any law enforcement officer can make an arrest, usually with a warrant but sometimes without one. A warrant, describing the person to be arrested and the charge made, is issued by a judge or magistrate, and it directs law enforcement officers to arrest a certain person and bring the person before the court.

Upon arrest, a person should be informed of the Miranda warnings, but failure to do so does not affect the validity of the arrest. Miranda warnings include: you have the right to remain silent; anything you say can and will be used against you in a court of law; you have the right to have an attorney present before any questioning; and, if you cannot afford an attorney, one will be appointed to represent you before any questioning.

If arrested, one has the right to appear before a judge as soon as possible, usually within 48 hours unless special needs can be shown to exist. At the first appearance before a judge, the accused has the right to be advised of the specific allegations of the charges, the possible penalties upon conviction, the right to counsel, to plead not guilty and to have a trial

by jury, where the state is responsible for proving guilt beyond a reasonable doubt, until which time, the accused is presumed innocent. If the arrested person has minor children, an inquiry should be made as to their custody or the Illinois Department of Children and Family Services should be notified.

2. Before signing a contract, hire an attorney to review it. A wedding is an expensive proposition. Whenever you engage a service, such as a caterer, band, or a photographer to perform work, it's always a good idea to have an attorney review the contract before you sign anything. In general, you should get all estimates in writing. Read the contracts yourself and ask questions before signing.

Never sign a contract with blank spaces. If a supplier says that you must make a deposit, clearly understand the refund policy. And, read and understand what any guarantee covers.

3. Know the grounds for annulment. It remains to be seen if the "runaway bride" and groom tie the knot. But what if they had gone ahead and done so - and one of them decided they wanted out? Grounds for annulment (the legal term is "declaration of invalidity of marriage") vary in different legal jurisdictions but are typically limited to fraud, bigamy and mental incompetency.

In Illinois, they may include the following circumstances:

- A party lacked capacity to consent to the marriage at the time that the marriage was solemnized, either because of mental capacity or infirmity or because of the influence of alcohol, drug or other substances, or the party was forced into the marriage fraudulently (within 90 days after the petitioner learned of the condition);
- A party lacked the physical capacity to consummate the marriage (within one year);
- A party was under age 18 and did not have the consent of his or her parents or guardian or judicial approval (the marriage can be declared invalid prior to the time that the person reaches age 18 when the party could have married legally).

For further information about these and other law-related issues, contact an Illinois State Bar Association member-lawyer in your area or visit www.illinois-lawyerfinder.com.

IDNR & Preschoolers

Teaching young children about Illinois' natural resources is a vital task if they are to be successful stewards of our natural resources in the future. Learners at the preschool level are eager to discover the world around them. To assist with education at the preschool level and with Head Start programs, the Illinois Department of Natural Resources (IDNR) Division of Education recently mailed sample items and information about the availability of free teaching tools to more than 2,500 preschool and Head Start teachers in the state.

The posters, activity books, activity sheets and CD-ROMs produced by the IDNR Division of Education are developed using the Illinois Learning Standards of the Illinois State Board of

Education as their foundation. These supplemental items are designed to be used to supplement existing curricula. They provide information and activities on a variety of natural resources related topics. Spanish-language versions of the activity books are also available.

To order materials from the IDNR Division of Education, visit the online order form. Go to <http://dnr.state.il.us> then click on the "Education" button in the right side bar. On the next page, find the link to the online order form. For more information, contact the IDNR Division of Education at teachkids@dnrmail.state.il.us or (217) 524-4126.

Aquarium's New Additions

Shedd Aquarium's three baby penguins are small enough to fit into your cupped hands - for now, anyway. Two rockhopper chicks, born June 15, weigh a mere 325 grams. But that's more than four times their original weight. When hatched the little chicks weighed only 70 grams. The newest addition, a gentoo chick, born June 23, weighs 90 grams. These chicks gain between 10-25% of their body weight each day for the first several weeks. They will be fully grown in 75 to 90 days.

These baby chicks - both rockhopper and gentoo penguins - currently can be seen on the chilly 40-degree shore of their habitat in Shedd's Oceanarium. For more information about penguins or Shedd Aquarium, guests can call (312) 939-2438 or log onto www.shedd-aquarium.org.

Funds Designated For Homeland Security

On July 9th Governor Rod R. Blagojevich designated more than \$1 million in homeland security funding to the Chicago Transit Authority, Metra and St. Louis area Metro East transit districts to help pay for added security costs associated with this week's national threat level being raised from code "Yellow," (elevated), to code "Orange," (high), for the mass transit portion of the transportation sector. The Federal Department of Homeland Security raised the nation's threat level for mass transit systems after terrorists struck London's mass transit system. The elevated alert applies to regional and inner city passenger rail, subways and metropolitan bus systems.

Beginning Thursday morning, July 7th, following the attacks on trains and a bus in London, uniformed police officers and bomb-sniffing dogs in the Chicago and the Metro East area patrolled trains, buses and stations looking for suspicious activity. In the aftermath of the Sept. 11th terrorist attacks, Illinois developed a detailed security plan to respond to times of heightened alert or crisis. After the Madrid bombings in 2004, the Chicago Transit Authority and Metra modified the transit plans, in cooperation with state and federal homeland security officials.

The funding for the assistance, which could total more than \$1 million, will come from federal homeland security funds allocated to the state. The Governor asked the Illinois Terrorism Task Force to allocate the money to reimburse the transit authorities for extraordinary expenses associated to the increased security needed to ensure the safety of travelers in Illinois.

Most of the award money will be used for overtime pay for police officers needed for the added security, as well as other expenditures above and beyond their routine activities; these may include bomb-sniffing dogs, increased video surveillance, intrusion detection equipment, and increased inspection of trash receptacles and storage areas and other extraordinary security measures.

Jenny O'Grady Benefit

Friends and family are pooling together their efforts and talents to stage a benefit for car crash victim and young widow, Jennifer O'Grady of Chicago's Morgan Park area.

On Feb. 27th, 2005, newlyweds Henry and Jenny O'Grady were returning from his 31st birthday celebration when the vehicle they were passengers in was struck by another vehicle on the Dan Ryan Expressway. The impact was so great it sent Jenny flying into the air, where she landed on the third rail of the CTA "Red Line" tracks. Henry and the driver were thrown from the car. Henry died on the scene, but miraculously Jenny survived.

St. Germaine Parish in Oak Lawn and the friends of the O'Grady and Visak families will host a benefit for Jennifer and her son Frank to help relieve future financial burdens. The benefit will be held on July 23rd at 115 Bourbon Street, 3359 W. 115th St. in Merrionette Park, from 2 to 7 p.m.

The Morgan Park couple dated for many years and were married three months before the tragic crash. They were very happy enjoying their new life together. That night, they had been discussing their plans to start a family, with the friends they were celebrating with, but it was not to be.

"Jenny is a nurse at University of Chicago Hospital and has been unable to work," said Sue Vogel, friend and co-organizer of the benefit. "Jenny has a very long road ahead of her, and this is why we need as much help as we can get."

The benefit organizers are seeking donations and corporate gifts such as food and raffle prizes for the benefit. Advance tickets for the fundraiser can be purchased for \$30 each, by calling Danielle Graber at (773) 238-2549 or Sue Vogel at (815) 521-0836. Ticket price includes food, beer, soda, DJ and live entertainment.

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Consumers Have Until July 29th To Cancel Natural Gas Corp. Contracts

Attorney General Lisa Madigan on July 6th informed consumers who received an allegedly confusing mailing and signed up for services with Illinois Natural Gas Savings Corporation, doing business as Illinois Natural Gas Corporation, that they have a right to cancel the service without penalty if they choose to do so by July 29 under a settlement her office has reached with the company.

Following the settlement agreement reached recently with Madigan's office, Illinois Natural Gas has agreed to honor all requests for cancellation of contracts for any consumer who signed up for its program prior to June 29, the agreement's filing date. The cancellation requests must be made within 30 days of the filing date - by July 29.

Consumers may cancel by: contacting Madigan's Consumer Protection Division at 1-800-386-5438; calling Illinois Natural Gas directly at 1-800-309-5160; faxing a written notice of cancellation to Illinois Natural Gas at 1-800-306-5016; or mailing a written notice of cancellation by registered mail to Illinois Natural Gas Corporation, PO Box 7336, Chicago, IL 60680.

Madigan said Illinois Natural Gas Savings Corporation has agreed not to raise the price of natural gas during the course of its contracts. In addition, the natural gas supplier has agreed to clearly and conspicuously disclose in all future contracts and solicitations that it is not affiliated with any state agency or public utility and disclose the details of its consumer contracts.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Letter to the Editor

The 1996 Illinois Defense of Marriage Act (DOMA) defines marriage as between one man and one woman. That's good, but is it good enough?

Massachusetts had a DOMA, but three judges ruled it unconstitutional last year, forcing the people to accommodate same-sex "marriages."

To justify their action, these judges cited the Massachusetts public accommodations law, similar to the one that Illinois state representatives passed this spring.

The judges also cited the Massachusetts non-discrimination civil rights statute regarding employment, housing, credit and services. Once again, similar to the one that the Illinois legislature passed into law in January, the statute gives special rights to homosexuals, bisexuals and the gender confused. Are you seeing a pattern?

Ironically, the Massachusetts public accommodation statute specifically says it shouldn't be construed to permit "homosexual marriage." It's too bad for Massachusetts that the judges didn't understand that part. It is obvious that a DOMA isn't strong enough to protect the original meaning of marriage in our great state. Amending the Illinois State Constitution with a marriage amendment will secure marriage for future generations.

Call (877) 787-8011 or go to www.protectmarriageillinois.org and download a petition to place a marriage question on the November, 2006 ballot. In a "living for today" kind of world, we must consider what we are passing on to our children.

Kathy Valente
Illinois State Director
Concerned Women for America

Congressman Dan Lipinski Announces 'Teachers Of The Year'

Fourteen elementary school educators in the Third Congressional District were named "Teachers of the Year" by Congressman Dan Lipinski.

"These teachers were nominated for this honor by the people who know them best - school administrators, fellow teachers, parents and community leaders," said Congressman Lipinski, a former educator. "It was truly inspiring to read about their qualifications and dedication to their profession and their students."

The 14 Teachers of the Year were honored at a brunch on Saturday, May 14th at the Camelot Banquet Hall in Hickory Hills.

The honorees are:

- Carol Barth - Willow Springs (Lincoln Middle School, Berwyn)
- Mary Bazel - Park Ridge (Kinzie School, Chicago)
- Patricia Bucko - Evergreen Park (St. Walter's School, Chicago)
- MaryAnn Burica - Oak Forest (Armour School, Chicago)
- Gail Butcher - Orland Park (Our Lady of Loretto, Chicago)
- Linda Colby - Chicago (Finley Junior High School, Chicago Ridge)
- Catherine Johnston - Chicago (St. Daniel's School, Chicago)

- Valgrie Montelpasse - Oak Lawn (St. Germaine School, Oak Lawn)
- Helen Moore - Chicago (McClellan School, Chicago)
- Sue Muleahy - Chicago (Clissold School, Chicago)
- Margaret Paliakas - Chicago (Incarnation School, Chicago)
- Mike Patzelt - LaGrange Highlands (Willow Springs District 108)
- Melinda Zaviska - Riverside (Byrne School, Chicago)
- Denise Zielinski - Forest Park (St. Frances of Rome, Cicero)

Drought Response Task Force Reports

Activated by Gov. Rod R. Blagojevich on June 26th, the Illinois Drought Response Task Force met July 7th to report on the state's condition after weeks of drought. Climatologists report that since March, the state has only received about half as much rain as it normally does. The Governor directed state agencies, top scientists, and policymakers in Illinois to use all available state resources to minimize the impact of dry conditions on the Illinois economy, and the health and safety of state citizens.

Researchers from the Illinois State Water Survey reported that it is probably that the drought in Central, North Central, and Northeastern Illinois will continue to worsen. Data analyzed by state climatologists indicates levels have been about 50% of normal statewide since March. Soil moisture, river flow and shallow groundwater levels continue to decline.

Rainfall in the coming weeks is critical to Illinois crops, soybeans, winter wheat, oats and alfalfa. The Illinois Department of Agriculture reported restriction of crop growth and stress continues to be an issue with the lack of precipitation across the state. Although some areas received rain in recent days, the quantities were variable and not enough to replenish soil moisture. Most areas are still in desperate need of rain to unroll corn leaves and get soybeans blooming. The state average topsoil moisture was 57 percent very short, 34 percent short, 8 percent adequate and 1 percent surplus.

If conditions worsen, the Governor may be able to issue a declaration. Such a declaration would make federal financial aid available to some of those affected by the ongoing drought.

The Illinois Environmental Protection Agency suggests state residents make a conscious effort to conserve water while doing everyday tasks. IEPA recommends that everyone should always be mindful of their everyday usage and conserve water to the maximum extent possible.

Lifelink's International Adoption Program

Lifelink's international adoption program is hosting a free information meeting at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, August 2nd, at its regional office at 331 S. York Road, Bensenville. For more information, call (630) 521-8281 or visit Lifelink's website at www.lifelinkadoption.org

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EDITORIAL/OPINION PAGE

U.S. Rep Bobby L. Rush Releases Report That Shows The Negative Impact President Bush's Social Security Proposal Would Have On The First Congressional District

In a report by the United States House of Representatives' Committee on Government Reform - Minority Staff, Congressman Bobby L. Rush announced on July 6th the impact of President Bush's Social Security proposal on working families in Illinois' 1st Congressional District. The report finds that the majority of wage earners in the district will face steep benefit cuts under the President's plan.

Congressman Rush requested the study after hearing constituent concerns during a town hall meeting on proposed changes to Social Security earlier this year.

"The idea of privatizing Social Security continues to generate a great deal of debate in this nation, so I wanted an in-depth study on the impact that it would have in my district," said Rush. "With figures that indicate that more than 68% of constituents in the 1st Congressional District would have benefits cut, this disturbing projection not only validates our worst fears, it solidifies my objection to privatization."

Specifically, the report finds the President's plan would cut benefits for over 160,000 wage earners in Rep. Rush's District. There are over 245,000 wage earners in the district who are currently contributing to Social Security. The President's plan would cut benefits for 68% - or more than 166,000 of these employees.

The President's Plan would result in significant benefit cuts for individual wage earners in Rep. Rush's district. For wage earners between the ages of 35 and 55, the average benefit cut would be \$1,875 per year. For younger wage earners, the average benefit cut would be \$4,245 per year. Over 39,000 wage earners in the district would face benefit cuts of over 20%.

The President's plan would cut total benefits over \$12 billion for current wage earners in Rep. Rush's district. Over their lifetimes, wage earners in the district who are currently contributing to Social Security would lose \$12.8 billion in benefits under the President's plan. More than 78% of this cut will come from middle-class workers who earn between \$30,000 and \$90,000 annually.

The President's plan could also cut benefits for widows and surviving children in Rep. Rush's District. Social Security benefits for surviving spouses and children are tied to the benefits earned by the deceased wage earner. Because the President has yet to explain how the benefits cuts he is proposing for wage earners will affect surviving spouses and children, no precise estimate of the impact on his proposal of surviving spouses and children is possible. But the number of survivors likely to be affected is large.

Maloney Bill To Improve GED Program Signed

A bill sponsored by State Sen. Ed Maloney (D-Chicago) that will address long waiting lists and improve data reporting regarding the GED high school equivalency program was signed into law recently.

The bill transfers primary responsibility for administering the GED testing program from the Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE) to the Illinois Community College Board (ICCB). Currently, only one person from ISBE is assigned to the program.

Under the terms of the legislation, the number of locations where the test will be administered will increase, and that will reduce the number of people who have to wait every year to take the high school equivalency exam.

The Mosque Foundation Of Chicago Condemns London Attacks

The Mosque Foundation of Chicago unequivocally condemns the terrorist attacks that afflicted London this morning. Those responsible for the bombings should and must be brought to justice. There is no justification whatsoever for such a horrific act, neither in Islamic sacred law or any other system of justice.

We join the plurality of humanity and Muslims worldwide in voicing our utter rejection of this act and the psychology and ethos behind it. We extend our most sincere condolences to those who were directly effected by the bombings, the innocent who perished or were injured, as well as their families and friends. Our thoughts and prayers are with them. We constantly pray that God grant humankind peace.

Biggert Reacts to Justice O'Connor's Resignation

U.S. Rep. Judy Biggert (R-IL-13), an attorney and co-chair of the Congressional Caucus on the Judicial Branch, recently issued the following statement honoring Justice Sandra Day O'Connor on the occasion of her retirement:

"Justice O'Connor served as a role model at a time when very few women were pursuing legal careers. As the first woman ever to serve on the U.S. Supreme Court, Justice O'Connor earned her place in history, making a permanent mark on the judicial system that will forever inspire girls and women throughout America.

"She was a steady - albeit unpredictable - presence on the bench. She was incredibly thoughtful and deliberate with her decisions, evaluating every case on its merits. She will be greatly missed."

SCORE Workshop

Attend a half-day workshop on Tuesday, July 19th, offered by SCORE, Counselors to America's Small Business. Gain an understanding of Cash Flow, Income Statements & Balance Sheets and how to use them to impact business results. A guest banker will present criteria for obtaining financing. This workshop is the third of four required for a SCORE Workshop Completion Certificate, helpful when seeking a loan. Attendees should be in business or planning to start a business.

Workshop hours are 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The fee is \$35 (if prepaid by credit card via www.scorechicago.org or \$45 cash or check to SCORE at door. Call (312) 353-7724 mornings if any questions. Same-day registration is also available by check or cash at 8:30. Space is limited.



All Points Southwest

By THOMAS E. GAVIN

Governor Rod R. Blagojevich recently proclaimed July "Health Care Month" in Illinois, launching a month-long effort to expand, improve and promote access to health care for Illinois families. During the month of July, the Governor will sign new laws designed to improve access to healthcare for working families and seniors, enact meaningful medical malpractice reform, ease the nursing shortage, provide hospitals with nearly \$2 billion in new federal funds, help senior citizens afford the high cost of prescription drugs, increase critical cancer screenings for women, raise awareness about various diseases, and increase funding for diabetes research.

According to the governor's press representative, since Governor Blagojevich took office 313,000 more men, women and children have received health care through the Kid Care and Family Care programs - at a time when most states are not only not providing more coverage for the working poor, but also kicking people off of Medicaid or significantly reducing their benefits. This year's budget included funding to add another 56,000 men, women and children. The Kaiser Foundation has ranked Illinois the best state in the nation for providing health care to people who need it.

Cook County State's Attorney Richard A. Devine joined State Sen. Kwame Raoul (D-Chicago), State Rep. James Brosnahan (D-Evergreen Park) and veteran defense attorney Kathleen Zellner to propose legislation that would create a funding pool to fund expedited DNA testing in child murder cases.

According to State's Attorney Devine "There is no crime that so traumatizes a community as the murder of a child. We want to make sure that Illinois has ample funding to promptly fund DNA testing in child murder cases when there is evidence available."

The legislation calls for the creation of a \$100,000 pool that would be targeted for DNA testing at a private lab for evidence recovered from the scene of the murder of a child 16 and younger. Tests at private labs can run up to \$1,500 each to develop a DNA profile that could be run through the national and state DNA databases.

"I am proud to support this important legislative initiative by the State's Attorney," Brosnahan said. "The state must adequately fund murder and sexual assault cases, but the murder of a child cries out for a quick and immediate response from law enforcement. This legislation would make that happen."

There were 39 children younger than 16 murdered in Illinois in 2003, according to the most recent figures compiled by the Illinois State Police.

St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church in Oak Lawn will hold its annual Greek Food Festival & Carnival this week, Friday through Sunday. The festival grounds are located at 10301 S. Kolmar Ave. Admission is \$2 per person and kids 12 and younger are free.

Enjoy a variety of delicious foods and pastries, cooked traditionally and to perfection. Six live bands and a D.J. will provide both American and Greek music for your entertainment and dancing pleasure. There will also be two children's shows, complete with animal acts, magic, music and puppets. The St. Nicholas Dance Troupe will also perform throughout the weekend. For more information call the church office at (708) 636-5460.

There are still a few tickets left for the annual Park Lawn Grand Raffle drawing on July 20th. Tickets are \$100 each and each ticket includes entrance to the raffle and buffet reception. Additional tickets are \$15 each. Only 900 tickets will be sold.

This year's Grand Raffle sponsors include: Rizza Chevy in Bridgeview, Worth Auto Parts in Worth, Motoplex in Worth, and Chicago Sports and Cycle in Midlothian.

The Grand Prize is a choice of \$15,000 cash, a 2005 Chevrolet Monte Carlo, a pair of Seadoos Jet Skis w/double trailer or a 2005 Victory Motorcycle. The second prize is \$5,000 cash, third prize is \$3,000, fourth prize is \$1,000, fifth prize is \$500, sixth prize is \$300, and prizes 7-10, \$200 each.

The Grand Raffle is an annual fundraising event for Park Lawn. Proceeds help support Park Lawn, a local non-profit organization which provides educational, vocational and residential services to individuals with developmental disabilities.

For more information, call (708) 425-6867 or visit www.parklawn.com.

Friends of Cook County State's Attorney Richard Devine will honor him at a "Summer in the City Birthday Bash" on Wednesday, July 20th, from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Galleria Marchetti, 825 W. Erie, in Chicago. Finance Chairman Bruce R. Meckler and Event Chairman Joseph P. Roddy assure All Points that this event will be one of the highlights of the summer season. Valet parking is available. For more information call (312) 341-0231.

The National Arbor Day Foundation has published a 72 page pocket guide book which will help readers identify 135 different trees found in the eastern and central United States. "What Tree is That?" contains dozens of drawings which illustrate the various trees' leaves or needles and their acorns, berries, seed pods, cones, and other identifying features. The step-by-step identification process makes this book a valuable resource.

To get a copy of your tree ID guide, send your name and address and \$3 to "What Tree is That?", The National Arbor Day Foundation, Nebraska City, NE 68440 or go online to arborday.org.

Senator Dick Durbin (D-IL) has introduced legislation to provide \$862.5 million over five years to beef up police resources, recruit prosecutors and provide better witness protection programs to fight gang, related crimes.

The Anti-Gang Act of 2005 was recently introduced in the Senate and was co-sponsored by Senator Russ Feingold (D-Wis.), Patrick Leahy (D-Vt.) and Ted Kennedy (D-Mass.).

The proposal calls for \$250 million in federal funds to develop prevention, intervention and research services; \$262.5 million to prevent, investigate and prosecute gang crimes; and \$300 million to reinforce witness-protection efforts. An additional \$50 million would be spent on technology and data bases used to identify gang members.

Moraine Valley again ranks among the top 8 percent of the 1,157 community colleges nationwide in associate's degrees conferred according to an analysis of U.S. Department of Education data for 2003-2004. The report was published in the June 20th issue of Community College Week.

Moraine Valley is the second largest community college in Illinois and among the fastest growing in the nation. In 2004-2005, 1,564 degrees and certificates were awarded.

Worst Aspects Of Energy Act

Citizens Against Government Waste (CAGW) today highlighted what it considers the worst aspects of the Energy Policy Act of 2005 (H.R. 6), which could receive a Senate vote next week. The 700-page bill is chock-full of corporate subsidies, targeted tax breaks and costly regulations while carrying a total cost of \$16 billion, twice the \$8 billion in the House version.

"The Senate bill is a lobbyist's dream and a taxpayer's nightmare," CAGW President Tom Schatz said. "The energy bill is less a coherent policy than a grab bag of giveaways for special interest. A few provisions stand out as particularly wasteful blunders that will do nothing to reduce the price of gas or the nation's dependence on foreign oil."

- **Title XIV: Unlimited Loan Guarantees.** Title XIV will guarantee up to 80% of the cost of developing new energy technologies, such as fuel cells, coal-fired power plants and advanced nuclear reactors. When such endeavors fail, taxpayers will cover the losses. The Congressional Budget Office estimates the cost of \$3.75 billion in loan guarantees over the first five years, carrying a 20 to 60% risk of default on the loans. But after five years, there is no limit on the amount of loans guaranteed. The guarantees will add a layer of bureaucracy to the Department of Energy at an estimated cost of \$400 million in the first five years. Taxpayers should not be forced to subsidize every speculative venture conceived by energy companies, who will profit from the few successes but shovel the losses onto the backs of taxpayers. Unfortunately, an amendment offered by Sens. John Sununu (R-N.H.) and Ron Wyden (D-Ore.) to eliminate Title XIV was defeated by a vote of 21-76.
- **\$18 billion in tax breaks over 10 years.** In addition to providing loan guarantees, some energy sectors would be eligible for tax credits worth more than \$2.5 billion. Other tax incentives would be doled out for more energy-efficient homes, new home appliances and hybrid cars. Though all American businesses could benefit from lower taxes, targeted tax breaks are a form of pork that skews market incentives. The free market, not Congress, should decide which form of energy is most efficient.
- **Ethanol mandate.** This provision would require that 8 billion gallons of corn-derived ethanol be added to

the domestic gasoline supply by 2012—double the current mandate—which will raise gas prices for consumers. Supporters claim it will reduce dependence on foreign oil, but the energy required to grow the corn and distill the ethanol means that oil imports will fall by less than .05%. The mandate is nothing more than corporate welfare for Midwestern farmers. The Senate mandate is 3 billion gallons higher and will cost consumers two to four times more at the pump than the House version. Even worse, the Senate bill contains an \$8 million giveaway for an ethanol study in the home state of pork-barreller extraordinaire Sen. Daniel Inouye (D-Hawaii).

• **Hydrogen Car.** The Senate bill allocates \$3.8 billion over five years toward development of hydrogen fuel cell vehicles and has set a pipe-dream goal of 100,000 such cars on the road by 2010 and 2.5 million by 2020. General Motors, Ford, DaimlerChrysler, Honda, Toyota, Volkswagen and BMW are already working on their own hydrogen-powered vehicles. In May 2004, the National Academy of Sciences stated that a commercially viable hydrogen car would likely take 20 to 30 years to produce.

Film Tax Incentive

Expanding on the tremendous success of the Illinois film industry in 2004, Gov. Rod R. Blagojevich continued the revitalization of movie and television production in Illinois by extending the film tax incentive legislation on July 11th that has proven to be instrumental in bringing major film and television projects back to Illinois. Much of this success is due to the legislation that the Governor helped the General Assembly pass in 2003. The Governor extended the film tax credits through 2006 by signing Senate Bill 1965 on the set of Universal Pictures' *The Break-Up*, a romantic comedy currently filming in Chicago starring Vince Vaughn and Jennifer Aniston. Many other major motion pictures from a cross-section of Hollywood's studios featuring popular talent, including Sandra Bullock, Keanu Reeves, Dustin Hoffman, Will Ferrell and John Malkovich, are now filming or have filmed in the Chicagoland area in 2005.

These projects are estimated to create 5,000 jobs and inject \$68 million into the state's economy. In all of 2004, projects filmed throughout the state created nearly 15,000 jobs and generated \$77 million, 200 percent higher than in 2003.

Illinois's film industry was in deep decline up until nearly two years ago when the Governor signed Senate Bill 785, which made the state more competitive with other filming locations across the nation and around the world. The law provides a tax credit equal to 25 percent of the first \$25,000 in wages paid to Illinois residents working on television and film projects shot in Illinois. The Governor signed Senate Bill 1965 into law, which was sponsored by State Senator Rickey Hendon (D-Chicago) and State Rep. Ken Dunkin (D-Chicago), extending the film tax credit legislation for another year, with provisions making it easier to use and encouraging the hiring of Illinois workers from high unemployment areas.

Endangered Runaway

The National Center for Missing and Exploited Children has issued an alert for Poreshe Robinson. Robinson is missing from Chicago and may still be in the local area. She may be in the company of adult female relative.

Poreshe Robinson is described as a 15 year old black female with black hair and brown eyes. She is 5'06" tall and weighs about 115 lbs. She has been missing since March 31.

Anyone having information about Poreshe Robinson or know her whereabouts should call The National Center for Missing and Exploited Children at 1-800-843-5678 or the Chicago Police Department at 312-745-6052.

Save The Swallow Cliff Toboggan Slides

By Elizabeth Doody Gorman

Over the past year, I have received hundreds of e-mails, letters and telephone calls from constituents seeking to save the Swallow Cliff toboggan slides. We now have an opportunity to restore and revitalize this facility. The Forest Preserve District of Cook County recently issued a proposal to manage concessions for the entire district, which would include Swallow Cliff. This presents an opportunity for subcontractors to present proposals for certain locations within the district.

As most residents remember, Swallow Cliff has a long history as a winter sports facility dating back to 1923 when the first wooden toboggan slide was constructed. Over the years many exciting national events were held there, but more importantly residents from the area have memories of great family fun at this wonderful venue.

Unfortunately, until 2002, this site was neglected and the toboggan slides were allowed to deteriorate. Upon my election, I made the revitalization of Swallow Cliff a priority. Recently, my office spearheaded the effort, supported by the majority of Cook County Board members, and we were able to secure \$200,000 from Senate Bill 83, which will be used to repair and restore the stairs at Swallow Cliff. This is an excellent beginning, but more needs to be done.

Swallow Cliff now needs the business community and residents of the Southland to help. It is imperative that potential vendors submit proposals in order to ensure that the revitalization of this great cultural venue in our community continues.

Proposals must be submitted to the forest preserve district before Aug. 15. The proposal can be reviewed at www.lizgorman.com, or my office will be happy to provide copies to interested parties.

Elizabeth Doody Gorman represents the 17th District on the Cook County Board of Commissioners. She lives in Orland Park.

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CONSOLIDATED PLAN SUMMARY

The Cook County Consolidated Community Development Plan guides the investment of federal housing and community development funds to address housing, homeless, and community development needs in suburban Cook County from 2005 through 2009. The federal programs are Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program, the Emergency Shelter Grant (ESG) Program and the HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME) Program. The programs cover suburban municipalities under 50,000 in population, unincorporated Cook County, The City of Berwyn and the Town of Cicero are only covered by the HOME Program.

ANNUAL ACTION PLAN SUMMARY

The 2005 Annual Action Plan of the Consolidated Plan describes the activities that Cook County will undertake in 2005 with anticipated grant and program income funds received during the next program year. The Consolidated Plan and Annual Action Plan are being developed with the participation of County residents, local municipalities, and government agencies, and in consultation with various social service organizations.

The draft Consolidated Plan and Annual Action Plan will be available on July 7, 2005. Cook County will accept comments on the draft Plan for 30 days. Final comments must be received no later than August 7, 2005, for inclusion into the Plan. For questions or comments regarding the draft Consolidated Plan and Annual Action Plan contact: D. Barron or Kay Rosmal at (312) 603-1000. The draft Plan can be reviewed at the Cook County Department of Planning and Development, 69 W. Washington, Suite 2000, Chicago, Illinois and ninety three (93) suburban Cook County public libraries.

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ENTERTAINMENT NEWS

Marriage On The Midway At State Fair

The Illinois State Fair, in a special partnership with Clear Channel Radio Group/KISS-FM in Springfield and North America Midway Corporation, is offering one lucky couple the chance to be "Married on the Midway" in front of 100 of their closest friends and family members. The bride and groom will say their vows in the Carnival Midway area at the 2005 Illinois State Fair.

Entering the contest is easy. Just visit www.illinois-statefair.info or www.997KISSFM.COM and click on the "Marriage on the Midway" banner. Each couple must submit a photo and a maximum of 150 word essay explaining why they should be chosen. Judges will select the top 10 essays, which will then be posted on the two websites, along with the couple's photo and biographies. The public can then vote to choose the winner. Selected essays will be picked based upon creativity, originality and sentimentality.

The winning couple and 100 of their friends will have free access to all the midway has to offer - rides, food and fun. All the needed elements for this special occasion will be provided gratis including a justice of the peace, bouquets from 1-800 Flowers, wedding dress from ABS Gowns, a DIRECTV package, a photographer, a wedding cake, Midway food, unlimited rides and more for the couple and their 100 friends.

The ceremony will take place on Aug. 20 at 10:30 a.m.

Discover Dinos At The Field Museum All Month Long

Dinosaurs, dinosaurs and more dinosaurs! Throughout the entire month of August, The Field Museum will have exhibitions and events that feature these exhilarating creatures from around the world.

Dinosaur Dynasty: Discoveries From China is a once-in-a-lifetime chance to meet a whole new set of dinos from one of the world's hottest spots for dinosaur research, China. Dozens of authentic fossils and life-size casts span the 165 million-year dynasty of these extraordinary creatures - far longer than any human dynasty. Visitors also have the chance to touch a real, six-foot-tall dinosaur leg bone and much more. The cost is \$19 adults, \$14 students and seniors, \$9 children 4-11 (includes museum admission). *Dinosaur Dynasty: Discoveries From China* runs through Sunday, April 23rd, 2006.

Where can junior paleontologists unearth a full-size replica of *Sue*, the world's largest and most complete *T. rex* ever found? Only at The Field Museum's dino exhibition, *Sue Discovery Dig*. Junior paleontologists can pick up their field tools and get to work uncovering *Sue*'s buried skeleton in a giant sand pit, then head to the fossil preparation lab to finish the job, unpacking and cleaning a variety of *T. rex* bones. Purchase with tickets to *Dinosaur Dynasty* for an additional \$3 for adults, seniors and students, \$2 for children 4-11 (includes museum admission). Make sure to stop by before *Sue Discovery Dig* ends on Monday, Sept. 5th, 2005.

Text the *T. rex* and his paleontologist guide, Dr. Jonas, need help! Join this cast of colorful characters and their dinosaur friends from all over the world as they try to discover what *T. rex* did with its tiny arms. With your help, they might just come up with the answer, and along the way learn more about *T. rex* and other dynamic dinos. Free with admission, the activity takes place on the museum's southeast terrace.

Stop by a hands-on interpretive station to learn more about dinosaurs from around the world. Make your own creative dinosaur art project, investigate a model of *Sue*'s claw, handle real fossils, or locate dino discovery sites on the Asia Mega Map! Museum docents will be on hand to answer questions and share their in-depth knowledge, facts and figures. Free with museum admission.

Millennium Park Greeter Service

The Chicago Office of Tourism is proud to offer the newest extension of its Chicago Greeter services, the Millennium Park Greeter service. Originating from the new Millennium Park Welcome Center at 201 E. Randolph St., park visitor parties of 10 or less can enjoy a free, 45-minute visit with a Millennium Park Greeter, Wednesday through Sunday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. These unique visits are available on the half-hour and the hour, on a first-come, first-served basis. Hours and availability of the service are subject to change.

Millennium Park Greeter volunteers are knowledgeable about the development, architecture and environment of the city's newest lakefront attraction, Millennium Park, and will take park guests on the walking visits.

Celebrate 75 Festival

They have bone-crushing claws, take in food using mouth parts that look like legs, have a stomach that bites - and some have clear blood! What are these bizarre creatures? **CRABS!** They will temporarily be on exhibit at Shedd Aquarium as part of Shedd's 75th year celebration.

The celebration will include "Seasoned Saturdays" where chefs will give cooking demonstrations throughout the day that will feature a specific sustainable seafood species.

Each community will have an opportunity to showcase their culture through craft activities, performances or informational display. French, Japanese and Canadian are just a few of the ethnicities represented.

There will be jazz concerts, book signings, scores of aquatic wonders and much, much more. For more information, call (312) 939-2438 or visit www.shedd-aquarium.org.

The Shedd Aquarium daily curriculum is as follows:

- 9:30 a.m. Caribbean Reef Dive
- 10:30 a.m. Marine Mammal Presentation
- 11:00 a.m. Caribbean Reef Dive
- 11:30 a.m. Habitat Chats with Sea Otters
- 12:00 p.m. Animal Encounters
- 12:30 p.m. Marine Mammal Presentation
- 1:30 p.m. Caribbean Reef Dive
- 2:00 p.m. Habitat Chats with Beluga Whales
- 2:30 p.m. Habitat Chats in the Aquarium
- 3:00 p.m. Caribbean Reef Dive
- 3:30 p.m. Marine Mammal Presentation (weekends)
- 4:30 p.m. Habitat Chats with Penguins (weekdays)
- Marine Mammal Presentation (weekends)

La Rabida Boat Cruise

Women In Support of La Rabida (WIS) invites everyone to an afternoon of cruising on the lakefront on the Mystic Blue. Mystic Blue is berthed at Navy Pier. The Cruise will take place on Sunday, July 17th. Boarding time is 1 p.m. and cruise time will be 2 to 4 p.m. Participants will dine, dance and enjoy a breathtaking view of the skyline. Tickets for the afternoon are \$80. For more information, call La Verne Mathews at 773-753-9602.

CLASS REUNIONS

St. Turibius School class of 1955 - 50th Reunion on Sept. 23rd. Former classmates should call (517) 369-3808 or (708) 599-0045 or email sttribs55@yahoo.com.

Oak Forest High School class of 1995 seeks alumni and is looking for addresses for an Oct. 1st reunion. Details on www.classmates.com. Send addresses to ofhs95@yahoo.com or Attn. Reunion Committee, 14711 LeClaire Ave., Midlothian, IL 60445.

Bogan High School class of 1970 will hold a reunion on Oct. 8th. Call (312) 838-4520.

Bremen High School class of 1965 is looking for classmates for a reunion on Sept. 30th and Oct. 1st. Call (708) 239-2488 or (815) 469-9456.

Forest View High School class of 1975 will hold a reunion on Aug. 6th at The Arboretum Club, Buffalo Grove. Call (847) 397-9262.

Hinsdale High School - Class of 1975 Reunion on Aug. 13th at The Signature Room, Woodridge. Call (708) 636-3714.

Loretto High School class of 1956 is looking for classmates for a 50th reunion. Call (773) 586-8404.

Mary Seat of Wisdom Parish - 50th anniversary dinner/dance on Oct. 29th at 7 p.m. at White Eagle Banquets. Call (847) 825-8686, ext. 14.

Mount St. Mary Academy - All-school reunion on Sept. 10th from 11:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at Pheasant Run Resort, St. Charles. Call (630) 966-2538.

Westside High School, Gary, Indiana - Class of 1975 30th Diamond Reunion on July 29th and 30th at the Radisson Star Plaza at 7 p.m. and Sunday, July 31st Brunch at the Radisson. Call Jean Walker-Hope at (219) 938-4828, fax (219) 938-4951 or email ajkollekt@aol.com or call the Executive Secretary M. Chris Moreno on his cell phone at (219) 939-5152.

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ENTERTAINMENT NEWS

"Do Black Patent Leather Shoes Really Reflect Up?"

Lewis University's Philip Lynch Theatre (PLT) will open its 30th anniversary season with the snappy, funny musical "Do Black Patent Leather Shoes Really Reflect Up?" Written by John R. Powers with music and lyrics by James Quinn and Alaric Jans, the show's performances are scheduled for July 22nd to 24th and July 28th to 31st. The plot of the musical focuses around the friendships of eight children who together receive their Catholic education.

Evening performances begin at 8 p.m. Sunday matinees begin at 2:30 p.m. In addition to the Saturday evening performances, Saturday 4 p.m. matinees have been added on July 23rd and 30th. Tickets are \$12 for adults and \$11 for seniors and students. Tickets are \$10 for groups of 15 or more, a savings of more than 10 percent off the original ticket price.

The 4 p.m. matinee on Saturday, July 30th is a special benefit performance for Regional CARE, Will County's not-for-profit agency that provides comprehensive medical and mental health care for persons living with HIV/AIDS. A silent auction, exciting raffles, and a free dessert bar are included in the \$15 admission price.

The production is recommended for all audiences and advance ticket purchases are strongly encouraged. Tickets are non-refundable. For more information, call the box office at (815) 836-5500 or check out the PLT web site, www.lewisu.edu/plt. The Philip Lynch Theatre is located on the main campus of Lewis University on Route 53 in Romeoville.

Loop Tour Train

The Loop Tour Train, Chicago's popular tour around the historic downtown Loop neighborhood, will ride the rails now through Sept. 24th. This free, ticketed 40-minute tour departs every Saturday at 11 a.m., 11:40, 12:20 p.m. and 1 p.m. from the Randolph and Wabash Chicago Transit Authority elevated train station.

Tickets are free and available at the Chicago Office of Tourism Visitor Information Center in the Chicago Cultural Center, 77 E. Randolph St. at Michigan Ave. Loop Tour Train tickets are available on the day of the tour only, and are issued on a first-come, first-served basis when the Chicago Cultural Center opens at 10 a.m. on Saturdays.

The Loop Tour Train is Chicago's only free tour of the Loop aboard the elevated train or 'L'. Chicago Architecture Foundation docents present the history of the 130-year-old downtown area and 'L' system on this 40-minute tour. Located in the heart of Chicago's downtown business district, the 'L' offers a unique vantage point for seeing Chicago's internationally renowned architecture.

The Loop Tour Train is wheelchair accessible and guests should make arrangements when obtaining tickets at the Chicago Cultural Center. Tour passengers should arrive at the 'L' station 15 minutes prior to the scheduled departure time.

For more information, call (312) 744-2400

Artists & Craftsartists Fair

Artists and craftsartists from seven states will join with talented area artists and craftsartists to fill the sidewalks of Canal St. beginning at Madison, downtown Chicago with wonderful art and craftsworks all created by the artists and craftsartists exhibiting. The 8th annual Arts & Craftsartists Expressions will be held on Thursday and Friday, July 21-22 from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. each day.

Among the work on display by the artists will be oil paintings, photography, glassworks, hand-crafted jewelry in a variety of mediums, acrylic paintings, unique sculpture, relief block prints, fiber works, colored pencil drawings, pastels, metal sculpture, glass painting, and even hand-crafted soaps plus much more.

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Chicago Law Firm Hits A Hole-In-One For Needy Families

On Friday, July 22nd at 9 a.m. golfers will tee off at the Glencages Country Club for the Pugh, Jones, Johnson and Quandt 12th annual Golf Outing and Barbecue. The event, hosted by Stephen H. Pugh and his partners, Walter Jones, Dennis Johnson and Eric Quandt, raises funds to benefit families overcome with financial crisis.

Registered players will golf 18 holes on the championship golf course, enjoy an afternoon meal, and await a raffle drawing for a multitude of prizes from the golf event's sponsors. An additional bonus added to this year's event is the opportunity to win a brand new Jaguar by making a hole-in-one on one of the golf course's holes, courtesy of Howard Orloff Jaguar & Volvo. The event draws in golf enthusiasts from many professions. In past years, Ariel Capital Management's Jason Tyler, Board President for the benefiting charity, outplayed all competition and led his team of four to a triumphant win. Sponsors of the event have included Bank One and American Family Insurance and notable attendees were Linzey Jones, Mayor of Olympia Fields, as well as U.S. District Court Judge Wayne Anderson.

Proceeds will be donated to the Emergency Fund, a non-profit organization that began serving local Chicago families 30 years ago. The Emergency Fund provides immediate financial support to low-income families going through economic crisis or transition.

Event and hole sponsorships, and individual or foursome packages are available. Packages start at \$200. For more information, visit www.emergencyfund.org or www.pjllaw.com, contact Beverly Carter at (312) 768-7800.

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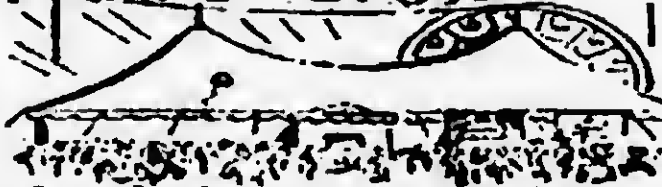
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SAM ROMANO LAKE MICHIGAN FISHING TOURNAMENT: Anglers are invited to participate in the tenth annual Sam Romano Fishing Tournament the morning of July 21 out of Winthrop Harbor Yacht Club at North Point Marina in Lake County. The tournament is a benefit for the Illinois Conservation Foundation's youth fishing, hunting and outdoor recreation programs.

The cost is \$1,000 for each five person boat (or \$200 for an individual angler). The cost includes a chartered fishing experience on Lake Michigan, breakfast, lunch and awards. For more information, call (217) 785-5091 or register via the Illinois Conservation Foundation web site at www.ilcf.org. Kirby comment: "I have fished this tournament several times, had a great time, and brought home a lot of salmon."

ANIMAL RIGHTS GROUP TARGETING CHILDREN: Anti-hunting organizations are focusing recruitment efforts on our nation's young people in hopes of turning them against America's traditional outdoor heritage.

"NAHEE and the HSUS are slipping their anti-hunting rhetoric into classrooms," said U.S. Sportsmen's Alliance President Bud Pigeon. "The HSUS is in business to end America's outdoor heritage, but many teachers and others who influence our children don't realize this threat. They welcome the group's information into the schools."

Take action! If your child brings home a newsletter or worksheet provided by an anti-hunting group, contact your child's teacher and principal. Let them know that the materials promote organizations that aim to destroy America's outdoor heritage and wildlife conservation.

MUSSEL HARVEST CONTRACTS: Contracts to harvest commercial mussels will be available for a portion of the lower Illinois River from July 15 to Aug. 31. Mussel harvest will be allowed by contract from the mouth of the Illinois River at Grafton to the LaGrange Lock and Dam at river mile 80.1. The Illinois River was closed to commercial mussel harvest in 2004. At that time, biologists believed that the zebra mussel would cause the extermination of native mussel species.

In recent years, zebra mussel have declined in the lower river while the native mussel population appears to be holding steady. This conservative approach to the mussel harvest is designed to allow limited harvest and to gather information to be used in setting future harvest regulations.

Persons interested in obtaining a contract must have an Illinois mussel harvest license and not have been guilty of a fishing violation for the past 12 months. A signed contract will be required of each mussel harvester and a daily report of mussel harvest must be completed.

For additional information or to obtain a contract, contact Commercial Fishing Program Manager Rob Maher at (618) 466-3451.

WINGSHOOTING CLINICS: The Illinois Department of Natural Resources and a variety of participating sponsors are hosting a series of wingshooting clinics for beginners and hunters this summer, from Aug. 20 through Sept. 18.

At select youth/women's clinics, Saturday session instruction is available for young shooters 10-15 years of age. Sunday sessions are for girls and women and are open to all those ages 10 and older. Instructors are certified by the National Sporting Clays Association. All supplies including shotguns and ammunition are provided at youth/women's clinics.

Hunter clinics are designed to enhance the wingshooting skills of hunters 16 and older. Hunters with wingshooting skill levels from beginner to advanced are encouraged to attend. A small fee is assessed each hunter clinic participant to cover the cost of clay targets and refreshments.

Check the IDNR web site <http://dnr.state.il.us> for complete schedule of wingshooting clinics.

SENATORS PLEDGE TO HELP BOY SCOUTS: A bipartisan group of lawmakers, led by Senate Majority Leader Bill Frist, R-Tenn., introduced legislation to make sure the Boy Scouts of America can use government facilities for gatherings, meetings and events.

"The Support Our Scouts Act of 2005" would protect the organization from attacks by the American Civil Liberties Union and other groups challenging federal support for the BSA because the organization administers a religious oath and prohibits homosexuals as scout masters.

The threat of lawsuits by the ACLU has forced the BSA to pull the charters of thousands of scouting units from public schools.

Annual Fishing Tournament

Anglers are invited to participate in the tenth annual Sam Romano Lake Michigan Fishing Tournament the morning of July 21st out of the Winthrop Harbor Yacht Club at North Point Marina in Lake County. The tournament is a benefit for the Illinois Conservation Foundation's youth fishing, hunting and other outdoor recreation programs. The cost is \$1,000 for each five-person boat (or \$200 for an individual angler). The cost includes a chartered fishing experience on Lake Michigan, breakfast, lunch and awards. For more information, call (217) 785-5091 or register via the Illinois Conservation Foundation web site at www.ilcf.org.

Verizon-USA Luge Slider Search

Young athletes who want to experience the thrill of luge. The Fastest Sport on Ice®, and train under the guidance of USA Luge national team coaches and athletes can do so when the Verizon-USA Luge Slider Search rolls into Westmont, Saturday and Sunday, July 23rd and 24th.

The Verizon-USA Luge Slider Search, the official athlete recruitment tour of USA Luge, will be looking for boys and girls ages 11-14. The event will be held on Cass Avenue between 55th Street North and Dallas Street, from 9:00 a.m. to Noon and from 2:00 to 5:00 p.m. each day.

During a Verizon-USA Luge Slider Search clinic, the youngsters use sleds on wheels to learn about the basics of riding a luge sled including position, steering and stopping. Once these skills are developed, the youngsters make several runs down a paved luge course. Finally, USA Luge's coaches and athletes assess their physical skills through a battery of fitness tests.

Those youngsters who show the most promise at the clinics are invited to train on ice next winter in Lake Placid, N.Y.; Marquette, Mich. or Park City, Utah. They also will be considered for the 2006-2007 USA Luge Development Team.

The cost is \$15 per youngster and includes a USA Luge-Verizon T-shirt. For complete information and to register for the Verizon-USA Luge Slider Search, call 1 (800) USA Luge.

USA Luge uses the Verizon-USA Luge Slider Search, now in its 20th season, as its primary means of recruitment for a program whose athletes have captured 379 international medals since 1994. Included in that total are

silver and bronze medals during the 1998 and 2002 Olympic Winter Games, 25 World Cup victories, four overall World Cup doubles crowns, 16 Junior World Championship titles and 10 Senior World Championship medals.

Brian Martin, a 1998 Olympic bronze and 2002 Olympic silver medalist, is a graduate of the 1987 Slider Search. Six members of USA Luge's 2002 Olympic Team, including the entire three-member women's squad, were also discovered through the program.

The Verizon-USA Luge Slider Search is being conducted in eight cities throughout the summer: Burlington, Vt.; Southlake, Texas; Salt Lake City, Utah; Buffalo, N.Y.; Old Westbury, N.Y.; Grand Rapids, Mich.; Westmont, Ill. and St. Paul, Minn.

For more information, log on to www.usaluge.org.

Wing Shooting Clinic Geared Toward Women And Youth

The Illinois Department of Natural Resources is inviting women and young people to attend an event where they can learn recreational shooting with some of the top experts in the nation. The fourth annual Capel Wing Shooting Clinic will be held Saturday, August 27th and Sunday, August 28th at Camp Cender Conservation Camp in Champaign County.

There is no charge for the workshops. All supplies are provided, including shotguns and ammunition, clay targets, traps, eye and ear protection and education materials. Lunch is also supplied free of charge. The professional wing shooting teachers are certified National Sporting Clays Association wing shooting instructors.

This clinic is hands on and includes extensive live fire at clay targets. There will also be a short classroom session, each day on basic firearm safety and handling, firearm nomenclature and hunter safety, which will be presented by an IDNR Certified Volunteer Hunter Safety Instructor. This is basic classroom hunter safety and does not satisfy the Illinois Hunter Education Requirement. Certification in Hunter Safety is not required to attend this clinic.

Advance registration for the Fourth Annual Capel Wing Shooting Clinic is recommended, as space is limited to 24 students per session. Young people interested in participating must be at least 11 years old. The clinic will run from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. each day. Registration is from 9 to 10 a.m. both days. To make a reservation call the IDNR Region 3 Office at (217) 935-6860, between 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday and ask for Jim Capel or Debbie Combs. Camp Center is located approximately 3 miles north of Fisher in Champaign County.

District 218 To Leave SICA

Following months of analysis and consideration of myriad factors, the Board of Education of Community High School District 218 has directed its administration to leave the South Inter-Conference Association (SICA) and pursue a new athletic conference alignment.

Factors affecting District 218's decision include: ensuring that our natural geographic rivalries remain intact; making it easier for parents and students to travel to away games; reducing travel expenses; and, cutting down on travel time, which will remove the need for early dismissals that take away from class time. Keeping games closer to home will help reduce concerns over lengthy trips, especially during inclement winter weather.

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Annual Chicagoland All-Star Classic

In 2002, Tim Hardaway of the Indiana Pacers and Bennie Henry had an idea to raise money to benefit underprivileged inner-city youth. Therefore, they founded "The Support Group" which organizes a yearly exhibition game featuring NBA stars.

As a result, on Saturday, July 23rd, at 3 pm, the 4th Annual Chicagoland All-Star Classic will be held at The United Center.

Last year's game drew over 15,000 basketball fans and raised nearly \$200,000. Various athletic, arts & crafts and tutoring programs were made possible by the proceeds.

This year's game, to be viewed in person by many of the aforementioned at-risk youth, will include NBA players Tim Hardaway, Antoine Walker, Michael Finley, Juwan Howard, Corey Maggette, Quentin Richardson, Glenn Robinson, Ron Mercer, Marcus Fizer and others. They will play two twenty-minute halves ala college.

Tickets range from \$100 for courtside seats all the way down to \$15 for 300 Level seating. Group discount prices are also available. For more specifics, please call Martina Smith at (312) 630-9188.

Pheasant Workshop

Pheasant Management Workshop Set. Illinois landowners, sportsmen and others who want to see ring-necked pheasant numbers increase are invited to attend a free Landowner's Pheasant Management Workshop, on Saturday, August 6th in Peoria County. The workshop will be held at the Gilles Brothers farm north of Brimfield. The workshop will include a morning program at 9 a.m. followed by a tour of habitat practices and a free lunch provided by Pheasants Forever. The program and lunch will be completed by 1 p.m.

The workshop will focus on improving pheasant habitat using state, federal and private programs to implement habitat restoration practices. Resource agency speakers will discuss improving the farm landscape for ring-necked pheasants and other wildlife through the establishment and management of nest cover plantings, native grass/forb grasslands, food plots, filter strips, field borders and contour buffer strips.

Register in advance for this free workshop by phoning the Peoria County Soil and Water Conservation District at (309) 671-7040. Those who register in advance will have their names entered in a drawing for a shotgun donated by Pheasants Forever and will receive detailed directions to the workshop site.

Jenna Guide Signs Letter Of Intent

Jenna Guide, a setter from Sandburg High School, recently signed a letter of intent to continue her athletic and academic career at St. Xavier University in Chicago as a member of the Cougar volleyball program. Guide, a native of Orland Park, was coached by Kelly Mendoza and Katie Brasher (club coach) during her prep career at Sandburg.

Guide is expected to move to the libero position next season at SXU. She plans to pursue a degree in either education or business. Guide is the daughter of Frank and Janet Guide.

"Jenna comes from a great volleyball family and a powerful high school program at Sandburg," said SXU volleyball coach Bob Heersma. "Jenna is the first libero I have ever recruited and I'm looking forward to having her become a Cougar."

New Laws Strengthen Child Support Enforcement

Gov. Blagojevich announced that the State of Illinois will collect a record-breaking \$1 billion in child support payments this year. The funds will provide 386,000 Illinois parents with the money they need to care for their children. This dramatic turnaround follows years of poor child support collection. But, over the past two years, Gov. Blagojevich launched a number of innovative and aggressive programs to improve collection to help working parents, including the Deadbeat Parents Website and the New Hire Directory hotline.

To continue Illinois' recent success and further strengthen child support enforcement, the governor signed four pieces of legislation on June 30th as follows:

Making the child support process more efficient: Sponsored by Rep. Cynthia Soto (D-Chicago) and Sen. Iris Martinez (D-Chicago), House Bill 785 makes child support collection more efficient by updating the process to reflect current practices. The law is effective Jan. 1st, 2006.

Adding interest to unpaid alimony: Sponsored by Rep. Patricia Reid Lindner (R-Sugar Grove) and Sen. Susan Garrett (D-Highwood), Senate Bill 95, an initiative of the Illinois State Bar Assn., provides that any new or existing order including any unallocated maintenance obligation (alimony) shall accrue simple interest at the rate of 9% per annum, just as child support obligations. This law is effective Jan. 1st, 2006.

Improving ability to legally serve notices on non-custodial parents: Sponsored by Rep. Lovana Jones (D-

Chicago) and Sen. Kwame Raoul (D-Chicago), Senate Bill 955 improves the Department's ability to legally serve notices on non-custodial parents. This law is effective immediately.

Making sure the family receives interest payments first: Sponsored by Rep. Patricia Reid Lindner (R-Sugar Grove) and Sen. Maggie Crotty (D-Oak Forest), Senate Bill 452 simplifies the calculation and distribution of interest on unpaid child support and ensures that collections of interest are paid to the family first. This law is effective Jan. 1st, 2006.

Making payments easier through currency exchanges: Sponsored by Rep. Cynthia Soto (D-Chicago) and Sen. Iris Martinez (D-Chicago), HB 783 allows a non-custodial parent to give certain information to a currency exchange so that their child support payments can be made there, giving the non-custodial parent more access to places where they can make payments.

Older Adults Needed To Lend A Hand

The Southwest Suburban Center on Aging is looking for adults 50 years of age and older who are interested in volunteering their time and share their expertise to work with seniors as part of its "Red Tape Cutters Program."

Red Tape Cutters assist seniors in learning about the various government or public benefits programs for which they may be eligible as well as organizing and completing the necessary paperwork including submitting applications in an effort to help expedite the process and to "cut through the red tape."

Volunteers assist seniors with their paperwork for the Circuit Breaker, SeniorCare and other pharmaceutical programs; Energy Assistance; Medicare Part D Benefits, to name a few. Volunteers donate their time two to three hours a month during the day either at the Center or at one's home. Training is provided for all benefit programs.

Anyone interested in learning more about the Red Tape Cutters or other volunteer opportunities such as the Medicare Fraud Program may contact Linda Carey at the Center on Wednesday or Thursday at (708) 354-1323, ext. 20. For those seniors seeking assistance through the Red Tape Cutters Program, there is no fee.

Award for E-Initiatives

In recognition for its efforts to save resources to benefit taxpayers across the state, the Illinois Department of Central Management Services (CMS) and Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA) received a CIO Partnership Award from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. The award recognizes both departments' longstanding achievements in information security, and recent leadership on projects using e-authentication technology between the state and national governments.

CMS' award was based on 2004 efforts where the department worked closely with the IEPA, and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the General Services Administration on e-authentication technology between the agencies. The award highlights the effectiveness of advanced technology to validate digital identities and save state and federal resources.

Drunk Driving Penalties Increased

Governor Rod R. Blagojevich today signed several bills aimed at cracking down on drunk drivers, including more jail time for drunk drivers. While 2004 was the safest on Illinois roads in more than 60 years, the Governor wants to do even more to make Illinois highways the safest they've ever been. Governor Blagojevich signed these new laws as the Illinois State Police and Illinois Department of Transportation conduct the largest DUI crackdown in state history during the Fourth of July holiday weekend. The stepped up enforcement effort began June 27th and runs through July 10th.

"Someone dies every day in our state because of drunk drivers," Gov. Blagojevich said. "We will not tolerate drunk driving and that's why I'm signing new laws to crack down on drunk drivers."

The far-reaching, tougher DUI safety measures signed into law today by the Governor range from increasing penalties for DUIs involving death to the creation of the aggravated DUI offense. Bills signed into law today by the Governor are as follows:

- Consistency in DUI sentencing: House Bill 887.
- Tougher penalties for driving on a DUI-revoked license: House Bill 888.
- Harsher sentencing for causing death while DUI: House Bill 1081.
- Chemical testing required for those who hit-and-run: House Bill 1351.
- Interrogations and confessions of aggravated DUI suspects must be recorded: Senate Bill 72.
- More severe punishment for DUI while transporting a child: House Bill 657.
- Harsher penalties for repeat DUI offenders: House Bill 3816.

"I want to thank Gov. Blagojevich for making the statement that we are not going to tolerate drinking in Illinois. These new laws will send a strong message to criminals who disregard the laws of this state that you will be punished. The people of Illinois will not permit drunk drivers to destroy innocent lives and get off with a slap on the wrist, we are now holding these criminals accountable for their irresponsible actions," said Rep. Black.

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St. Rita Announces Mustangs Of The Month

St. Rita of Cascia High School bestows the Mustang of the Month Award every month during the school year to a notable student from each class. Teachers nominate students based on the student's overall involvement in the school. The award winners are then selected from those nominated by an award committee. The following students have been selected April Mustangs of the Month: (left to right) Benjamin Almazan III, Michael Buckley, Bernard Sullivan, Ryan Donahue, Activities Director Bro. Jack Hibbard, OSA, Anthony Zych, Jeremy Hall, James O'Connor, John Bergin and Brendan McElligott.

Freshman Anthony Zych (Peotone) hails from Peotone Junior High and Zion Lutheran School. He is on the Gold Honor Roll with a 4.0 cumulative grade point average. He is a member of the Football Team and Baseball Team. In his spare time, Anthony volunteers as a coach for a grade school baseball team.

Sophomore Bernard Sullivan (Evergreen Park) hails from St. Bernadette Parish and Grade School. He is on the Gold Honor Roll with a 4.5 cumulative grade point average and is listed in Who's Who among American High School Students. Bernard is a member of the Swim Team and the Water Polo Team.

Junior Ryan Donahue (Evergreen Park) also hails from St. Bernadette Parish and Grade School. He has been the kicker on the Varsity Football Team the last two years and broke the school record with 53 yard and 55 yard field goals. For his accomplishments, Ryan was named a member of Tom Lemming's All-Area Football Team last season. As a freshman and sophomore, Ryan also played baseball, basketball, and volleyball. He is currently a varsity volleyball player as well. In his spare time, Ryan volunteers at a summer day camp in Worth Township and is an assistant Club Volleyball coach.

Senior Benjamin Almazan III (West Lawn) hails from St. Gall Parish and Grade School. He is on the Gold Honor Roll with a 4.63 cumulative grade point average, is a member of the National Honor Society, an Illinois state Scholar, and is a Heeney Award recipient for receiving straight A's. Benjamin is president of the Billiards Club and was a member of the Football Team, Track Team and Volleyball Team. In his spare time, Benjamin helps coach his nephew's baseball team.

Senior John Bergin (Orland Park) hails from St. Michael Parish and Grade School. He is on the Gold Honor Roll with a 4.31 cumulative grade point average, is an Illinois State Scholar, and is listed in Who's Who Among American High School Students. John is a member of the Golf Team, Volleyball Team, Scholastic Bowl (Junior year), is a Kairos Leader, and Ambassador to Angel's Touch. In his community, John is in the Youth Department Program for the Illinois Junior Golf Association, Quest Youth Group at St. Michael. He will enter the Honors Program at DePaul University in the fall.

Senior Michael Buckley (West Lawn) hails from St. Mary Star of the Sea Parish and Grade School. He is on the Gold Honor Roll with a 4.33 cumulative grade point average, and is a member of the National Honor Society. Michael was a member of the Football Team all four years and the Baseball Team as a freshman and sophomore. In his spare time, Mike is an umpire for 7th and 8th grade baseball teams.

Senior Jeremy Hall (Wrightwood) hails from St. Thomas More Grade School and Apostolic Faith Church. He is on the Silver Honor Roll with a 3.40 cumulative grade point average, and is a member of the Knights of Augustine. He was a member of the Track Team all four years, and the Cross-Country and Basketball teams in past years. Jeremy is an usher at his church in his spare time.

Senior Brendan McElligott (West Lawn) hails from St. Mary Star of the Sea Parish and Grade School. He is a member of the Knights of Augustine, the Weightlifting Club, and Recruiting Club, as well as a member of the two-time championship Wrestling Team and the Football Team. In his spare time, Brendan helps at wrestling camps in the community.

Senior James O'Connor (Oak Lawn) hails from St. Linus Parish and Grade School. He is on the Silver Honor Roll with a 3.29 cumulative grade point average. James is a member of the Football Team, Shot-Put Team, and Weightlifting Club and is Homeroom President. In his spare time, James helps improve field conditions at St. Linus for its athletic teams.

International Lottery Scam From England Surfaces

Attorney General Lisa Madigan warned consumers that a new take on an old scam has surfaced in Illinois. Madigan said reports to her Consumer Protection Division reveal that letters promoting an alleged lottery scam from London, England, have begun showing up in Illinois mail boxes.

Members of the public should keep in mind that the international lottery scheme, which has been around for many years, surfaces from time to time under different names and countries of origin but the scam is always the same. Perpetrators of international lottery schemes often target the elderly and usually contact their victims by mail or telephone.

Madigan said an Illinois senior citizen recently reported receiving a hand addressed, unsolicited letter from Prudent Alliance plc Lottery of London, England, stating the consumer was the winner of an international lottery. The letter advised the consumer that the winning funds of \$54,940 were deposited in London. A cashier's check in the amount of \$1,999.25 was enclosed in the letter as a first installment of the winnings. Madigan said she believes the cashier's check is a fake and would not clear if cashed by the consumer.

The letter instructed the

consumer to call a phone number in London to claim the rest of the

lottery winnings. After a neighbor of the elderly consumer brought the letter in to Madigan's Springfield office, a member of Madigan's Consumer Protection Division, posing as the husband of the senior citizen, called the phone number. The "husband" was instructed to cash the check and call back the next business day. However, just a few minutes later the lottery representative returned the call and told the husband that to receive the balance of the winning amount, 4.5 percent in fees must first be paid. The husband was further instructed to wire one half of the fees, or approximately \$847, using Western Union to the address shown on the letter.

It also is possible that consumers may be asked for personal bank account information so that the alleged fees may be withdrawn from their accounts, Madigan said.

Madigan said unsolicited letters received by Illinois consumers claiming they have won an international lottery should be considered a scam and thrown away or turned over to postal authorities. Consumers cannot win a lottery for which they have not bought tickets, and cannot win sweepstakes they have not entered. In addition, playing an international lottery by mail or phone is against the law.

Consumers can visit Madigan's Web site for consumer protection information at www.IllinoisAttorneyGeneral.gov or call the Consumer Fraud Hotline at 1-800-386-5438 and 1-800-964-3013 (TTY).

Tour De Kids

Jack Burns of Evergreen Park, Marc Dabaco of Midlothian and Kevin Cogan will participate in Ace Hardware's Tour De Kids relay to benefit Children's Miracle Network.

Burns participated in the fourth leg of the ride, which began in Devils Tower, Wyo. on July 11 and will end in Pier, SD on July 16th. Midlothian resident Marc Dabaco will participate in the sixth leg of the ride, from Northfield, MI to Manitowoc, WI, from July 25th to the 30th. Kevin Cogan of Oak Lawn will participate in the eight leg of the ride, from Niagara Falls, Ontario, to Lake Placid, NY from Aug. 8 through the 13th.

Buns, 43, is a buyer of lawn and garden products for the Ace Hardware Corp. Dabaco, 20, works for JAM Associates, one of Ace Hardware's Vendors. Cogan, 56, is the director of employee relations and benefits for Ace.

Trinity Evangelical Covenant Church Features Potluck Supper & Program

On Wednesday, July 27th at 6:30 p.m. Trinity Evangelical Covenant Church, 9230 S. Pulaski Rd., will feature a potluck supper and program. The charge for the supper is \$3 for adults and \$1 for children.

After the supper, Mona Purdy will talk on the "Share Your Soles" program, a 6-year-old organization that distributes gently worn shoes to the

needy. Recently they sent shoes to the victims of the Tsunami. Mona will share her experiences of collecting, refurbishing and delivering shoes to needy people worldwide. Gently worn shoes (sandals, gym shoes, walking shoes or running shoes, but NO high heels or dress shoes) will be accepted.

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Orr Looks At Voting From November and April Elections

When it comes to voting, men in their early 70s are the most dedicated to showing up at the polls in suburban Cook County, according to figures released by Cook County Clerk, David Orr.

An analysis of the April 2005 Consolidated Election shows that 42.7 % of registered 72-year-old men cast ballots, demonstrating the largest voter turnout of any age group.

Their voter participation far exceeded the county-wide average for turnout among suburban registered voters, which was 27 %.

A similar look at voter participation in the November 2004 presidential election showed that two groups of women—those ages 55 and 61 were the most committed to voting. The Clerk's study showed that 82.4 % of those registered females cast ballots last year, outpacing the county-wide female average

of 74 % and male average of 71 %.

The analysis involved using voter registration files from each precinct to retrieve the dates of birth for voters who signed applications to receive ballots on Election Day. The information was then entered into the County's voter database.

The process, which takes several months, produced a gender analysis of turnout figures for registered voters ages 18 to 100.

Although the lowest turnout in the April 2005 and November 2004 elections was among voters in their late 90s, who might have difficulty getting to the polls, they were followed by men in their 20s.

Less than 7.4 % of 27-year-old men who are registered to vote in the April 2005 election cast ballots on Election Day. In the 2004 presidential election, men aged 21 had a 47.3 % turnout rate compared to the countrywide average of 74 %.

Orr noted that the Clerk's Teen Democracy programs seem to be effective in fostering interest in the electoral process among high school students and their older peers. The programs allow students to register their friends to vote and to learn about the importance of elections.

New Rental Assistance Program Law Is Signed

Gov. Rod R. Blagojevich signed a new law creating the largest state rental assistance program in the nation. The Rental Housing Support Program will help 4,000 to 5,000 families find safe housing that they can afford.

Sponsored by Sen. Iris Martinez (D-Chicago) and Rep. Julie Hamos (D-Evanston), the Rental Housing Support Program

is expected to generate \$30 million in its first year of operation to help as many as 5,000 families. Less than half the states in the nation have a rental assistance program, and only two states, Massachusetts and Connecticut, provide long-term rental support.

The Rental Housing Support Bill takes effect July 5, 2005.

Salem Church Garage Sale

Salem United Church of Christ, 9717 S. Kostner, will hold a Summer Garage Sale on Friday and Saturday, July 22 and 23. Hours are 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Friday and 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday.

Featured items will include clothing, household articles, furniture, appliances, books and a "nearly new" shop and jewelry. Everyone is welcome.

For more information call (708) 423-9717.

Old Fashioned Ice Cream Social

The First United Methodist Church of Oak Lawn, 100th St. & Central Ave., will hold an Old Fashioned Ice Cream Social on Sunday, July 24th. Come any time between 11:30 a.m. and 3 p.m. Lunch and dessert items will be available—hot dogs, sloppy joes, chips, ice cream, pie, cake, sundaes, brownies, pop, tea and coffee. Everyone is welcome to this fundraiser. For more information, call the church office at (708) 423-1170.

Students Named to Dean's List

Oak Lawn residents were among students named to the spring 2005 dean's list for Elmhurst College.

They were Giulia Calafiore, Kurt Dietrick, Joanne LeTourneau, David Lundeen and Jennifer Wiederhold.

To be eligible for the dean's list, a student must earn a grade point average of 3.75 or higher out of 4.00.

47th Annual Chicago Air and Water Show

Shell and the City of Chicago present the 47th Annual Chicago Air and Water Show on the beautiful lakefront Saturday, August 20th and Sunday, August 21st. More than two million spectators will converge on the lakefront to enjoy the show from Fullerton Avenue to Oak Street, with North Avenue Beach serving as the heart of event festivities. The oldest and largest FREE show of its kind in the United States will present performances by the U.S. Air Force Thunderbirds and U.S. Army Parachute Team Golden Knights as this year's headliners. The water show begins at 9 a.m. and air show runs from 11 a.m. until 4 p.m. both days.

The U.S. Air Force Thunderbirds, dazzling audiences since 1953 with their commanding presence and precision flying, roar across the lakefront once again in their F16 Fighting Falcons. This select group of Air Force Pilots performs intricate maneuvers as close as 18 inches apart, often approaching the speed of sound. They represent the skills and techniques demanded of every Air Force pilot and are considered a "mirror image" of every front-line fighter pilot.

Also headlining the show, the U.S. Army Golden Knights Parachute Team will thrill the audience as they plunge from altitudes high above to their target on North Avenue Beach. Rocketing toward earth at an astonishing speed of 120 mph is a way of life for this exhilarating team, which has been performing around the world for more than 40 years.

Strong in tradition and one of the world's premier aviation events, the show also includes a wide array of military and civilian acts. This year's civilian lineup includes, the AeroShell Aerobatic Team, Lima Flight Team, Red Baron Pizza Squadron, Red Bull MIG Magic and Sean D. Tucker and Team Oracle. The Liquid X Freestyle extreme water show will kick-off the festivities both days at 9:00 a.m. performing in Lake Michigan off of North Avenue Beach.

POLICE CALLS

On June 16th Sherry McSwain, 41, and Jamison Fisher, 50, both of Chicago were arrested and charged with theft. McSwain had removed the wallet from a first victim's purse and was attempting to remove the wallet from a second victim's purse when the victim became aware of what was happening. She confronted McSwain and McSwain fled the Jewel in the 4600 block of 103rd to an awaiting auto driven by Fisher, with the second victim in pursuit. The victim got the license plate number before Fisher drove the car into a parked car.

On June 21st Claudio Espinoza, 23, of Chicago was arrested and charged with residential burglary after officers found jewelry and other items taken from homes in the 9600 block of Meade and the 9300 block of Austin.

On June 23rd Jennifer Jachim, 31, of Palos Hills was arrested and charged with resisting arrest and disorderly conduct after a verbal altercation in the 8800 block of Austin. Jachim was shouting and swearing loudly as officers arrived. When she refused to cooperate with the officers and started to struggle with them as they attempted to arrest her she was sprayed with pepper spray.

On June 24th Nageeb Khalil, 17, of Oak Lawn was arrested and charged with possession of cannabis after officers on bike patrol observed 4 men in suspicious activity in a parked car near 96th and East Shore Drive. Officers found a plastic bag containing a leafy substance on the front seat and a wad of paper containing marijuana on the back seat floor.

On June 26th Sandy Shaw, 64, of Monroe, La. was arrested and charged with battery, carrying a concealed weapon, and no FOID card, after a dispute with a friend in the Kmart parking lot at 95th and Pulaski. Officers discovered pistol and a box of ammunition in the trunk and a second pistol in the glove box.

On June 27th Justin Granville, 27, of Chicago Ridge was arrested and charged with seven counts of theft and one count of deceptive practice after stealing items from the lockers at the health club where he worked. Granville attempted to write a check on a closed account.

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Thoughts On Health & Nutrition

by
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PORTION DISTORTION

Studies have shown over and over again that the more food is put in front of a person, the more he will eat. And since the 1960s, the serving sizes of foods sold in stores and restaurants have become much bigger. This - according to Lisa Young, a nutritionist at New York University - is called "portion creep."

"When given a cookie the size of a Frisbee, or a bagel as big as a flotation device, people run up their calorie intake," said Young. Some other examples of the perils of portion size are:

*One cup of pasta used to be a typical restaurant serving. A cup of pasta has almost 200 calories. Now some restaurants serve three cups of pasta for an entrée, which is nearly 600 calories. (and, again, this is without the sauce).

*Bagels used to be about two to three ounces—about 200 calories. Now they are five to six ounces—more than 400 calories.

*A half ounce cookie is about 50 or 60 calories. But today's jumbo cookies—the diameter of a CD—pack in as many as 400 to 500 calories.

Instead of cutting out such foods altogether, dietitians suggest you "smart-size" your portions. For instance, three ounces of meat is a good portion to eat at a meal, and this is about the size of a deck of cards or the palm of your hand. And watch out for extra-large sizes when you get anything at a fast food chain or the movie theatre. An eight-ounce coke, for example, has about 100 calories. A 20-ounce has about 250 calories. And, a small popcorn at the movies—seven cups, popped in oil—is 400 calories. A large—20 cups—contains about 1200 calories.

For a better understanding of portion control and how to achieve it, you can pick up a copy of Young's *The Portion Teller: Smartsizes Your Way to Permanent Weight Loss*, at most book stores, published by Morgan Road Books.

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Kidney Foundation of Illinois 5K Walk and Health Fair

Approximately 1,000 people laced up their walking shoes at the 6th annual National Kidney Foundation of Illinois Gift of Life Walk presented by Baxter to raise funds and awareness of chronic kidney disease prevention and organ donation.

The 5K walk began at the Soldier Field Great Lawn and traveled south along Lake Michigan before the walkers turned around at 31st Street and headed back to Soldier Field. Among the walkers were kidney patients and transplant recipients of all organ types.

After the walk, the NKFI held a family health fair. The health fair featured dialysis and pharmaceutical company representatives distributing information and healthcare materials on healthcare options and lifestyle choices. NKFI provided free blood pressure and glucose screenings along with additional educational materials and prevention information on chronic kidney disease. Guests were entertained throughout the morning with live music, magic, balloon artistry, face painting and a moonwalk.

NKFI estimates it raised approximately \$60,000 at the 5K Walk and Health Fair.

NKFI will launch the nation's only traveling chronic kidney disease screening program that will canvass the state of Illinois, providing free screenings and educational programs. NKFI will partner with federally-funded health care facilities to roll out its Kidney Mobile throughout the state's greatest at-risk communities.

For information on kidney disease and prevention, visit www.nkfi.org.

Steve Baskerville, WBBM-TV meteorologist, stands next to recent kidney transplant recipient Audrey Wilson, a 13-year veteran of the Chicago Police Department.

New Laws Create Vince Demuzio Memorial Colon Cancer Fund and Sarcoidosis Research Fund

In an effort to increase awareness and fund more research for serious disease, Governor Rod R. Blagojevich signed two bills that will allow Illinoisans to contribute to the fight against disease. The first law provides an avenue for more money to fund colorectal cancer awareness and honors longtime State Senator Vince Demuzio. Sen. Demuzio, the longest serving member of the Illinois State Senate, lost his battle to colon cancer in April of 2004. The second law provides the same avenue to raise money for Sarcoidosis research. Sarcoidosis is a disease that causes inflammation, or swelling of the body's tissues.

Senate Bill 133 creates the Vince Demuzio Memorial Colon Cancer Fund. Money collected in this fund will be

Focus on the Family Decries AAP Report

Focus on the Family Analyst for Sexual Health Linda Klepacki, RN, MPH, recently responded with outrage to the recent report by the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) that recommended teens should have easy access to all forms of contraception.

The report, "Adolescent Pregnancy: Current Trends and Issues," updates the recommendations to clinicians on how to address teenage pregnancy - but fails to reinforce the only message that offers a foolproof way of preventing unintended pregnancies and STDs.

"Abstinence until marriage is the only way to be sure young people are protected from STDs and unintended pregnancies," Klepacki said. "Despite the fact that the AAP acknowledges teen sexual activity and pregnancy rates have been steadily declining for more than a decade, this report insists that pediatricians should merely advise their parents to postpone early sexual activity. At what age does risky behavior become safe?"

The report continues by recommending pediatricians work to educate and provide access to contraceptives, including emergency contraception. In addition, the report advises that pregnant teenagers be informed of all options, even abortion.

"It is inappropriate that the AAP leadership should advise policies that promote anything less than the most healthy, responsible behavior for our children," said Dr. Marilyn A. Maxwell, member of the AAP and of Focus on the Family's Physician Resource Council. "Every teen should be encouraged to practice abstinence, not encouraged to engage in sexual activity because contraception - which is only partially effective in preventing pregnancies or the transmis-

sion of STDs - is readily available."

"This report also undermines the rights of parents to direct their children's sex ed," Klepacki said. "Parents are always the primary educators of their children, and it's clear they don't want this type of information being foisted on their children. A 2004 Zogby poll found that 96 percent of parents believe that abstinence from sexual activity is best for teens. In addition, only 8 percent of parents think that condom education and free contraceptives are more important than abstinence - and yet, the AAP advises that policy for its doctors."

"This report is a wake-up call for parents. They absolutely must be on guard against this insidious 'abstinence-plus education' - both in the schools and now in doctors' offices. Parents must continue to instill the highest standard for sexual health in their children: abstinence until and faithfulness within marriage."

given to the Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) to establish and maintain a public awareness campaign in target areas in Illinois with high colon cancer mortality rates. The campaign will be developed in conjunction with recommendations made by the American Cancer Society.

The second new law creates the Sarcoidosis Research Fund. Funds raised by the check off created by House Bill 2470 will go toward grants for Sarcoidosis research.

Sarcoidosis is an inflammatory disease characterized by widespread lesions that may affect any organ or tissue of the body. The liver is frequently affected, as are the skin, lymph nodes, spleen, eyes and small bones of the hands and feet. The disease occurs predominately between the ages of 20 to 40, affects more women than men and occurs more often in African Americans.

Sarcoidosis, which has an unknown cause, is generally a chronic disease, lasting for several years or a lifetime. Some people, however, may have a type that only lasts a few months. Most people have no symptoms, while others may have symptoms that include: skin, lung or eye problems, arthritis, myositis, fever, fatigue and weight loss.

Treatment can control symptoms or improve the function of organs affected by the disease. Not everyone requires treatment and treatment may or may not affect the long-term outcome of the disease.

About 50 percent of Sarcoidosis patients improve spontaneously. The disease is fatal in less than 5 percent of patients.

The new laws are effective Jan. 1, 2006, and the funds will be included on the 2005 Illinois 1040 income tax return.

Cancer Society Raises Awareness Of Effects Of Secondhand Smoke

The American Cancer Society, Illinois Division has launched an advertising campaign aimed at raising awareness about the effects

of secondhand smoke on Chicago workers. The campaign currently includes billboards and radio spots. Recently billboards began to appear in high traffic areas around the city. The campaign includes three billboard versions depicting a musician, bartender or waitress who by working in smoke-filled workplaces assume health risks resulting from secondhand smoke. Nearly 3,000 people die each year in Illinois due to the effects of secondhand smoke. More than 250 health, community and civic organizations are members of the Smoke-Free Chicago Campaign, a figure expected to grow rapidly as word of the campaign spreads. For more information on how individuals and organizations can participate, go to www.smokefreechicago.org



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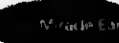


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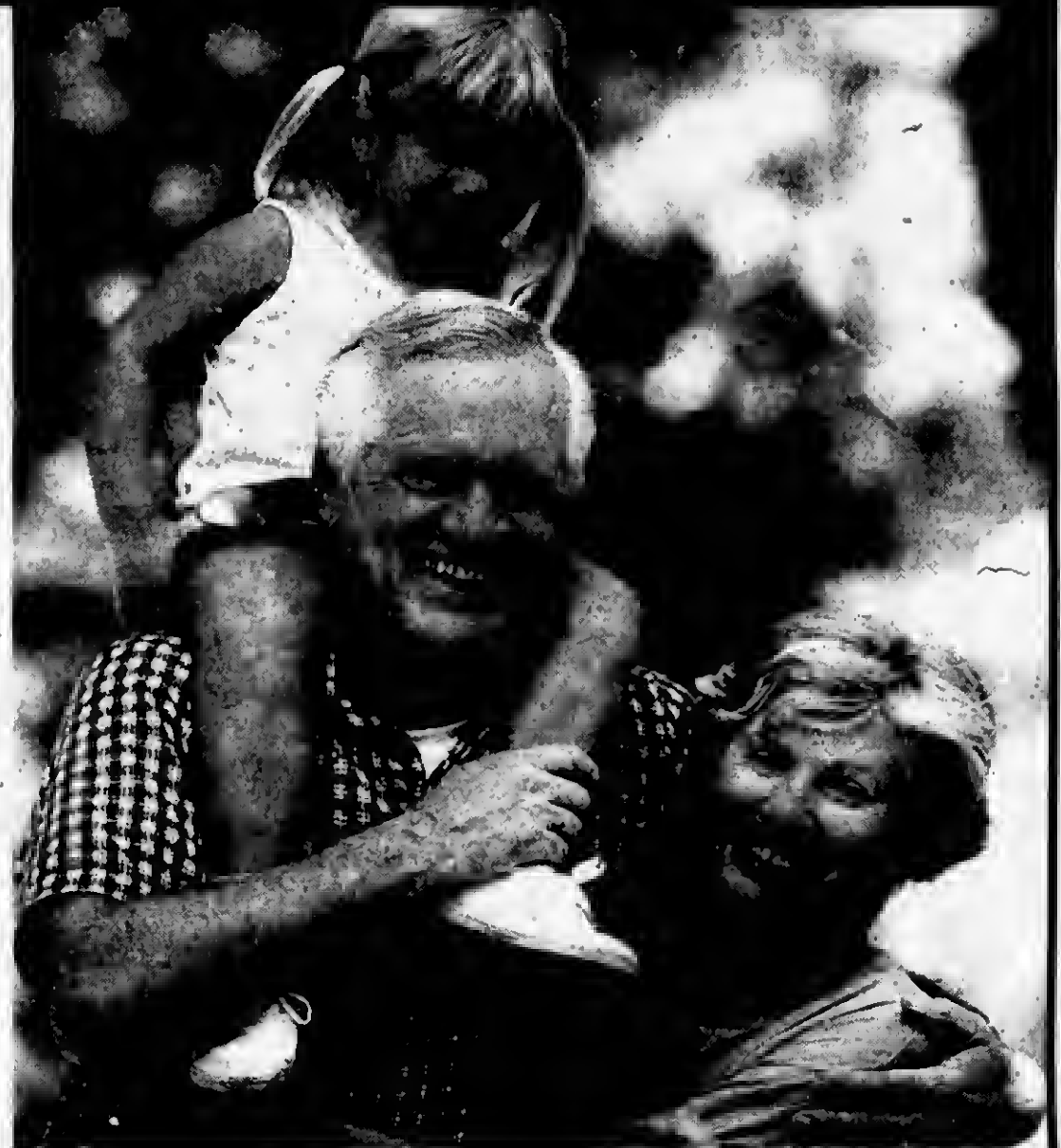
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Veterans And Soldiers News

By Lori Taylor

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Veterans Day at the Illinois State Fair is Sunday, August 14th. There will be a tribute to all of America's war heroes, past and present, from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. at the Fairgrounds in Springfield. Highlights include a free lunch, Veteran information tables (DD 214, employment, health screening), Veterans Parade honoring all veterans, Springfield Municipal Band, Britt Small and USO evening entertainment.

A charter bus will leave Chicago at 5:45 a.m. (board 5:30 a.m.) and arrive at the Abraham Lincoln Museum and Library in Springfield at 9:00 a.m. Riders will board at 10:30 a.m. and leave the museum at 10:45 a.m. to arrive at the Fairgrounds at the Arena at 11 a.m. Departure from the southside is at Montford Point Marine Association, 7011 S. Vincennes Avenue and the northside, 5001 N. Pulaski Rd. The cost is \$25 per person which includes bus cost and refreshments. Money is due July 25th, call Rochelle Crump at the Illinois Dept. of Veterans Affairs (312) 814-2744 or (773) 873-6600.

I received a phone call from a woman in Florida who said her friend, whom she met on the internet, was going to travel 7,000 miles on horseback in memory and to honor the men and women that have fought and gave their lives for this great nation. Edward Orniston left Oklahoma on July 4th and is traveling through the United States. When he reaches Florida, my informant will join him for the remaining miles through all of the states. I received an email from Edward. He said he had open heart surgery in 2003 and was told he could never ride a horse again (he is a cowboy) or it would kill him. He said he is riding through the U.S. to show his friends and loved ones that sometime you have to put your life on the line to prove a point. "It is time that someone stands up and puts their life on the line to show all the men and women that we love them and that their fight is our fight," said Edward. "If I die, than I did it my way and showed the world that we are a strong people and that we do love our troops," he said. We wish this man good luck and may God be with him on his journey.

Navy Airman Recruit Rylon J. Hubbard, a 2002 graduate of Bremen High School in Midlothian, participated in Trafalgar 200 commemorative events in Portsmouth, England while assigned to the amphibious assault ship USS Saipan, homeported in Norfolk, Virginia. Hubbard joined the Navy in February, 2004.

Navy Seaman Brian J. Brylewski, son of Kathleen and Anthony Brylewski of Burbank, participated in Trafalgar 200 commemorative events in Portsmouth, England while assigned to the amphibious assault ship USS Saipan, homeported in Norfolk, Virginia. Brylewski joined the Navy in October 2002.

Army Reserve Capt. Robert L. Freitag is currently deployed overseas at a forward operating location in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. The Captain, a command Judge Advocate with nine years of military service, is normally assigned to the 344th Combat Support Hospital, Fort Totten, New York. He is the son of Laura Freitag of Worth. His wife, Traci, is the daughter of Lyle and Beverly Skelly of Grayslake, IL. Freitag graduated in 1979 from Shepard High School in Palos Heights. He received a bachelor's degree in 1984 from Illinois State University, Normal. He earned a doctorate degree in 1987 from the University of Illinois, Urbana.

Navy Airman Cordell J. Clement, son of Tonja and Kendall Wooten of Markham, made a port visit to Dubai, United Arab Emirates, during a scheduled deployment while assigned to the aircraft carrier USS Carl Vinson, homeported in Bremerton, Washington. Clement is a 2004 graduate of Hillcrest High School in Country Club Hills.

Navy Ensign Gil Scott B. Jackson, Sr., whose wife De Goizz, is the daughter of Alexis and William Atkins of Harvey, recently reported for duty at Naval Air Station, Kingsville, Texas.

Army Pvt. Robert L. Szekeres graduated from the Light-wheeled Vehicle Mechanic advanced individual training (AIT) course at Fort Jackson, Columbia, South Carolina. Szekeres is the son of Louis Szekeres of Burbank and Diane Szekeres of Justice. He graduated from a home school program in 2002.

Air Force Reserve Airman 1st Class Robert A. Diaz graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas. He is the son of Joseph and Susie Diaz of Evergreen Park. Diaz is a 2005 graduate of Evergreen Park High School.

Gov. Blagojevich Signs Bills To Help Veterans Get The Benefits And Jobs They Have Earned

Governor Rod R. Blagojevich signed legislation that will help Illinois veterans receive more federal benefits and make it easier for veterans returning from active duty to find work. Speaking at the state's "Supermarket of Veterans' Benefits" fair at Chicago's Navy Pier, the Governor delivered on a promise made earlier this year announcing the Illinois Department of Veterans' Affairs will hire 25 new service officers to help Illinois veterans apply for and receive more federal benefits.

As thousands of veterans attended the benefits fair, Gov. Blagojevich signed into law Senate Bill 40, which will give the state accurate information on how Illinois veterans are doing in terms of collecting federal

benefits in comparison to veterans from other states, and House Bill 593, which will give veterans returning from active duty preference in keeping the jobs they had been offered before being deployed.

During his State of the State Address in February, the Governor promised to significantly increase IDVA's troop of veterans' service officers to ensure that veterans of Illinois received the full benefits that they had earned. Today, the Governor made good on that promise, announcing that IDVA will now hire 25 additional veteran service officers, which will be deployed across the state to help local veterans apply for their federal benefits.

The veteran service officers (VSO) offer step-by-step counseling and assistance to those veterans who need help filing their benefits claims for both the state and federal governments and can appeal those cases that are rejected. They also provide information on a wide variety of other available state benefits.

A total of \$1.5 million from the FY2006 budget will be dedicated to hiring these much-needed officers. The new service employees will also serve as liaisons between the state and the federal VA.

Senate Bill 40, which becomes effective Jan. 1, requires the Illinois Department of Veterans' Affairs (IDVA) to conduct an annual review comparing the benefits that Illinois veterans receive to those of other states and U.S. territories. The law is designed to get better compensation for vets from the U.S. Department of Veterans' Affairs.

According to IDVA, there are over one million veterans in the state of Illinois who are being short-changed over \$400 million in federal disability benefits each year.

VFW Auxiliary Spaghetti Dinner

Hometown-Murray VFW meatballs or Italian sausage, Ladies Auxiliary will be having a Spaghetti Dinner at the bread & butter, salad and dessert. There will be hourly post home, 9092 Main St. in raffles. A \$5 donation is appreciated. Everyone is invited to enjoy a delicious dinner of pasta, (708) 422-9800 after 3 p.m.

AL Auxiliary Installation

First Division-Cook County Council, of the American Legion Auxiliary, has announced the new officers for the year 2005-06 will be installed at the Oak Lawn Hilton Hotel, 9333 S. Cicero Ave. Oak Lawn, on Sunday July 31st.

New officers are President, Jackie Bochat of Franklin Park; First Vice President, Ann Marie Lane of Chicago; Second Vice President, Patricia Testin of Brookfield; Recording Secretary, Diane Denz of Chicago; Corresponding Secretary, May Magnuson of Palatine; Treasurer, Dee Phillips of Northbrook; Historian, Lilly Colbert of Chicago; Chaplain, Alice Kiepe of Chicago; Sergeant at Arms, Nancy Stevens of Northlake; and Color Bearers, Lillian Fielder and Barbara Finley, both of Chicago.

Installing Officer will be Wanda V. Lovely, past state president of Niles with Gailwyn Starr, past state president of Gary, Indiana as installing sergeant-at-arms and Sarah E. Klasen, past division president of Chicago as installing chaplain.

Retiring Division-Council President, Ruth Elzinga of Evergreen Park will be presented with her past president's pin by Gailwyn Starr, past state president.

Cocktails will be available (cash bar) in the Astoria Room at 11:30 a.m., followed by the luncheon at 12:30 p.m.

Reservations in the amount of \$22 per person are to be made payable to and forwarded to Reservation Chairman Deborah Desmaretz, 426 Violet Lane, Batavia, IL, 60510, prior to July 24.

Additional information may be obtained by contacting Mrs. Bochat at (847) 678-7036.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Editor:

Lt. Governor Patrick Quinn's "Military Family Relief Fund" (MFRF) and The Veterans of Foreign Wars "Operation Uplink Phone Card" programs are in need of funds. Are you listening, Senator Durbin?

Operation Homefront, Ill. Dept. of Military Affairs, At: JS-FH (IMFRF coordinator), 1301 N. MacArthur Blvd., Springfield, IL 62791-2399.

Operation Uplink, VFW Headquarters, P.O. Box 13206, Springfield, IL 62791-3206. Earmarked "Operation Uplink."

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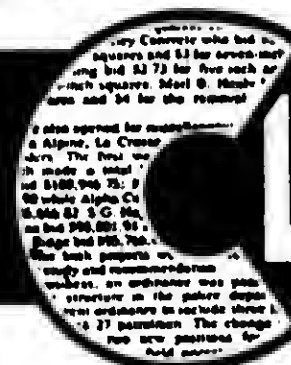
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PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered on April 11, 2005, in the amount of \$46,586.45, Kallen Financial & Capital Services, Inc. as Selling Official will at 11:30 a.m. on August 22, 2005, at 175 W. Washington Street, Chicago, IL, sell the following described real property to the highest bidder at auction for cash: C/K/A: 3810 Lincoln Ln., Robbins, IL 60472.

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Case No. 04Ch-21610. PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on March 21, 2005, The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 a.m. on August 5, 2005, in its office at 33 N. Dearborn St., 10th Floor, Chicago, IL 60602-3100, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as: 3815 W. 123rd St., Unit 201, Alsip, IL 60803. The real estate is improved with a condominium. The judgment amount was \$50,098.61. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; the balance, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. 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Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., acting solely as nominee for Bank of New York as Trustee for the Certificateholders of CWALT 2004-ECC1, Plaintiff, vs. Jorge Corona, et al., Defendants. No. 04Ch-20976. NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE Fisher & Fisher file #62182 (It is advised that interested parties consult with their own attorneys before bidding at mortgage foreclosure sales.) PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered on April 27, 2005 in the amount of \$140,253.58, Kallen Financial & Capital Services, Inc. as Selling Official will at 11:30 a.m. on August 11, 2005 at 175 W. Washington Street, Chicago, IL, sell the following described real property to the highest bidder at auction for cash: C/K/A: 4655 W. 84th Pl., Chicago, IL 60652. The improvements on the property consist of a masonry one-story single-family dwelling with separate garage. The property will NOT be open for inspection. 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Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., Plaintiff, vs. Monica M. Hassel, Defendant. Case No. 04C-8246. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment heretofore entered on February 2, 2005, I, Gerald Nordgren, Special Commissioner for this court will on Wednesday, the 3rd day of August, 2005, at the hour of 4:00 p.m., at Southwest corner of the Oakley Center, immediately inside the building near Clark & Washington, Chicago, IL, sell at public auction to the highest and best bidder for cash and all singular, the following described premises and real estate in said Judgment mentioned, situated in the County of Cook and State of Illinois, or so much thereof as shall be sufficient to satisfy said Judgment to wit: The property is commonly known as: 5905 W. 88th St., Oak Lawn, IL 60453. And is improved with a single family residence. Amount of Judgment: \$149,389.56. Anyone interested in bidding at the foreclosure sale should make their own examination of title and the real estate and should also examine the court file. Nothing herein is to be construed as a substitute for the necessity of making these examinations. Property will NOT be open for inspection. Sale Terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, certified funds. No refunds. The sale shall be subject to general taxes and to special assessments. Upon the sale being made the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed on a specified date unless the property is redeemed according to law. For information contact Kropik, Papuga & Shaw, Attorneys for Plaintiff, 120 S. LaSalle St., Chicago, IL 60603. Pursuant to section 15-1507 (c) (7) of the Illinois Code of Civil Procedure, no information other than the information contained in this Notice will be provided. 159160C	IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department - Chancery Division. Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as Nominee for Fremont Investment and Loan, Plaintiff, vs. Nena M. Chambers, et al., Defendant. No. 04Ch-16361. PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on February 14, 2005, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Monday, July 25, 2005, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 W. Madison St., Suite 718A, Chicago, IL, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described mortgaged real estate: Commonly known as: 8027 S. Maplewood Ave., Chicago, IL 60652. The improvement on the property consists of a single family residence. Sale terms: Bidders must present, at the time of sale, a cashier's or certified check for 10% of the successful bid amount. The balance of the successful bid shall be paid within 24 hours, by similar funds. The property will NOT be open for inspection. For information call Ms. Diane Thomas, at Plaintiff's Attorney, Freedman, Anselmo, Lindberg and Rappe, 1807 W. Diehl Road, Naperville, IL 60566-7107. 630/983-0770. 146393C IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department - Chancery Division. Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., Plaintiff, vs. Moises G. Villafana a/k/a Moises G. Villafano, et al., Defendant. Case No. 04Ch-18826. PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on May 2, 2005, The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 a.m. on August 4, 2005, in its office at 33 N. Dearborn St., 10th Floor, Chicago, IL 60602-3100, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as: 8436 S. Kenneth Ave., Chicago, IL 60652. The real estate is improved with a single family residence. The judgment amount was \$238,553.78. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; the balance, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale. The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information. For information contact Plaintiff's Attorney: The Sales Clerk, CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 N. Frontage Road, Suite 100, Burr Ridge, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876 Ext. 1320. Please refer to file number 14-04-B780. NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act you are advised that Plaintiff's Attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. 145531C	IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department - Chancery Division. ABN AMRO Mortgage Group, Inc., Plaintiff, vs. Michael R. Oeddo, et al., Defendants. No. 04Ch-17919. PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above entitled cause on February 17, 2005, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Friday, July 29, 2005 at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 W. Madison St., Suite 718A, Chicago, IL, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described mortgaged real estate: Commonly known as 4912 W. 92nd St., Oak Lawn, IL 60453. The mortgaged real estate is improved with a single family residence and will NOT be open for inspection. The judgment amount was \$184,880.95. Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance by certified funds, within 24 hours. The sale shall be subject to general taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and any prior first mortgages. The subject property is offered for sale without any representation as to quality of title or recourse to Plaintiff. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information. For information: Sale Clerk, Shapiro & Kreisman, 4201 Lake Cook Road, 1st Floor, Northbrook, IL 60062. (847) 498-9990, between the hours of 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. only. 146404C  LOOKING For Affordable Advertising 708-388-2425 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department - Chancery Division. Midfirst Bank, Plaintiff, vs. Wally E. Washington, et al., Defendants. No. 03Ch-3045. NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE Fisher & Fisher file #54560 (It is advised that interested parties consult with their own attorneys before bidding at mortgage foreclosure sales.) PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered on May 9, 2005 in the amount of \$75,320.82, Kallen Financial & Capital Services, Inc. as Selling Official will at 11:30 a.m. on August 15, 2005 at 175 W. Washington Street, Chicago, IL, sell the following described real property to the highest bidder at auction for cash: C/K/A: 7924 S. Richmond St., Chicago, IL 60652. The improvements on the property consist of a masonry one-story single-family dwelling with separate garage. The property will NOT be open for inspection. Sale terms: property offered "as is," with no express or implied warranties; sale subject to general real estate taxes, special taxes, special assessments, and superior liens, if any; 10% of successful bid to be paid at conclusion of auction and balance by noon the next business day, both by cashier's checks; and no refunds. After confirmation of the sale by the court, the successful bidder will receive a Selling Official's Deed. For information, contact the Sales Officer at the office of the Plaintiff's attorneys, Fisher & Fisher, 120 N. LaSalle Street, Chicago, IL (312) 372-4784, between 1:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. Monday through Friday; however, under Illinois law the Sales Officer is not required to provide information in addition to that contained in this notice. 148310C	IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department - Chancery Division. Principal Residential Mortgage, Inc., Plaintiff, vs. Donald Pierce, et al., Defendants. Case No. 04Ch-17085. PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on March 29, 2005, The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 a.m. on August 3, 2005, in its office at 33 N. Dearborn St., 10th Floor, Chicago, IL 60602-3100, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as: 14824 San Francisco St., Posen, IL 60469. The real estate is improved with a single family residence. The judgment amount was \$124,408.13. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; the balance, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale. The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information. For information contact Plaintiff's Attorney: The Sales Clerk, CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 N. Frontage Road, Suite 100, Burr Ridge, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876 Ext. 1320. Please refer to file number 14-04-A400. NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act you are advised that Plaintiff's Attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. 145523C IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department - Chancery Division. Bank Financial, formerly known as Financial Federal Trust & Savings Bank, Plaintiff, vs. Michael E. Schmidt, et al., Defendants. No. 04Ch-12372. PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on February 24, 2005, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Monday, July 25, 2005, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 W. Madison St., Suite 718A, Chicago, IL, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described mortgaged real estate: Commonly known as 9341 S. Homan Ave., Evergreen Park, IL 60642. The improvement on the property consists of a 1 1/2 story, 3 bedroom single family residence with a full basement and a 2 car garage on a 50 x 125 lot. Sale terms: Bidders must present, at the time of sale, a cashier's or certified check for 10% of the successful bid amount. The balance of the successful bid shall be paid within 24 hours, by similar funds. The property will NOT be open for inspection. For information call Mr. Patrick I. Hartnett at Plaintiff's Attorney, Hartnett and Hartnett, 79 W. Monroe St., Chicago, IL 60602. 312/332-4590. 146405C	IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department - Chancery Division. Mortgage Clearing Corporation, Plaintiff, vs. Ronald M. Arnot, et al., Defendants. No. 04Ch-21428. PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above entitled cause on April 13, 2005, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Tuesday, August 9, 2005, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 W. Madison St., Suite 718A, Chicago, IL, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described mortgaged real estate: Commonly known as 8039 Laramie Ave., Burbank, IL 60455. The mortgaged real estate is improved with a single family residence, and will NOT be open for inspection. The judgment amount was \$158,020.96. Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance by certified funds, within 24 hours. The sale shall be subject to general taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and any prior first mortgages. The subject property is offered for sale without any representation as to quality of title or recourse to Plaintiff. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information. For information: Sale Clerk, Shapiro & Kreisman, 4201 Lake Cook Road, 1st Floor, Northbrook, IL 60062. (847) 498-9990, between the hours of 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. only. 145161C IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department - Chancery Division. Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as Nominee for Fremont Investment & Loan and/or its Successors, Plaintiff, vs. William McCoy, et al., Defendant. Case No. 04Ch-21287. PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on February 15, 2005, The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 a.m. on August 2, 2005, in its office at 33 N. Dearborn St., 10th Floor, Chicago, IL 60602-3100, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as: 4833 W. 105th St., Oak Lawn, IL 60453. The real estate is improved with a single family residence. The judgment amount was \$207,038.80. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; the balance, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale. The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information. For information contact Plaintiff's Attorney: The Sales Clerk, CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 N. Frontage Road, Suite 100, Burr Ridge, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876 Ext. 1320. Please refer to file number 14-04-D650. NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act you are advised that Plaintiff's Attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. 145521C

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REAL ESTATE

Houses For Sale

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Eastern Savings Bank, Plaintiff, vs. Steve Schmook, et al., Defendants. No. 04Ch-18901.

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on April 28, 2005, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Friday, July 29, 2005, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 W. Madison St., Suite 718A, Chicago, IL, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described mortgaged real estate: Commonly known as: 15360 Alameda Ave., Oak Forest, IL 60452.

The improvement on the property consists of a single family residence.

Sale terms: Bidders must present, at the time of sale, a cashier's or certified check for 10% of the successful bid amount. The balance of the successful bid shall be paid within 24 hours, by similar funds.

The property will NOT be open for inspection.

For information call: Mr. Stephen G. Daday at Plaintiff's Attorney, Stitt, Klein, Daday, Avolos & Giampietro, LLC, 121 S. Wilke Rd., Arlington Heights, IL 60005. (847) 590-8700. 146413C

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Wells Fargo Bank, NA successor by Merger to Wells Fargo Home Mortgage, Inc., Plaintiff, vs. Lawrence F. Sibr Jr., a/k/a Lawrence F. Sibr, et al., Defendants. Case No. 04Ch-18283.

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on March 16, 2005, The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 a.m. on August 2, 2005, in its office at 33 N. Dearborn St., 10th Floor, Chicago, IL 60602-3100, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as: 5245 Crescent Green Dr., Oak Forest, IL 60452.

The real estate is improved with a light brown brick siding single family 2 story w/attached 2 car garage.

The judgment amount was \$189,682.68.

Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; the balance, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.

The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information.

For information: Visit our website at <http://service.atty-pierce.com>, between the hours of 3 and 5 p.m. only. PIERCE & ASSOCIATES, Plaintiff's Attorneys, One N. Dearborn St., Ste. 1300, Chicago, IL 60602, (312) 476-5500. Please refer to file number PA0408355.

NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act you are advised that Plaintiff's Attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. 145715C

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Ameritrust Mortgage Company, Plaintiff, vs. Susan J. Resland, et al., Defendants. No. 04Ch-6048.

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on June 16, 2004, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Monday, August 1, 2005, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 West Madison Street, Suite 718A, Chicago, IL, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described mortgaged real estate: Commonly known as: 9714 S. Homan Ave., Evergreen Park, IL 60805.

The improvement on the property consists of a single family residence.

Sale terms: Bidders must present, at the time of sale, a cashier's or certified check for 10% of the successful bid amount. The balance of the successful bid shall be paid within 24 hours, by similar funds.

The property will NOT be open for inspection.

For information call Ms. Kristie Taylor, at Plaintiff's Attorney, James, Gustafson and Thompson, Ltd., 1001 E. Chicago Ave., Naperville, IL 60540. (630) 369-3535. 145633C

REAL ESTATE

Houses For Sale

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Neighborhood Housing Services, Inc., Plaintiff, vs. Marco Velarde, et al., Defendant. Case No. 04Ch-19250.

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on March 21, 2005, The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 a.m. on August 1, 2005, in its office at 33 N. Dearborn St., 10th Floor, Chicago, IL 60602-3100, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as: 7828 S. Sawyer Ave., Chicago, IL 60652.

The real estate is improved with a single family residence.

The judgment amount was \$5,439.33.

Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; the balance, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.

The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information.

For information contact Plaintiff's Attorney: Kropik, Papuga & Shaw, 120 S. LaSalle St., Suite 1327, Chicago, IL 60603, (312) 236-6405. Please refer to file number 35365.

Pursuant to Sec. 15-1507(c)(7) of the Illinois Code of Civil Procedure, no information other than the information contained in this notice will be provided.

NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act you are advised that Plaintiff's Attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. 145931C

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Ameritrust Mortgage Company, Plaintiff, vs. Susan J. Resland, et al., Defendants. No. 04Ch-6048.

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on June 16, 2004, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Monday, August 1, 2005, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 West Madison Street, Suite 718A, Chicago, IL, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described mortgaged real estate: Commonly known as: 9714 S. Homan Ave., Evergreen Park, IL 60805.

The improvement on the property consists of a single family residence.

Sale terms: Bidders must present, at the time of sale, a cashier's or certified check for 10% of the successful bid amount. The balance of the successful bid shall be paid within 24 hours, by similar funds.

The property will NOT be open for inspection.

For information call Ms. Kristie Taylor, at Plaintiff's Attorney, James, Gustafson and Thompson, Ltd., 1001 E. Chicago Ave., Naperville, IL 60540. (630) 369-3535. 145633C

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Ameritrust Mortgage Company, Plaintiff, vs. Susan J. Resland, et al., Defendants. No. 04Ch-6048.

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on June 16, 2004, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Monday, August 1, 2005, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 West Madison Street, Suite 718A, Chicago, IL, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described mortgaged real estate: Commonly known as: 9714 S. Homan Ave., Evergreen Park, IL 60805.

The improvement on the property consists of a single family residence.

Sale terms: Bidders must present, at the time of sale, a cashier's or certified check for 10% of the successful bid amount. The balance of the successful bid shall be paid within 24 hours, by similar funds.

The property will NOT be open for inspection.

For information call Ms. Kristie Taylor, at Plaintiff's Attorney, James, Gustafson and Thompson, Ltd., 1001 E. Chicago Ave., Naperville, IL 60540. (630) 369-3535. 145633C

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Ameritrust Mortgage Company, Plaintiff, vs. Susan J. Resland, et al., Defendants. No. 04Ch-6048.

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on June 16, 2004, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Monday, August 1, 2005, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 West Madison Street, Suite 718A, Chicago, IL, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described mortgaged real estate: Commonly known as: 9714 S. Homan Ave., Evergreen Park, IL 60805.

REAL ESTATE

Houses For Sale

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Homeq Servicing Corporation v/a TMS Mortgage, Inc. d/b/a The Money Store, Plaintiff, vs. Edward Berry, et al., Defendant. No. 04Ch-2686.

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above entitled cause on April 21, 2004, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Monday, August 1, 2005, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 W. Madison St., Suite 718A, Chicago, IL, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described mortgaged real estate: Commonly known as: 7810 S. Trumbull Ave., Chicago, IL 60652.

The mortgaged real estate is improved with a single family residence.

Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance, by certified funds, within 24 hours. No refunds.

The property will NOT be open for inspection.

For information call William E. Dutton, Jr./Barbara J. Dutton, at Plaintiff's Attorney, Dutton & Dutton, P.C., 10325 W. Lincoln Hwy., Frankfort, IL 60423, (815) 806-8200. 145649C

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, as Trustee for Long Beach Mortgage Loan Trust 2003-1, Plaintiff, vs. Andie D. Aborn, et al., Defendants. Case No. 03Ch-17743.

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of the above Court entered in the above entitled cause on November 29, 2004, The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 a.m. on July 29, 2005 in its office at 33 N. Dearborn St., Suite 1015, Chicago, IL 60602-3100, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as: 7721 S. Albany Ave., Chicago, IL.

The real estate is improved with a single family residence.

The judgment amount was \$131,368.78.

Sale Terms: The bid amount shall be paid in cash immediately by the highest and best bidder at the conclusion of the sale. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.

The property will NOT be open for inspection. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information.

For information contact Plaintiff's Attorney: Heavner, Scott, Beyer & Mihlar, 111 E. Main St., Suite 200, Decatur, IL 62525, (217) 422-1719 ext. 23.

NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act you are advised that the Law Firm of Heavner, Scott, Beyer & Mihlar is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. 145933C

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Ameritrust Mortgage Company, Plaintiff, vs. Susan J. Resland, et al., Defendants. No. 04Ch-6048.

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on June 16, 2004, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Monday, August 1, 2005, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 West Madison Street, Suite 718A, Chicago, IL, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described mortgaged real estate: Commonly known as: 9714 S. Homan Ave., Evergreen Park, IL 60805.

The improvement on the property consists of a single family residence.

Sale terms: Bidders must present, at the time of sale, a cashier's or certified check for 10% of the successful bid amount. The balance of the successful bid shall be paid within 24 hours, by similar funds.

The property will NOT be open for inspection.

For information call Ms. Kristie Taylor, at Plaintiff's Attorney, James, Gustafson and Thompson, Ltd., 1001 E. Chicago Ave., Naperville, IL 60540. (630) 369-3535. 145633C

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Ameritrust Mortgage Company, Plaintiff, vs. Susan J. Resland, et al., Defendants. No. 04Ch-6048.

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on June 16, 2004, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Monday, August 1, 2005, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 West Madison Street, Suite 718A, Chicago, IL, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described mortgaged real estate: Commonly known as: 9714 S. Homan Ave., Evergreen Park, IL 60805.

Safety Campaign Offers Summer Tips For Homeowners

Summer is here and representatives of the Joint Utility Locating Information for Excavators (JULIE, Inc.) encourage homeowners to keep safety in mind when planning outdoor activities and improvement projects.

"Many homeowners are undertaking beautification projects and preparing for parties in their yards during the summer months," said Kevin T. Chmura, director of public relations at JULIE, Inc. "If the planning involves any type of digging, drilling or inserting posts or tent stakes into the ground, a free call to JULIE should be on top of the priority list. Call center representatives are available 24 hours a day, seven days a week to assist with the quick and easy locate request process."

JULIE, Inc. offers the following tips to keep your family safe this summer:

- The most basic: Call JULIE before you dig (1-800-892-0123), regardless of the depth or size of the project. The call to JULIE and service provided by members are free;
- Wait for the excavation site to be marked with paint, flags or stakes (two working days);
- Respect the utility marks; and
- Dig with care—always hand dig within 18" of marked lines.

Illinois law requires anyone digging to call JULIE, Inc. at least two working days prior to the start of excavation and to begin that project within 14 calendar days from the call. The 48 hour notice does not include Saturdays, Sundays or holidays.

to the start of excavation and to begin that project within 14 calendar days from the call. The 48 hour notice does not include Saturdays, Sundays or holidays.

Neat Repeats Volunteers

Summer is flying by. Don't let this neat opportunity to volunteer get past you! Neat Repeats Resale supports the needs of women and children in crisis and they are looking for some energetic volunteers. If you enjoy meeting people and like knowing that you make a difference, Neat Repeats Resale is the place for you. Neat Repeats is seeking fun-loving volunteers for both store locations:

Orland Park: 9020 W. 159th Street and Worth: 7026 W. 111th Street.

Discover how Neat Repeats volunteers make a difference in the lives of the women and children who are served by the programs of the Crisis Center for South Suburbia. Volunteers are needed at both stores to cashier, arrange displays, accept donations and assist customers. Volunteers are particularly needed to work on Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 3 to 8 p.m. and Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Neat Repeats operates primarily through the support of its generous volunteers and donors. All sales benefit domestic violence services of the Crisis Center for South Suburbia.

For additional information, please call the store manager for more information: Orland (708) 364-7605 or Worth (708) 361-6860. You may also call the Director of Volunteer Services at (708) 429-7255, ext. 22.

Musical Theater

The Beverly Theater Guild will stage "Broadway on the Corner," a musical revue, Friday, August 19th and Saturday, August 20th, 8 p.m. and Sunday, August 21st, 2 p.m. at the Beverly Art Center, 2407 W. 111th Street. Tickets are \$18.50; \$17.50 for seniors and students. Proceeds will go toward purchasing a marquee for Beverly Arts Center, a not-for-profit regional arts facility.

For more information, call (773) 445-3838 or www.beverlyartcenter.org.

Brookfield Zoo's Gorilla Naming Contest Ends on Promising Note

After Binti Jua, one of the most recognizable western lowland gorillas, gave birth to a male infant on May 2nd, Brookfield Zoo challenged the public to come up with a name for her baby. The zoo received more than 1,500 entries, and a truly great name has emerged for this great ape! The name selected is Bakari (pronounced buh-KAR-ee), a Swahili word for "promise" or "one with promise or success."

The name Bakari was submitted by a number of people, but Mary Ann Wolff of Bolingbrook was selected to win the naming contest with her entry. Wolff stated on her entry form, "Bakari is Swahili for 'one who will succeed.' The wisdom, gentleness and maternal guidance of his mother Binti Jua are certain to influence his life. These traits are also symbolic of Brookfield Zoo and its strong commitment to safeguard and nurture the lives in its care."

As the winner, Wolff receives a free day at the zoo that includes a behind-the-scenes tour for her and four of her guests at Brookfield Zoo's Tropic World, the opportunity to assist animal keepers in preparing the gorillas' exhibit with browse and the animals' morning treats, lunch with Tropic World keepers, a Share the Care gorilla package, and a gorilla handprint.

In 1996, the now 17-year-old gorilla mother became world-renowned for picking up a child who fell into the gorilla exhibit and carrying him in a cradling fashion to a doorway where zoo staff could reach the boy.

Since Bakari's birth, he and Binti Jua have established a comfortable routine consisting mostly of eating and sleeping. Binti seems to enjoy motherhood and is very protective of her offspring. She is often seen lying on a tree branch resting with her son on her stomach or sitting on the mountain in Tropic World with Bakari sleeping low on her lap as she munches on some kale. When he is awake, Bakari is very alert and curious as well as strong. His tight grip helps him cling to his mother as she moves around the exhibit. Binti also likes to play with Bakari by holding his hands and stretching them up until he is in a standing position and then sitting him back down again. Just recently animal keepers noticed he is teething.

Chicago's Half Price Theater Ticket Service Moves

The League of Chicago Theatres, in partnership with the Chicago Office of Tourism, a division of the Chicago Dept. of Cultural Affairs, has announced that its flagship downtown Hot Tix outlet has relocated to a bigger, better, more patron-friendly facility, inside the Chicago Tourism Center at 72 E. Randolph St. The move puts Hot Tix — Chicago's half-price ticket service for live theater and the performing arts — directly across from the Chicago Cultural Center, just one-half block east of the intersection of Randolph St. and Michigan Ave.

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Southwest Area Obituaries

Norbert E. Gilmack

Mass was said at St. John Fisher Church, Chicago, on Monday, for Norbert E. Gilmack, 72, a former Carpenter for the City of Chicago Local 199 and a member of the Rainbow Beach Handball Club and the 10th Ward Democratic Organization. He is survived by his wife Therese "Terry" for 51 years.

He is also survived by his children Nadine (Bill) O'Whene, Lynn (Kevin) Nealis and Paul (Laurie) Gilmack; his grandchildren Corey, Keith, Kyle & Samantha and his nephews Gary and Jim Pawlak and Robert Gilmack.

Renee M. Baxter

Mass was said at St. Christopher Church, Midlothian, for Renee M. Baxter.

She is survived by her husband Robert Baxter, Jr.; her son Stephen Matthew Baxter; her mother Irene Koenig; her brothers Frank E. (Sue) Prestipino, Jr. and Gregory A. (Mary) Prestipino; her aunt Bubbles (Steve) Steinbeiser; & many nieces and nephews.

Lois J. Smith

Services were held at the Christ Lutheran Church, Orland Park, on Tuesday, for Lois J. Smith.

She is survived by her children Gayle (Larry) Alania and Kevin (Denise) Smith; her grandchildren Michael (Jane), Janel and Bethany Alania, Nicole and Samantha Smith; and her great-granddaughter Ariel Alania; her sister Betty Nagel & her brother Kenneth (Marvel) Brockman.

Mildred V. Vrbancic

Services were held at the Hills Funeral Home, LTD, Palos Hills, on Tuesday, for Mildred V. "Millie" Vrbancic.

She is survived by her children Norman (Diane), Daniel (Virginia), Steven (Marilyn) & Albert Vrbancic; her grandchildren Cynthia, Daniel, Jennifer, Kerriann, Laura, Paul Scott, Steven and William; and 14 great-grandchildren.

She is also survived by her sister Helen Tichy & Lillian Perez and numerous nieces and nephews.

John V. LaMontagne

Services were held at the Edgar Funeral Home, Oak Lawn, on Monday, for John V. LaMontagne, 72, a veteran of the Korean War serving with the U.S. Marine Corps. He was a member of the AMVET II Post 72, the Oak Lawn Elks Lodge 2254 & the Korean War Veterans Assoc. Chapter 23.

He is survived by his wife Marvel A.; his children Paul (Susan), Mark (Patricia) and John E. LaMontagne; his grandchildren Lauren, Andrea, Sara, Matthew, Katie, Allison & Eric LaMontagne; & his nieces Annett, Patricia and Kris K.

Margaret A. Lowery

Mass was said at St. Thomas More Church, Chicago, on Tuesday, for Margaret A. Lowery, 96. She was a member of the Queen of Martyrs Senior Citizens, the Southside Catholic Women's Club & the Beverly Social Club.

She is survived by children; Joe, Peg (Charlie) Fasan, Loretta Ruckman, Pat (Charlie) Haffner, and John; 47 grandchildren and 99 great-grandchildren.

Clayton J. Cluchey

Services were held at the Zimmerman & Sandeman Orland Funeral Home, Orland Park, on Wednesday, for Clayton J. Cluchey, 65, a member of VFW Post 578. He was a member of the 101st Airborne.

He is survived by his children Kim, Michelle, Joyce Lynn, Anthony and Meagan; 4 grandchildren and 1 great-grandchild; his brother Rick (Nora) and Louis Cluchey; his sisters Joanne Haas, June (William) O'Connor, Lynne Rinck, and Joyce Seaton; and many nieces and nephews.

Vernon L.

"Vern" Schaafsma

Services were held at the Calvary Church of Orland Park on Tuesday, for Vernon L. Schaafsma, 52.

He is survived by his wife Liza; his children Paul and Philip; his brother Ernie (Melodee); his nephew Joel (Courtney) and his niece Jennifer Schaafsma.

Patricia J. Schellhase

Services were held at the Robert J. Sheehy & Sons Funeral Home, Burbank, for Patricia J. Schellhase, an officer and treasurer of Ebenezer Lutheran Church.

She is survived by her brother Joseph (Rosemarie) Cargie; her cousins Betsy, Ruthie, Bruce Pierson, Ira "Sonny" and Robert (Jean) Deal, David (Kim) Harper and Elizabeth Shomer; her nieces & nephews Sharon (Norman) Wallace, Joseph (Marilyn) Cargie, Mary Pat (Michael) Magliano, Robert (Nora) and Thomas (Cheryl) Cargie.

Rose Marie Struska

Visitation was held at the Lawn Funeral Home on Tuesday, for Rose Marie Struska, 76.

She is survived by her husband John G.; her children Sherry Lee (Thomas) Woods, Rev. John J. (Cicilia) Struska; her grandchildren Thomas Jr., David, Kim, Krissi, Joshua, Bthany Marie & Michelle; her great grandchildren Christopher, Zachary, Amber, Ariel, Colin, Jacob, Alec, Nathan and Savannah Rose; her brother Ted, Tom Lihosit, and Carol Zwolinsk.

Rita L. Dickey

Services were held on Monday, at the Beverly Ridge Funeral Home, Beverly, for Rita L. Dickey, 95.

She is survived by her son William J. Jr. (Bonnie); her sister Dorothy Kennedy; her cousin Muriel Flynn; and many nieces and nephews.

Ruth H. Callaghan

Mass was said at St. Bernadette Church, Evergreen Park, for Ruth H. Callaghan, 95.

She is survived by her children John (Nancy), Bill, ret. Cmdr. C.P.D. (Jean), Ruth (Ron) Tushkowski, Michael, C.P.D. (Beth), and Patrick (Maryanne); 23 grandchildren & 45 great-grandchildren.

Patricia Caruso

Mass was said at St. Elizabeth Seton Church on Tuesday, for Patricia Caruso, 64.

She is survived by her husband Salvatore; her children Nina (Bill) Henrichs, Mark (Vicky) Caruso and Camelia Caruso; her grandchildren Anna, Michael, Erin, Mark, Mattie, Amy, Samantha and Toni; her great-grandchildren Salvatore, Mia, Alexis and Tyler; and her brothers Bob (Barb) Butts and Joe (Carol) Butts.

Joan Blaul

Services were held at Trinity Lutheran Church, Tinley Park, on Tuesday, for Joan Blaul.

She is survived by her son James; her grandchildren John, Jr. & Paul Baul and her niece Cheryl and her Nephew William and Paul Staff.

Vondell Davis

Services were held at the Donnellan O'Donnell-Bartz-Schultz Funeral home, Blue Island, on Tuesday, for Vondell Davis. She was the owner/director of Adams-Feldhoff & Whitesel Funeral Home, a member of the Illinois Funeral Directors Association, Funeral Directors Services Association, the First Congregational Church of Downers Grove UCC, Downers Grove Moose Lodge #1535, Calumet Conclave #20 OTK and Zenobia Temple. She was a 58-year member and Past Matron of America Cyren Chapter #454, OES Grand Martha in 1978.

Richard L. Wojnarowski

Mass was said at St. Christopher Church, Midlothian, on Thursday, July 7th, for Richard L. Wojnarowski "Wojnar", 75. He was the former Vice President in charge of Kinney Printing for World's Finest Chocolate.

He is survived by his wife Jean; his children Linda Blaine, Keith Wojnarowski, Karen (Bill) Windsor, Robert

(Debby) Wojnarowski; his grandchildren Amy, Kelly, Christopher, Jason, Katie, Michael, Lauren, Vince and John; his sisters Dorothy (Brad) Sjoborg, and Gerre Wojnarowski; and Numerous nieces and nephews.

Charles

Frank Behensky

Mass was said at St. Fabian Church, Bridgeview for Charles Frank Behensky, 87. He was a Navy Veteran and a retired 3M shipping clerk. He was also an active member of the Bridgeview Golden Agers Seniors Club and the Bridgeview Senior Commission.

He is survived by his wife Edith; his children Charles (Nhu), Louis (Sandra) and Maryann (Gregory) Korylko; his grandchildren Charles, Kim, Erica, Elizabeth, Gregory and Melissa; his great-grandchildren Jennifer, Justine, Michael Louis, and Gregory.

Nancy J. Harrington

Mass was said at St. Christopher Church, Midlothian, on Friday, for Nancy J. Harrington of Midlothian. She was a food service worker.

She is survived by her parents Jim and Margie Harrington of Orland Park; her sisters Diane (Dr. Tim) Parker and Kathleen (Jim) Dale; and her brother Michael (Barbara) Harrington.

Patricia A. Kolofa

Services were held at the Blake-Lamb Funeral Home, Oak Lawn, for Patricia A. Kolofa, 70.

She is survived by her husband William; her children Kym (Bob), Raymond (Eileen) and Paul; her grandchildren, Julie, Lorie, Raymond Michael, Natalie, Nicole; and many nieces and nephews.

Michael A. Campabello

Services will be held on Saturday at Robert J. Sheehy & Sons Funeral Home, Orland Park, for Michael A. Campabello, 96.

He is survived by his wife Florence; his children Robert (Carole), Michael (Lorraine); his grandchildren Michael, Todd, Melissa, Tony and Danielle; his brother Vito Campabello and many nieces and nephews.

Fay K. Capron

Services were held at the Blake-Lamb Funeral Home, Oak Lawn, on Tuesday, for Fay K. Capron.

She is survived by her children Janet Gerske and Scott (Elizabeth) Gerske; her grandchildren Jeffrey, Andrew and Rebecca Gerske; and her sister Evelyn Nodine.

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Choosing the Right Nursing Home

Choosing the right nursing home is an important decision that requires planning. Unfortunately, families often avoid the subject until the last minute before giving it any serious thought. As a result, they may end up with a hospital discharge planner telling them they have only one to two days to choose a nursing home for their loved one. To help families make the right decision, the Illinois Council on Long Term Care offers helpful recommendations on areas to examine during a facility tour.

The best time to visit a nursing home is early afternoon so that a family will be able to visit with staff and residents as well as observe the afternoon meal. When arriving at a nursing home, the family should ask to meet with the admissions director who will answer any questions and conduct a full facility tour. The admissions director will also discuss the facility's costs and explain all considerations regarding Medicare and Medicaid.

Touring a nursing home involves much more than simply evaluating how well it is decorated. Families need to assess the quality of care given to the residents. Do staff members interact well with the residents, and do they treat them with dignity? Are the residents' requests being met promptly? Are the residents clean and well groomed? Do the residents seem happy and involved with facility life?

Bring a notepad and pen to write down both your positive and negative impressions. Taking notes will help you make a better decision. Also, be sure to talk with others - such as clergy, friends, doctors and neighbors - about their experiences regarding the nursing homes you are visiting.

Here are the Illinois Council's suggested areas to consider when taking a tour of a nursing home:

Nursing: Take a good look at the residents. Are they clean? Have the men been shaven? Do the residents have clean, combed hair? Have their nails been trimmed? Are their clothes washed and tidy?

Environmental Considerations: Does the facility feel inviting and comfortable? Are the residents' rooms and the common areas clean and neat? Are there home-like touches to enliven the environment?

Geography: Will it be easily accessible for family and friends to visit their loved one at this location? Is the center near preferred doctors and hospitals?

Financial: Will the financial status of the potential resident be a problem? What will happen if this individual runs out of funds and must go on Medicaid?

Diagnosis: How experienced is the facility in handling the residents' diagnoses? Will the center be able to provide the appropriate care for the residents' medical conditions? What kind of training has the staff received on these conditions?

Activities: Does the facility provide a wide variety of activities on the monthly calendar? How many activities are offered each day? Attend a facility activity - do the residents seem interested and involved? What opportunities exist for involvement with community organizations? What does the facility do to tailor their activities to the residents' previous interests and backgrounds?

Dietary: How much variety is there on the monthly menu? Try one of the facility's meals - how appetizing is the resident's food? Are there enough staff members on hand to assist residents with their meals?

Housekeeping: Do you see housekeepers on hand to keep the facility neat and clean? Is there a consistent, widespread problem with odors? Look closely at the environment - how successfully is the facility keeping everything clean, neat and orderly?

Therapy: Ask the admission director to describe the facility's restorative and rehabilitation programs. Is the therapy room well-equipped, and is therapy being provided? Request examples of how the facility has successfully promoted resident independence.

Resident Well-Being: Talk to the residents themselves about their satisfaction with the facility. Do the residents seem happy, trusting, comfortable and content?

For more detailed information on nursing home issues - including legal, financial and emotional considerations - be sure to visit the Illinois Council's Web site at www.nursinghome.org. The site also contains a comprehensive directory of Illinois nursing homes with detailed descriptions of the helpful services they provide.

Named Among "100 Most Wired Hospitals" For Sixth Consecutive Year

Northwestern Memorial Hospital has once again achieved recognition on the list of the "100 Most Wired Hospitals" as designated by Hospitals & Health Networks, the journal of the American Hospital Association. Noted as a consistent leader in healthcare information technology, Northwestern Memorial is one of nine Illinois hospitals named to this year's list. It is the hospital's sixth consecutive year as a recipient of the prestigious honor.

"We are truly honored to have our efforts continuously recognized as among the best

in the industry," said Tim Zoph, vice president and chief information officer at Northwestern Memorial Hospital. "Information technology is a key enabler of change in the health care system, which in the end will help hospitals deliver safer, higher quality and more efficient healthcare."

The "Most Wired" awards are based on voluntary participation in a survey focusing on how hospitals and health systems use information technology to address operational and strategic challenges.

Questions in the survey are updated each year to focus on new technology trends in the industry. This year's survey, which drew participation from more than 1,200 hospitals (about 21 percent of the total number in the country), measured the areas of safety and quality; customer service; business processes; workforce; and public health and safety.

Oil Painting Class Begins

The Worth Township Seniors are going to start a beginning Oil Painting class in the fall. This class would be on Monday morning in the Senior Rooms of the Worth Township, 11601 S. Pulaski. The class would be for 3 hours and the fee would be nominal.

If you are interested, call as soon as possible, (708) 361-2900, ext. 28.

Barry Maram Becomes First Illinois State Official To Receive Prestigious Award In Over 10 Years

The National Governor's Association (NGA) has announced that Barry Maram, Director of the Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services (HFS), will be one of three state officials in the nation to receive an Award for Distinguished Service in State Government at the NGA's 97th annual meeting.

The NGA asked each Governor from across the nation to nominate one state official they deem most deserving of the Distinguished Service Award. Earlier this year, Governor Blagojevich nominated Director Maram for the award citing his superior management and organizational skills. According to the NGA, Director Maram is the first state official from Illinois to receive the award since 1994.

As Director of the HFS, formerly known as the Illinois Department of Public Aid (IDPA), Maram has helped to ensure that Illinois is expanding access to

healthcare among the state's working families, to transform the state's child support enforcement system through reorganizing and new technology, and to coordinate a statewide hospital assessment that brought millions of dollars back to Illinois.

Com Ed Retirees

Mary Melchor Associate Clerk of the County and Jennifer Smith, Chief Deputy Clerk of the Probate Division, both representatives for Dorothy Brown, Clerk of the Circuit Court of Cook County will speak before the Commonwealth Edison Retirement Club of Chicago, Wednesday, July 20 at 9 a.m. in the Oak View Center, 4625 W. 110th St.

Donald Delany, coordinator, announced that Melchor and Smith will discuss the Clerk's office regarding probate and wills along with services provided to Cook County residents.

Fireside Theater Senior Trip

The Worth Township Seniors will have a day trip motorcoach and include register.

The trip will be by deluxe motorcoach and include lunch & the show. To register, call Jean at Fireside Theater in Departure is at 8 a.m. and (708) 371-2900, ext. 28. Wisconsin for their spectacular Christmas program. cost is \$82 and a deposit ter as soon as possible.

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Emerald Park Bill Becomes Law

A bill sponsored by State Senator Ed Maloney (D-18) and State Representative Jim Brosnahan (D-Oak Lawn) providing a process for screening sex offenders and other violent offenders before they are able to reside in nursing homes and other licensed facilities was signed into law on July 11.

The bill is a direct response to conditions discovered at the Emerald Park Health Care Center, a skilled-care facility serving both the elderly and the mentally ill, located in Evergreen Park. In April 2005, ten sex offenders were discovered to be residing at the facility. The presence of the sex offenders at the facility came to light after one of them was arrested in a public park in Evergreen Park.

The new law also provides for notification to facility residents and their guardians when sex offenders are residing in a licensed facility. Under the terms of the act, the Department of Corrections is required to provide notice and information to State agencies and local law enforcement when sex offenders are residing, or intend to reside, in facilities licensed by the State.

This situation prompted Evergreen Park to enact an ordinance prohibiting sex offenders from living at long-term care facilities within the village. It also led to a survey of the facility by the Department of Public Health, the results of which caused the Attorney General to begin court proceedings to have the facility placed in receivership and eventually closed.

Villages Exam Water Options

As the old Melissa Ethridge song says ... "Somebody bring me some water!"

Angered over water flow restrictions from Oak Lawn which have resulted in a sea of brown lawns, Tinley Park, Orland Park, Oak Forest and Country Club Hills are now examining other water system options.

Other suburbs affected by the malcontents would be Orland Hills, New Lenox and Mokena, which has their water relayed to them from Tinley Park; and, Matteson and Olympia Fields, which draws from the other aforementioned suburbs.

A June 21st pump failure in Oak Lawn's system worsened an already untenable situation caused by the drought, which has lasted from late Spring to the present. Here are some of the alternatives, not necessarily in order of popularity or feasibility, to maintaining the status quo.

Alternative number one, especially for Tinley and Orland, would be to tap into the Bedford Park line which is capable of pumping 25 million gallons a day into those communities.

Alternative number two, for Tinley and Orland would be to access Homer Glen's existing pipes in the Bedford line. However, they are owned by Illinois American Water Company, which typically charges double what residents in those communities are accustomed to paying.

Alternative number three, would be to lay a new nine-mile long pipeline from Orland to Bedford Park, but the

upfront cost would be exorbitant.

Alternative number four, likely the most attractive to the less populated, more eastward suburbs like Country Club Hills, would be tapping into the Hammond line. Its capabilities, however, are far too insufficient to support the needs of towns like Oak Forest, Tinley Park or Orland Park.

On the drawing board is still a proposed \$60 million project to build a second pipeline, adjacent to the current one, underneath Central Avenue between Oak Lawn and Oak Forest. Had that pipe been built ten years ago when the plan was first considered, the current crisis would have been largely averted.

For now, the only idea which has gained any kind of multi-suburb support is a \$4 million plan to refurbish the current infrastructure.

All options are expensive, inconvenient and/or slow in the offing and, according to some city officials, won't do us or our lawns any good right now anyway. Again ... somebody bring me some water.

Record Number Wearing Seatbelts

Gov. Rod R. Blagojevich announced a record number of drivers are wearing their seatbelts and that the state is on pace to set a new safety record on Illinois roads. The Illinois Dept. of Transportation reports that 86% of drivers observed were wearing their seatbelts, up 10 percent from just two years ago. At the same time, 2005 is on pace to record the fewest number of persons killed on Illinois highways since 1924. Forty-one fewer people have lost their lives on Illinois highways during the first six months this year than the same time period last year.

Before the primary enforcement law, police could not pull a driver over based solely on a seatbelt violation. At that time, seatbelt usage was just 76%. Since the governor signed the law in July of 2003, safety belt usage climbed to 83% in June of 2004 and 86% in June of 2005.

In 2004, the first full year of primary enforcement, there were nearly 100 fewer deaths, or 1,356, compared to 1,454 in 2003. Through the first six months of this year there have been 597 deaths, 41 fewer than through the first six months of 2004.

In addition to primary seatbelt enforcement, another law signed by Gov. Blagojevich is contributing to safer roads. The law increased the age of children to be restrained in booster seats from 4 years old to 8 years old. Since the gov-

ernor signed the law in 2003, the state has hosted a series of car seat inspection events with 21st Century Insurance. Illinois State Police Officers and members of the Illinois Dept. of Transportation have inspected over 953 child safety seat installations. In addition, 21st Century Insurance has provided over 1,000 child safety seats to Illinois families.

Former OLCHS Athletic Director Dies

Fred Parks of Oak Lawn retired from Oak Lawn Community High School in 1987 after serving as Athletic Director for many years. Mr. Parks was appointed athletic director, it was reported that he was influential in combining the Southwest and South Suburban conferences into SICA. A graduate of Bradley University, Parks was also a teacher of history and physical education at Oak Lawn.

Mr. Parks was also instrumental in the implementation of the girls' athletic program under the Title IX sports equality law. Title IX requires equality for male and female sports programs at the high school and college levels.

Parks died on July 11th from complications of a stroke. He was 82.

His wife, Patricia, his sons Bruce and Gary Parks, his daughter, Pam Donlan and three grandchildren, survive him.

Oak Lawn Man Held For Fatal Car Accident

After a fatal car crash that left two dead and one seriously injured, a 22-year-old man, who has yet to be named, was held in custody.

The accident happened on Saturday at about 2:55 p.m. on U.S. Highway 12, just west of Indiana Highway 49, in Porter, Ind.

The car being driven by the Oak Lawn man was driving west bound when it crossed the highway centerline. According to police, the driver lost control of the 2003 Honda Civic, slid sideways and struck a van head-on.

Ernesta Rumbinaite, 18, of Darien was pronounced dead shortly after the accident. She was a passenger in the Civic and was ejected from the car. Sandra Galeckaite,

18, also of Darien, was pronounced dead at the scene. A 22-year-old man from Homer Glen was in serious condition at Porter's Valparaiso Hospital. They both were passengers in the Civic.

A woman and two kids were in the van. They were treated for minor injuries and released.

Local Scholar Named

Jennifer Marie Campbell of Hometown is among spring 2005 graduates of Illinois State University, Normal. She received a Bachelor of Science degree in Education. She graduated with cum laude honors.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

JULY 22 & 23 - Summer Garage Sale, Salem United Church of Christ, 9717 Kostner Ave.; Friday 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and Saturday, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

JULY 24 - Sunday - Old Fashioned Ice Cream Social, First United Methodist Church of Oak Lawn, 100th and Central Ave., 11:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.

JULY 28 - Thursday - OL Senior Citizens Commission, 5330 W. 95th St., 10 a.m.

JULY 28 - Thursday - Legal & Ordinance Meeting, 9446 S. Raymond, 7:30 p.m.

JULY 28 - Thursday - Worth Township Regular Board Meeting, 11601 S. Pulaski Road, 7:30 p.m.

AUGUST 1 - Monday - Fire Department Club Meeting, VFW, 9514 S. 52nd Ave., 8 p.m.

AUGUST 1 - Monday - Planning & Development Commission Meeting, 9446 S. Raymond, 8 p.m.

AUGUST 2 - Tuesday - Civil Service Commission, 9446 Raymond, 5:30 p.m.

AUGUST 3 - Wednesday - Appeals Board, 9446 Raymond, 8 p.m.

AUGUST 4 - Thursday - Alzheimer Support Group, Christ Hospital, 4440 W. 95th St., 6 p.m.

AUGUST 4 - Thursday - Historic Preservation Commission, 9446 S. Raymond, 7 p.m.

AUGUST 4 - Thursday - Athletic Club Meeting, VFW Hall, 9514 S. 52nd Ave., 8 p.m.

AUGUST 4 - Thursday - Traffic Review Committee Meeting, Municipal Center auditorium, 9446 S. Raymond, 8 p.m.

News & Views For Senior Citizens
Mature Times Special Section In This Issue

Maloney Committee To Explore Graduation Rates At State Universities

State Senator Ed Maloney (D-18) recently announced that the Senate Higher Education Committee will hold a hearing to explore graduation rates from Illinois's public universities.

The Higher Education Committee is looking to fine-tune higher education policies in Illinois in order to increase graduation rates, leading to a brighter future for our young people, better and more abundant job opportunities, and a stronger Illinois economy.

The meeting will take place on Thursday, August 4 in Room 302 of the University of Illinois-Chicago's Student Center East Tower (formerly Chicago Circle Center), 750 South Halsted. The meeting will convene at 9:30 a.m.

Subjects expected to be discussed include admission criteria, graduation rates, and the relationship between the two. At the hearing, Jennifer Presley of the Illinois Education Research Council at SIUE will be presenting research findings on retention trends in Illinois.

Senator Maloney has invited participation from representatives of the State's four-year universities and community colleges, the Illinois Principals' Association, Chicago Public Schools, the Illinois Board of Higher

Education, the Illinois Community College Board, the Illinois Student Assistance Commission, the Federation of Independent Illinois Colleges & Universities, the Illinois Federation of Teachers, the Illinois Education Association, the Illinois PTA and Dr. Randy J. Dunn, the State Superintendent.

Verizon Wireless To Hire 100 In Illinois

Verizon Wireless, owner and operator of the nation's most reliable wireless network, is looking to fill an additional 100 retail management, retail sales, customer support and telesales positions across Illinois, adding to the more than 365 new employees hired in the state this year. The 100 available positions will add to the company's current Illinois employee base of more than 2,500.

The job growth is needed to accommodate strong demand for the company's wireless products and services. Since many of the company's customers are multi-lingual, the company plans to hire significantly more bilingual and multi-lingual employees to bridge language barriers, improve the customer experience and better serve its increasingly diverse customer base.

Individuals interested in applying for jobs can call (877) 402-JOBS (5627) or go to Verizon Wireless' web site at www.verizonwireless.com/careers.



Boruta Receives Awards

The Queen of Peace High School Spring Sports Banquet was a time to recognize the achievements of outstanding athletes in the season. For each of the three spring sports - soccer, softball, and track and field - awards were given for leadership, Most Improved, and Most Valuable Player. In addition, a Spring Scholar Athlete, Scholar Athlete of the Year, and Athlete of the Year are named. This year, senior softball player Theresa Boruta (pictured) of Chicago was honored with all three awards, sharing the Spring Scholar Athlete award with classmate Emily Krystof of Oak Lawn of the soccer team. Boruta and Krystof are tied for fourth in their class with 4.0 grade point averages. Boruta was also named the Girls Catholic Athletic Conference Softball Player of the Year for the second time. Boruta will attend the University of Wisconsin-Madison on a full softball scholarship, while Krystof pursues her degree at Villanova University.

The following students were award winners: JV Soccer Leadership Award, Alison Kmiec, a sophomore of Palos Heights; Varsity Soccer Leadership Award, Jodie Spizzirri, a senior of Crestwood; Varsity Soccer Most Improved Athlete, Ayla Olivera, a junior of Burbank; Varsity Soccer Most Valuable Athlete, Mary Kelly, a junior of Evergreen Park; Frosh Softball Leadership Award, Erin Pikowski of Chicago and JV Softball Leadership Award, Brittney McLean, a sophomore of Chicago.

Others are: Varsity Softball Leadership Award, Molly Stewart, a senior of Blue Island; Varsity Softball Impact Player, Michelle Prieto, a sophomore of Chicago; Varsity Softball Most Valuable Defense, Katie Tarqueno, a senior of Alsip and Nora Duffy, a junior of Oak Lawn; JV Track Leadership Award, Sarah Gracz, a sophomore of Chicago; Varsity Track Leadership Award, Mallory Greiger, a sophomore of Chicago; Varsity Track Most Improved Athlete, Rebecca Hacker, a freshman of Burbank; and Varsity Track Most Valuable Athlete, Alana Grandau, a junior of Chicago.

Blood Drive Event

Your blood = 2 free White Sox tickets! The Red Cross is offering tickets to blood donors at their blood drive on Saturday, July 23rd, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Mt. Zion Lutheran Church in Oak Lawn (tickets are for the September 8th game against Kansas City). Donors also win a place in drawings for additional Sox tickets; a chance to throw out the first pitch at a Sox game and a chance to win two tickets to

the "Body Works" exhibit at the Museum of Science and Industry.

Mt. Zion will be hosting an ice cream social during the drive; come have a hot dog and something sweet, play some games and give some much-needed blood. Mt. Zion is located at 104th & Kostner in Oak Lawn. Call (708) 423-6554 to make an appointment to give blood without a wait; walk-ins welcome.

Gaelic Park Honors The Feast Of Our Lady Of Knock

Chicago Gaelic Park, the Irish Cultural Center, 6119 W. 147th St., Oak Forest, will commemorate the Feast of Our Lady of Knock on Monday, Aug. 22nd at 7:30 p.m.

The miracle of Our Lady of Knock began on a misty, rainy evening in August 1879. Fifteen witnesses saw a bright light shine over the Knock Parish Church, an Apparition that included the Blessed Virgin Mary, Saint Joseph and Saint John. The faithful watched and recited the Rosary in its presence for two hours. Miracles began days after the Apparition.

Over the years, the visitors to Knock, Co. Mayo, has grown to over half a million and has seen many other exceptional happenings including the healing of the terminally ill.

Gaelic Park honors this event with Benediction, Rosary and Procession to the Grotto led by Fr. Michael Boland and Fr. Kevin Shanley. Refreshments hosted by the Ladies Auxiliary will be available after the ceremony.

For more information, call Gaelic Park at (708) 687-9323.

Replace Your Excess Inventory With Tax Relief And Charity

Tired of clambering around in your small, cluttered warehouse desperately trying to squeeze in lines of new product? Still not ready to give up on those old, overstocked, discontinued, or slow selling products and mark them up as yet another loss? Then you obviously haven't heard of NAEIR, The National Association for the Exchange of Industrial Resources.

Not only does NAEIR offer the solution to this problem, but it also offers it at absolutely 100% no cost. In fact, NAEIR may not only free you of your excess inventory donated, plus half the difference between cost and fair market value, up to twice cost. Other corporations such as (S) corporations, partnerships, and sole proprietors are eligible for a straight-cost deduction.

When dealing with overstocked merchandise, a straight cost deduction is better business sense than trying to clear your stagnant merchandise through a liquidator, who may offer you just cents on the dollar. Also, when dealing with liquidators there is no telling where your merchandise may go. It may go to cut-rate discount houses which may eventually harm your product's image.

When donating to NAEIR you are secure in knowing your products will only be distributed to 501 (c)(3) non-profit organizations, eliminating any worry of flooding your market, and giving your company's image a boost by contributing to a charitable organization.

All of this may sound too good to be true, but when you're getting overwhelmed by the opportunities laying in front of you more incentives begin to find you, such as NAEIR's uncomplicated process and satisfactory service. Making donations is as simple as one phone call. So call 1-800-562-0955 or email donor@naeir.org to receive a free Donor Information Kit.

'Safe Havens' For Abandoned Babies

Gov. Rod R. Blagojevich signed legislation that removes a "sunset" provision of the Abandoned Newborn Infant Protection Act and makes permanent the list of places parents and guardians can safely relinquish their newborn infants.

The governor's approval of House Bill 175 came during a week when three babies were abandoned in the Chicago area.

House Bill 175, bipartisan legislation sponsored by Rep. Beth Coulson (R-Glenview) and Sen. Donne

Trotter (D-Chicago) and approved unanimously by the General Assembly, removes the scheduled July 1st, 2007 expiration of the Abandoned Newborn Infant Protection Act.

The Abandoned Newborn Infant Protection Act grants parents immunity from criminal prosecution if they safely abandon their infants within 72 hours of birth with personnel at designated "safe havens" which are police stations, fire stations, hospitals and medical emergency facilities.

Updated Mobile Homes Ordinance

Cook County Board President John H. Stroger, Jr. has proposed new amendments that would update the County's *Mobile Homes and Mobile Home Park Ordinance*, which has not been updated since 1972.

The new amendments address fire safety concerns by increasing setback and separation areas. Recent fires in two northwest suburban mobile home parks caused one death and thousands of dollars in property loss from fires that spread from one home to the next. Fire officials contend that when mobile homes are too close to one another fire can easily jump from unit to unit. The revised ordinance requires increased space between the home and the street when the home is a new or replaced unit and also increases the separation between homes.

Other proposed changes include increased penalties for violations, increased license fees, a prohibition against storing flammable liquids under mobile homes, and restrictions on the placement of sheds and accessory buildings.

The Cook County Dept. of Public Health licenses and regulates 30 mobile home communities including approximately 8,000 mobile home sites.

MVCC Seek Displaced Homemakers For Program

Moraine Valley Community College seeks displaced homemakers for participation in the Illinois Support, Training and Employment Program (ISTEP) which offers various services to displaced homemakers to assist them in accessing education programs and entering employment.

A displaced homemaker is someone who was previously married but has lost income due to a divorce, separation, death of a spouse, or other loss of income from a spouse such as a lay-off or disability.

Eligible ISTEP participants can receive funding for education, as well as career counseling, individual and peer support, assistance with transportation and/or childcare and help with finding or upgrading employment. The program is funded through a grant from the Illinois Dept. of Labor.

Interested individuals are encouraged to contact Tamika Montgomery at Moraine Valley Illinois Employment and Training Center (IETC) at (708) 974-5738. The fall 2005 semester begins Aug. 22nd.

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Break The Silence: Report Elder Abuse

July is Elder Abuse Awareness Month and Catholic Charities, in conjunction with the Illinois Department on Aging, is reaching out to seniors in a month-long campaign, Break The Silence, in order to raise awareness of this important issue in our society.

What is elder abuse? Elder abuse is a term referring to any negligent act by a caregiver or any other person that causes harm or a serious risk of harm to a vulnerable adult. Elder abuse does not discriminate. Elder abuse can affect people of all backgrounds and social status and can affect both men and women. An elder abuse victim may be your neighbor, friend or family member.

Is elder abuse only physical? No, Illinois law defines abuse, neglect and exploitation as:

- Physical Abuse – inflicting physical pain or injury upon an older adult.
- Sexual Abuse – sexual activity with an older adult when the older person is unable to understand, unwilling to consent, threatened or physically forced.
- Emotional Abuse – verbal assaults, threats of abuse, harassment or intimidation.
- Confinement – restraining or isolating an older person, other than for medical reasons.
- Passive Neglect – the caregiver's failure to provide an older person with life's necessities.
- Willful Deprivation – willfully denying an older person medication, medical care, shelter, food, a therapeutic device or other physical assistance.
- Financial Exploitation – the misuse or withholding of an older person's resources by another.

Who does one call if suspicion of elder abuse is occurring? How does one break the silence? Anyone who suspects that an older person is being mistreated by someone should call the Department on Aging's Senior HelpLine at 1-800-252-866 (voice and TTY) from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Youngsters With Spina Bifida To Enjoy Unique Summer Camp

Youngsters and young adults across the state who have spina bifida will enjoy a summer camp experience while improving their independence skills at Camp Ability®, sponsored by the Illinois Spina Bifida Association at Timber Pointe Outdoor Center, located at Hudson, Illinois, (12 miles north of Bloomington/Normal) on Lake Bloomington. The first one-week camping session, for seven-to-twelve year-olds, gets underway Sunday, July 24. Teens from 13 to 17 years will camp from July 31 to Aug. 6, and young adults ages 18 to 30 will attend a session from Aug. 7 to 13. Camp Ability is the only summer camp in the Midwest specifically for persons with the birth defect.

Now in its 17th year, Camp Ability offers programs designed to help persons with spina bifida develop self-confidence while participating in traditional camping activities, such as boating, fishing, horseback riding and archery plus wheelchair sports. An in-ground swimming pool features a ramp that enables campers who use wheelchairs to enter the pool easily.

In addition, campers participate in discussion sessions designed to help them set and achieve personal goals. This year, each camping session will have an independence coordinator on-site to work with each camper in developing his or her independence goals and to monitor progress.

Adam Rappaport, executive director of Illinois Spina Bifida Association, added, "Each year we try to enhance camping activities. This year, our high ropes course and zip line are in operation. They will use belays to raise campers, with a full safety harness, up some 20 feet in the air. There they can move along a line or zip down a long cable pendulum-style." He added that families of children with spina bifida who are interested in future camping are invited to visit Timber Pointe on Wednesday, Aug. 3rd, to tour the facilities, observe activities and speak with the camp director and counselors.

Rappaport said that the Timber Pointe facility, spread throughout 170 acres of forests, provides easy access to cabins and lodges, wildlife habitats and program areas for the campers, most of whom use wheelchairs or crutches.

For many campers, Camp Ability is their first time "away from home" and the program is a growth experience for both the youngsters and their families. With close supervision by an international staff of counselors, around-the-clock nursing care on site and nearby medical facilities in Bloomington and Peoria, Camp Ability offers a uniquely challenging yet sheltered program.

The nation's number one disabling birth defect, spina bifida is a defect in the spinal cord usually resulting in paralysis from the waist down. Lisle-based Illinois Spina Bifida Association offers services to people with spina bifida throughout Illinois, including educational seminars, family support programs, school scholarships and assistance with equipment purchases and therapy, in addition to Camp Ability.

Monday through Friday, or the Illinois Department on Aging's After-Hours Elder Abuse Hotline at 1-800-279-0400 (after hours, weekends and holidays).

Elder Abuse and Neglect Program services are provided through local community agencies. Reports may also be made directly to the elder abuse provider agency where the older person resides. For local information visit www.state.il.us/aging.

ADA 15th Anniversary Being Observed In July

The 15th anniversary of the signing of the landmark Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) is being observed in July.

As President Bush noted during last year's ADA anniversary, "Today, individuals with disabilities are better able to develop meaningful skills, engage in productive work and participate fully in society." Social Security's Ticket to Work program has been an important part of the effort to move individuals with disabilities into working life.

Nearly all individuals receiving Social Security and Supplemental Security Income (SSI) disability benefits have now received a "ticket" that they can use to get free vocational rehabilitation, employment or other support services from an approved provider of their choice. Social Security pays providers for successfully helping a beneficiary go to work.

Ticket to Work is a voluntary program that also has important provisions to ensure that people with disabilities no longer have to choose between keeping their health coverage and trying to go back to work.

Medicare hospital insurance coverage now extends for eight years and six months after most Social Security disability beneficiaries go to work. Medicare coverage continues even if an individual no longer receives a monthly benefit from Social Security. Medicare coverage for SSI disability beneficiaries may also be extended. Since Medicaid is a state health benefit, the individual states have the option to extend coverage to SSI beneficiaries who work. State Medicaid offices can provide further information. And Ticket to Work has been a success. Within the last few weeks, the number of individuals using a Ticket to Work passed the 90,000 mark.

If you or someone you know is a person with disabilities who would like to become one of the thousands of success stories that the Ticket to Work program is creating, visit our website at www.socialsecurity.gov/work or call Social Security at 1(800) 772-1213 (TTY 1-800-325-0778) for more information.



Sobanski Appointed Chief Engineer

Commissioner Terrence J. O'Brien who is president of the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago, announced the recent appointment of Joseph P. Sobanski to the prestigious position of Chief Engineer for the District.

Joe Sobanski is in his 30th year of service. Over the years he has served as Supervisor of the Sewer Design Section, & Assistant Chief Engineer for the Infrastructure Management Division. As Chief Engineer he manages the Engineering Department's staff of 239 engineers and sub-professionals and a capital budget of \$410 million, as well as the administration and enforcement of the District's sewer permit ordinance.

President O'Brien concluded by saying that under recently enacted legislation by the State of Illinois, designating the District as the responsible agency for Stormwater Management, he has most recently begun directing the efforts necessary to implement a county-wide Stormwater Management Plan.

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Durbin and Obama Meet With Transportation Secretary To Discuss Priorities

Last week U.S. Senators Dick Durbin (D-IL) and Barack Obama (D-IL) met with U.S. Secretary of Transportation Norman Mineta to discuss a number of Illinois transportation priorities, including funding for Amtrak, the Northwest Chicagoland International Airport at Rockford (RFD) and modernization at Chicago's O'Hare International Airport.

President Bush released a budget in February that included zero funding for Amtrak service in Illinois. Last month, the House of Representatives added \$550 million to boost Amtrak funding to \$1.2 billion.

"Amtrak is vitally important to Illinois," said Durbin. "Unfortunately, the President and his Administration are once again attempting to privatize and eventually eliminate Amtrak rail service. In Illinois alone, more than 3 million Amtrak passengers would be out on the highways and more than 2,000 employees would be out their jobs. Year after year, the President drives Amtrak to the brink of insolvency and Congress is forced to ride to the rescue. I stand ready to reject the Administration's cuts and privatization plan when the Senate Appropriations Committee considers the transportation funding bill next week."

"It doesn't make sense to provide millions of dollars to upgrade and maintain our roads and then to turn around and eliminate funding for rail service," said Obama. "Amtrak service is vital to Illinoisans all across the state, and I will fight any attempts by the Bush Administration to cut its budget."

Durbin and Obama also urged Secretary Mineta to support the Greater Rockford Airport's application for \$3 million in Small Community Development Grant funds. The funds would promote passenger service and attract additional airlines to Rockford's airport.

"Rockford plays an important role in Illinois' regional aviation system," Durbin said. "The airport in Rockford is part of the solution to congestion around O'Hare and Midway Airports in Chicago. Securing this grant will benefit RFD's customers, carriers and community."

"The Rockford airport is an important part of transportation and economic development of northern Illinois," said Obama. "This grant will create jobs and help RFD continue to provide the people in northern Illinois with vital air service."

The Senators asked Secretary Mineta to update them on the status of the Federal Aviation Administration's review of the environmental Impact Statement (EIS) of the O'Hare Modernization program. Once FAA approval is secured, the City of Chicago will be free to begin Phase One of the modernization project. Secretary Mineta indicated that the EIS review may be completed as early as the end of this month.

Letter To The Editor

The ongoing attempt by some members of Chicago's city council to outlaw smoking in restaurants and bars is a prime example of a poorly planned and counterproductive public policy. While the city continually looks to the hospitality and tobacco industry for increased tax revenues, it simultaneously tries to hamstring those industries from servicing a significant portion of their client base. Entrepreneurs risk going out of business because the city wants to outlaw the use of a legal product in all areas of the business owner's private property. The subsequent reduction of property tax, income tax and sales tax revenue due to lost jobs will mean higher taxes for everyone else. Businesses in Chicago do not need more government regulation nor do consumers.

According to the Illinois Restaurant Association, sixty-nine percent of restaurants in Chicago are already smoke free. The remainder reserve 50% of their space on average for non-smokers. The answer to any continuing smoking dilemma is to allow independent restaurateurs and barkeepers to determine the needs of their clientele. With the popular trend of ever increasing nicotine taxes and a more health conscious population the natural result will be less and less smoking and more smoke free environments.

s/s Maureen Murphy
Commissioner, Cook
County Board of Review

Local Scholars Are Named

Tinley Park residents Lauren M. Hansen, Deanna K. Lawrence and Eugene Orrico were named to the spring 2005 dean's list for Northern Illinois University, DeKalb.

NIU colleges according to varying criteria compile the dean's list.

The Road Map To Success

Attend a half-day workshop on Thursday, July 28th from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. offered by SCORE, Counselors to America's Small Business, 500 W. Madison Street, Suite 1250. You will learn to write a solid business plan, necessary when seeking a loan and for starting and maintaining your business. The workshop is required for a SCORE Workshop Completion Certificate, which will enhance your business plan if a loan is needed. Attendees should be in business or planning to start a business.

The fee is \$35 (if prepaid by credit card via www.scorechicago.org or \$45 cash or check to SCORE at door). Call (312) 353-7724 mornings, if you have any questions or visit our web site for more information. Same-day registration is also available 8:30 a.m. at SCORE. Space is limited.



All Points Southwest

By THOMAS E. GAVIN

A few weeks ago we alerted readers the Attorney General Lisa Madigan's office issued a subpoena to obtain more information regarding the advertising and marketing practices of companies selling lollipops as "Pot Suckers." Subsequent to that action Madigan has announced that a New Jersey-based company has agreed to stop selling lollipops known as "Pot Suckers," marijuana-flavored lollipops that display marijuana leaves on the candy packaging. The candy was the subject of numerous news reports and a subpoena from Madigan's office.

While other similar products are also called "pot suckers," ICUP, Inc., is the company that manufactures actual "Pot Suckers." Madigan was informed by ICUP's attorney in a July 1st letter that as of June 28th, ICUP "...made a business decision to stop selling and distributing hemp-flavored candies which are marketed under the name "Pot Suckers." A notice was also placed on my client's website noting this decision. The website is www.icupinc.com. This decision pertains to all sales nationwide..."

While investigating the ICUP products, Madigan's office called 25 stores statewide that said they sold Pot Suckers. Investigators bought the lollipops at several locations.

"These products - easily accessible to children in stores and malls - clearly promote the use of marijuana," Madigan said. "I am pleased that ICUP made the decision to stop selling Pot Suckers and encourage other companies to follow ICUP's lead. Candy should not glorify drug use."

Community college faculty and trustees, will have greater influence on college administration under legislation sponsored by State Rep. Kevin McCarthy (D-Orland Park) that was signed into law recently.

Senate Bill 2112 requires the governor to place at least one faculty member and one trustee from Illinois' 51 community colleges on the Illinois Community College Board. The Illinois Community College Board is made up of 11 members, all appointed by the governor. The Board oversees planning, budgeting, student development and instruction as well as coordination of capital development projects for all community colleges.

Rep. McCarthy serves as Chairman of the House Higher Education Committee. He worked with the Illinois Federation of Teachers and the Community College Trustees Association to draft the bill.

Congratulations to State Senator Christine Radogno (R-Lemont) on her recognition by the Illinois Progress Center for Independent Living. The senators "commitment to the civil rights and freedoms of people with disabilities and her support of the Community First Act" were cited by Diane Coleman, Executive Director of the Progress Center.

"We felt that her effort was so important to people with disabilities, old and young, that it deserved to be recognized. Senator Radogno has dedicated a lot of time and energy to learning about the long-term care system, and I think, on the policy level, she is incredibly knowledgeable and committed to expanding services to people with disabilities," Coleman said.

The Community First Act is an initiative that would authorize disabled citizens - regardless of the severity of their disability - who would have been placed in an institution, to receive community services or support to prolong the time these individuals are able to remain at home and actively involved in their community.

Americans for Tax Reform (ATR) have informed All Points that they applaud the pro-tax payer platform of Republican gubernatorial candidate Jim Oberweis. Mr. Oberweis signed the Taxpayer Protection Pledge on June 8th. According to the ATR "by signing the Pledge for the office of Governor, Mr. Oberweis commits "to oppose and veto any and all efforts to increase taxes." As of this writing, over 1,260 state legislators have

signed the Pledge nationally. To obtain a copy of the Pledge, or to learn more about it, visit www.ATR.org or call (202) 785-0266.

On Saturday, July 30th, the St. Laurence Alumni Association will be hosting its 16th annual St. Laurence Golf Open at Green Garden Country Club in Frankfort.

According to Ed Kozak, director of the Office of Institutional Advancement, the St. Laurence Golf Open welcomes a large contingent of alumni, as well as staff, friends and benefactors of the school each year. Enjoy a day of reconnecting with St. Laurence, seeing old friends, and supporting a vital cause. The Outing includes 18 holes of golf, shotgun start at 9 a.m., scramble format, contests, raffle, lunch and beverages on the course, open bar, dinner, giveaways, and keepsake photo to remember your day, for only \$150 per golfer. Tee times are limited to the first 144 golfers and must be received by July 23rd to guarantee your participation. Also, various sponsorship opportunities are available for individuals and businesses.

For more information contact Ed Kozak at (708) 458-6900, Ext. 244 or e-mail him at: ekozak@stlaurence.com.

The Integrity Party of Worth proudly announces that on Friday, Aug. 5th, they will host their 5th Annual Golf Outing at Worth's Waters Edge Golf Club, 7205 W. 115th St. in the village of Worth. Worth Village President Ed Guzdziel tells All Points that a full day of golf, camaraderie, food, and entertainment will be available for all participants. The golf day includes warm ups on the driving range at 11 a.m.; shotgun start at noon featuring a scramble format; 18 holes of golf with cart; a social hour at 5 p.m. and dinner at 6 p.m. Enjoy a chance to win a car, golf prizes, raffle prizes and box lunch and refreshments on the course. Golf and dinner is \$125 per person; \$40 per person for dinner only. For more information contact Anita at (708) 361-4673.

Lifelink will host the Keith Magnuson Golf Classic on Monday, Aug. 15th, at the Knollwood Club in Lake Forest. For nine years, hockey great Magnuson supported Lifelink's programs for at-risk children, including foster-care, adoption and Head Start.

Registration and driving range practice opens at 10 a.m. Lunch will be provided prior to the shotgun start at 12:30 p.m. The evening will wrap up with cocktails, hors d'oeuvres, dinner, a grand prize, silent auction and awards. Lifelink will also present the Maggie Cup, a special recognition of a person who has given significant and unique support to Lifelink. Additionally, children from Lifelink's foster-care program will be on hand to mingle with the golfers. These children will be recognized and honored for their scholastic and athletic achievements despite their challenging situations.

Playing spots are \$1,000 each, with additional sponsorship opportunities available. Individual players will be assigned to foursomes and accompanied by a celebrity captain for 18 holes. Past celebrity captains have included Jay Hilgenberg, Keith Magnuson, Tom Waddle, Richard Dent, Michael Jordan, Mike Ditka and Spike O'Dell.

For more information or to reserve playing spots, call Lifelink at (630) 521-8048 or visit the web site at www.lifelink.org.

Blagojevich Bypasses Legislature And Allocates Tax Dollars To Conduct Cloning Experimentation

On July 12th Governor Rod Blagojevich signed an executive order to fund embryonic stem-cell experimentation in Illinois with \$10 million of Illinois tax dollars, after several failed attempts by the legislature to pass a bill.

In his press release, Gov. Blagojevich stated, "no funding will be authorized for research involving human cloning." However, the signed executive order specifically authorizes "somatic cell nuclear transfer" as an acceptable research endeavor. This is human cloning.

"Clones created for experimentation are no different than clones created for reproductive purposes. The only difference between 'therapeutic cloning' and 'reproductive cloning' is that one clone is created, experimented upon, then destroyed by scientists. The other is implanted in a woman's uterus to potentially grow into a tiny boy or girl, if that is even possible," said Jill Stanek, Pro-Life Coordinator for Concerned Women for Illinois.

"Gov. Blagojevich is manipulating language and the public to hide the fact that Illinois taxpayers will now be forced to pay for human cloning experimentation. He aims to funnel \$10 million of newly discovered Illinois tax dollars into unethical and ineffective research which destroys

embryos, the smallest form of human life," said Stanek.

"Up to now, embryonic, stem-cell experimentation has failed with lab animals. Animals injected with embryonic stem-cells grow cancerous tumors and other unwanted tissues. The quick replication of cells is the very definition of cancer," said Stanek.

"Not only is embryonic stem-cell experimentation unethical and immoral, but it has not helped one human being. This is why private funding has all but dried up. The Governor needs to explain why he is so eager to throw our tax dollars at a dead end when for 30 years adult stem-cells have been curing upwards of 90 diseases without destroying human life. Fifty eight disease are being successfully treated using stem cells from bone marrow alone! And how did \$10 million all of a sudden appear in this financially strapped state," asked Stanek?

"Gov. Blagojevich has shown a pattern of disdain for both the legislature and the public. Literally ignoring the FDA's opposition, he pushed open the door for Illinoisans to get prescription drugs from Canada. Following failure of yet another bill, he then ordered pharmacists to dispense the morning after pill, an abortifacient, which has resulted in lawsuits against him. And now this," said Stanek.



Eli's 25th Anniversary Celebrated

Mayor Richard M. Daley is joined by Marc Schulman, President of Eli's Cheesecake, members of the rock band Chicago, Chicago native and food and wine connoisseur for the television show *Queer Eye for the Straight Guy*, Ted Allen and other luminaries at the Taste of Chicago as they celebrate the 25th anniversary celebration of Eli's Cheesecake.

"I would like to congratulate Eli's Cheesecake on their 25th anniversary of providing cheesecake at their restaurant and at the Taste of Chicago," said Mayor Daley. "Eli's has had a strong commitment to the City of Chicago and to the Taste of Chicago since the festival opened in 1980."

Replacing Specialty Plates Legislation

In response to the overwhelming number of specialty license plates currently available in Illinois, State Senator Christine Radogno (R-Lemont) has co-sponsored legislation that mandates a study of the possibility of replacing specialty plates in Illinois.

The legislation, Senate Bill 248, requires the Secretary of State to begin

a study into the feasibility of establishing a standard license plate to replace all, or at least some, of Illinois' specialty license plates with a sticker that identifies the specific classification of the plate.

"Every year the General Assembly considers new proposals for specialty license plates. Currently there are over forty options

that the public can choose from and it seems reasonable to expect this number to continue growing," said Radogno. "Exploring the possibility of using a sticker to differentiate between the many different license plates seems worthwhile if money and time may be saved in the long run."

The study would also

research the possibility of identifying the county the vehicle is registered in on the license plate, as well as explore the option of attaching a special plate to the front of a vehicle with a standard registration plate on the back of the car.

Radogno explained that the Secretary of State is required to report to the Governor and the General Assembly by March 1, 2006 on its findings. The report will contain cost estimates and a comparison of those estimates to the current costs.

Having been approved by the General Assembly, Senate Bill 248 now proceeds to the Governor for final approval.

"Irish" John Duddy to Fight This Friday

With the luck of the Irish, Bobby Hitz of Hitz Boxing Promotions found a four leaf clover when match maker Jim Borzell contacted him about introducing John Duddy to Chicago's strong Irish boxing community.

A junior-middleweight contender, "Irish" John Duddy (10-0, 9 KO's) is a good-looking, soft-spoken, quick and exciting non-stop puncher. The 5'11", 160-pound Duddy took a chance in relocating to the United States when he began his professional career in 2003. Leaving his hometown of County of Derry in Northern Ireland, Duddy hoped to gain the necessary training and coaching experience to become a topnotch boxer. "I never knew how lucky I was to be Irish till I came to America," said Duddy.

"Irish" John Duddy is promoted by Irish Ropes, managed by the McLoughlin Brothers and trained by Harry Keitt.

Duddy will square off with Pat Coleman (29-11, 20 KO's) at Chicago's AllState

Arena this Friday, July 22nd at 8 p.m. The fight will be broadcast on ESPN2.

Plenty of action will be on display on the undercard as Irish-American heavyweight Malachy Farrell (9-0, 7 KO's) will fight Giuseppe Kidd (3-0, 2 KO's). Farrell is managed by Chicagoland's own Mike Joyce and trained by Marty McGarry.

Other notable fighters displaying their talents on Friday evening include: welterweight female Lois Theobald (14-0), super bantam-weight "Armenian" Artyom Sismonyan (36-3), jr. middleweight Rudy Cisneros (4-1, 4 KO's) and welterweight Nelson Romine (4-1).

To order tickets for the July 22nd event, phone (630) 787-6600 or Ticketmaster: (312) 559-1212 or the AllState Arena box office. Ticket prices are \$100 VIP, \$50 ringside reserved and \$25 general admission. Doors open at 7 p.m., first bout at 8 p.m. For more information, check out bobhitzboxing@aol.com

Juvenile Sex Offenders

A bill sponsored by State Senator Ed Maloney (D-18) that would require juvenile sex offenders to register as adult sex offenders upon reaching age seventeen was signed into law recently.

With the passage of House Bill 4030, upon reaching age seventeen, juvenile sex offenders will be placed on the adult sex offender registry - the one that is available to the general public via the State Police website. Previously, juvenile sex offenders were required to register, but were placed on a registry that was only available to law enforcement and school administrators.

The new law also requires all sex offender registration to be done in person by the sex offender, and requires the sex offender to register in person whenever directed by their local law enforcement agency.

Fit 4 Life Kicks Off

State employees from 10 different agencies are lacing up their tennis shoes and strapping on their pedometers to participate in the Fit 4 Life State Agency Walking Challenge, part of Gov. Rod R. Blagojevich's comprehensive fitness and wellness initiative. The six-week program will challenge state employees to walk 10,000 steps per day. The program has begun and will end the last day of the Illinois State Fair, Aug. 21st.

A startling 66 percent of all Americans are overweight, with more than 30 percent considered obese. Illinois statistics are comparable to the national trend, with more than 60 percent of Illinois adults 18 and older being overweight or obese. Obesity related medical expenditures for Illinois are estimated at \$3.4 billion, with \$805 million financed by Medicare and \$1 billion financed by Medicaid.

Earlier this year, the Illinois Dept. of Public Health (IDPH) piloted a similar walking program and nearly one-third of the Department's employees participated, walking a total of 210 million steps over a 12-week period. Gov. Blagojevich asked Dr. Eric E. Whitaker, state public health director, to offer other state agencies assistance in implementing a similar walking challenge.

A typical adult averages 3,000 to 5,000 steps a day but Fit 4 Life challenges 10,000 steps, which is the equivalent of five miles per day. There are many ways to increase your steps, for example, walking on lunch breaks, parking farther away from the store or work, or taking stairs instead of the elevator.

The Dept. of Human Services (DHS) and IDPH are working together to implement various activities and events that will eventually be a part of Fit 4 Life to raise awareness of the importance of adopting healthy lifestyles.

Participants are able to register to participate in Fit 4 Life and track their progress electronically throughout the six-week program. The competitive challenge will allow employees to see how agencies rank in terms of average number of steps taken per week. At the conclusion of the program, data will indicate which agency has shown the most improvement by comparing steps taken the first three weeks with the final three weeks of the program.

Maloney Bill To Prevent More Than One Sex Offender At An Address

A bill sponsored by State Senator Ed Maloney (D-Chicago) that prevents more than one registered sex offender from living at the same street address was signed into law recently.

House Bill 350 prevents more than one sex offender on parole or court supervision from residing at the same address or in the same building as another sex offender. The new law also requires parole officers to check at least once a month to ensure that this limit is being observed, and requires parole to be revoked when it is not. It also authorizes the Department of Corrections to license transitional housing for sex offenders, setting minimum criteria for the facilities.

The bill was drafted partly in response to conditions discovered at the Emerald Park Health Care Center, a skilled-care facility serving both the elderly and the mentally ill, located in Evergreen Park. In April 2005, ten sex offenders were discovered to be residing at the facility. The presence of the sex offenders at the facility came to light after one of them was arrested in a public park in Evergreen Park.

The Emerald Park Health Care Center was subsequently closed.

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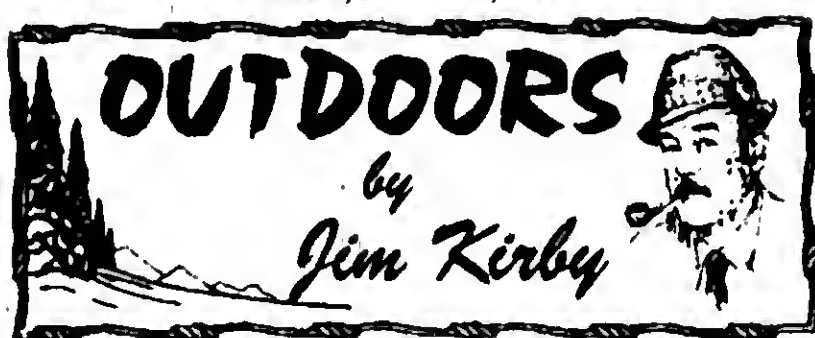
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WILL THE ELECTRIC BARRIER KEEP ASIAN CARP OUT OF THE GREAT LAKES? Great Lakes activist, and "Do nothing politicians and government officials worst nightmare," Ed Landmichl, Sr. set up a meeting with a group of outdoor writers and Great Lakes interested parties to discuss the much-touted electric Asian carp barrier.

We met at the construction site of the second, much improved barrier, 500 feet downstream from the original highly criticized barrier. The site is located at the base of the 135th Street bridge near Lockport and Romeoville on the Shipping Canal.

The sizable work crew on the project was glad to answer any questions we had, and admitted they were on a tight leash to get the barrier up and running as soon as possible.

Anxious to see the barrier brought on-line were Thomas R. Marks, New York State Director of the Great Lakes Sport Fishing Council; and Phil Moy of The Wisconsin Sea Grant.

Landmichl set the tone for the meeting by producing a dead Asian Big Head Carp that he had just purchased from a fish market. The sale of live Asian carp is illegal in Illinois. Marks said the same was true in New York State with the exception of New York City where live carp are legal. Now that's pretty scary considering that those same carp could be released in New England river systems and destroy commercial and recreational fishing in local lakes, rivers and indeed the Eastern Great Lakes.



Ed Landmichl, Sr. (right) shows a Big Head Asian Carp to Jim Kirby.

Through a meaningful exchange of ideas, the following pros and cons were brought to light: The barrier is calculated to be 99.5 percent effective. When tens of thousands of carp advance on the barrier, that means that five out of every 1,000 could get through. No one knows what the threshold breeding population is for Asian carp. Once established in the Great Lakes, the damage the carp could do would be irreversible, and the present ecosystem could be destroyed.

Landmichl had us take a close look at his dead big head carp. The fish has no teeth, will not eat other fish, but the damage is done by the carp scooping up the zoo-plankton that is the bottom of the food chain, the forage for young fish to grow to maturity. Take that away and there goes your fishery.

The area of the barrier is prone to flooding, this means that carp in the canal or the Des Plaines River could just swim around the barrier, travel upstream via the Sag Canal, Sanitary and Ship Canal and enter Lake Michigan.

The U.S.D.A. and Farmer's Lobby that brought the Asian carp from China should pay to clean up the mess, just like an oil company is held liable for oil spills.

Asian carp can get into Indiana's inland streams and ditches after heavy flooding and rains on the Kankakee River, then into Lake Michigan at Burn's Ditch, Michigan City, or the Indiana Harbor Ship Canal.

The round goby, zebra mussels, sea lampreys and other invasive species brought into our waters in ballast tanks of ocean going vessels have already had a devastating effect on the Great Lakes. The Asian carp introduction into the waterways will test man's and Mother Nature's ability to cope with the situation.

The Asian carp, both silver and big head, are highly excitable. They have been known to jump into boats, knocking fishermen overboard and knocking riders on jet skis off their personal watercraft. The sound and turbulence created by barges and other canal boats could cause these fish to become "excited" and cross the electric barrier.

Since the carp were brought into this country as a food fish (they got into the Mississippi waterway after a flood washed out their fish farm holding pens) perhaps allowing unrestricted commercial fishing of Asian carp would help control the number of carp in our waterways.

The day after our meeting, Landmichl and his dead carp made an appearance at U.S. Corps of Engineers' Aquatic Nuisance Species Barrier Panel Meeting in Chicago. Ed did his best to convince those in attendance to expedite completion of the barrier, which is reported to be eight months behind schedule.

After listening to all the facts, pro and con, and pouring over flood plain maps, I personally feel that it is just a matter of time until the Asian carp make their way into the Great Lakes.



St. Francis Will Hold 32nd Annual Charity Golf Outing

St. Francis Hospital & Health Center invites you to attend its 32nd Annual Charity Invitational Golf Outing at Midlothian Country Club on Monday, Aug. 1.

"This is an incredible event that offers a great afternoon of golf, camaraderie and helps support the exceptional health care services at St. Francis Hospital & Health Center," said Bryant Krauss, executive director of the St. Francis Health Care Foundation.

Various levels of sponsorship are still available. Responses are due by July 22. Registration begins at 7 a.m. for the morning shotgun start and at noon for the mid-day start. The event includes continental breakfast, lunch, cocktails and a wonderful dinner and program.

This year's event will celebrate the hospital's 100th anniversary. Proceeds will benefit various enhancements at the hospital, including plans to renovate a majority of semi-private rooms to private rooms.

"This is a tremendous cause, and certainly a time of celebration for St. Francis during this momentous occasion in its history," said Dr. Luke Pascale, cardiologist and long-time St. Francis Hospital supporter. "This is an open tournament and we hope to gain generous support from business leaders, community members, grateful patients and physicians to make this tournament a success."

Donations in any denomination are welcome, and are tax deductible as allowed by law. Donations can still be made even if you are unable to attend the golf outing. For more information, call the St. Francis Health Care Foundation at (708) 824-4810.

Pictured are participants at last year's Charity Invitational Golf Outing (left to right) Mike Sarovich, Jody Rotundo, Frank Gentile, Tim Finucane and Tom Finucane.

Queen of Peace Annual Golf Classic

Queen of Peace High School faculty, alumnae, parents and friends are cleaning their clubs and practicing their putts in preparation for the school's 13th Annual Peace Golf Classic on Saturday, Sept. 10th at Palos Country Club, 13100 Southwest Highway in Orland Park. Tee-off begins with a shotgun start at 9 a.m.

The 9-hole event includes continental breakfast, golf, cart, beverages and snacks on the course. Lunch will be served in the Clubhouse and includes soft drinks, beer, giveaways and raffles.

The fee for nine holes of golf, a cart and luncheon costs \$65; luncheon only is \$30. Proceeds from the Golf Classic support the Queen of Peace student scholarship fund.

Reservations for the Golf Classic must be made by Aug. 25th. Contact Cindy Kmetty, director of development, at (708) 458-7600.

All-Star Classic

In 2002, Tim Hardaway of the Indiana Pacers and Bennie Henry had an idea to raise money to benefit underprivileged inner-city youth. Therefore, they founded "The Support Group" which organizes a yearly exhibition game featuring NBA stars.

As a result, on Saturday, July 23rd, at 3 pm, the 4th Annual Chicagoland All-Star Classic will be held at The United Center.

Tickets range from \$100 for courtside seats all the way down to \$15 for 300 Level seating. Group discount prices are also available. For more specifics, please call Martina Smith at (312) 630-9188.

ext. 250, to save your spot on the course or visit www.queenofpeacehs.org/files/alumnae.html to download a reservation form.

Persons interested in sponsoring the Golf Classic or donating raffle prizes should contact Kmetty at the number listed above.

Wildlife Check Off Donations

Governor Rod R. Blagojevich has announced the award of funding to support 45 projects statewide that will enhance animal habitat and protect and restore threatened and endangered species. The projects are financed through Illinois citizen's donations to the Illinois Wildlife Preservation fund. The fund distribution is administered by the Illinois Department of Natural Resources.

The Wildlife Preservation Fund is a voluntary contribution check-off option on the Illinois State income tax form. In the 22 years of the program, a combined total of more than 900 large and small projects have been funded throughout the state through check-off donations totaling more than \$4.5 million. More than a half-million people have supported the program by making voluntary donations. The funds have been used to support projects ranging from habitat enhancements to species restoration.

Donations to the Wildlife Preservation Fund are tax deductible. They may be made through the state income tax form directly to the Wildlife Preservation Fund by mailing them to the Illinois Department of Natural Resources, Office of Resource Conservation, Division of Habitat Resources, One Natural Resources Way, Springfield, IL 62702-1271.

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Visit With Artist Jack Simmerling

Jack Simmerling, Beverly's favorite artist, will be at the Smith Village Information Center, 10400 S. Western Ave., in Chicago, for an opportunity to area residents to visit with him each day at 1 p.m. from Tuesday, July 26, through Thursday, July 28. Smith village also has arranged for an exhibition of some of his favorite works at its Information Center. It can be viewed from noon until 3 p.m.

"We are delighted to have the opportunity to share Jack Simmerling's lovely paintings and drawings with the community," says Bunny Sugarman, marketing director at Smith Village. "Simmerling's work evokes memories and transports people to a different time and place, and hearing stories associated with them makes them even more special."

Simmerling is renowned for his watercolor paintings and pencil renditions of historic and contemporary American cities. In particular, he has earned recognition for his unique perspective of Chicago, concentrating his attention on historic landscapes and cityscapes. Although he rarely exhibits outside of the Heritage Gallery, which he established in the Beverly neighborhood in 1958, he has assembled a special collection of works for Smith Village to illustrate his vision of Chicago from an historic perspective.

One of his favorites in the exhibit depicts a 1880s brownstone at 20th and Prairie Ave. The building was once owned by his uncle who sold the structure for \$2,000. Recently, that neighborhood, which once housed the wealthiest Chicagoans, has experienced a renaissance. Today, his uncle's home would be worth millions. Using memories and photographs to paint this building, Simmerling shows a small slice of life in Chicago that no longer exists. The art exhibit also will include some beloved scenes from the Beverly and Morgan Park neighborhoods.

An extensive list of patrons have commissioned

Simmerling to portray their favorite homes and institutions including the Vanderbilt family's Biltmore Estate, the Chicago Symphony, the Philadelphia Orchestra, the University of Notre Dame, the University of Illinois at Chicago, Toyota Motor Sales and Saint Xavier University.

While at the Smith Village Information Center, visitors may enjoy complimentary refreshments, view a scale model of Smith Village and learn more about the \$65 million community that will reinvent retirement living in Beverly and the surrounding area.

Smith Village is slated to open in early 2007. The new community, which is being constructed on the current site of the Washington and Jane Smith Community, is the largest development project in the history of Chicago's Beverly neighborhood.

Sponsored by Smith Senior Living, a not-for-profit organization dedicated to serving the lifestyle, housing and healthcare needs of seniors for nearly 80 years, Smith Village will provide independent living, assisted living, memory support and skilled nursing care. Its newly constructed campus will feature large apartments and a host of services and amenities.

For more information about how Smith Village can help seniors enjoy their retirement, call (773) 881-4950 or visit www.SmithVillage.org.



Local artist Jack Simmerling shows Bunny Silverman, marketing director for Smith Village, one of his favorite paintings that will be included in a special, free exhibit at the Smith Village Information Center, 10400 S. Western Ave. in Chicago. Area residents will have the opportunity to visit with Simmerling each day at 1 p.m. from Tuesday, July 26, through Thursday, July 28. The exhibit will include his paintings of Chicago life and history.

Living With Arthritis

Approximately 70 million Americans have arthritis and a new survey by the Rippe Lifestyle Institute shows many are living with arthritis pain needlessly because they don't know which medications are safe.

Says Dr. James Rippe: "We learned from our survey that since these patients are confused, many have stopped or reduced their use of pain relievers. The result is a significant negative



Among people with arthritis who heard recent news about pain relievers, 48 percent reduced or stopped taking their medication; of those, 68 percent reported a poorer quality of life.

impact on their quality of life, that has even forced some patients to limit their daily activities."

According to Dr. Rippe, inactivity can lead to more serious conditions such as weight gain, high blood pressure and diabetes. Patients need to understand the implications of untreated arthritis pain and talk to their doctors about which treatment options they should use. Many doctors these days suggest an over the counter medication such as Aleve.

Tips On Trips

Easing Travel Boredom

Traveling in your plans? Whether it's a plane ride halfway around the world, a car ride to visit the grand kids or a daily commute, these tips will help ease travel boredom and make any trip that much more enjoyable.

- **Trip Before Traveling**-Take a quick trip to the library or bookstore before you hit the road. A few books on tape or CD can make the trip seem to go faster.
- **Pace Yourself**-Don't try to do too much traveling in one day-especially if you are traveling with grand-kids: Be sure to make regular stops and try to plan your route around some interesting and fun activities. Consider bringing some supplies and having a picnic while en route or a quick game of catch at a rest stop.
- **Game On**-Travel games can be a fun way to pass the time. For instance, Goplay makes a line of stylish magnetic travel games housed in sleek metal boxes that double as boards. The games are a modern twist on classic favorites such as Chutes and Ladders, Four in a Row, Chess and Checkers. When players arrive at their destination there is no need to end the game-store the compact case in your bag and go. The magnetic pieces will be in the same spot when you return. The games are available at Target and Barnes and Noble.

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- Blood pressure: Your blood pressure is 140/90 mm Hg or higher (high blood pressure), or a health care professional has said your blood pressure is high, or your blood pressure is 120/80-139/89 mm Hg (prehypertension), or you don't know what your blood pressure is.
- Tobacco smoke: You smoke or live or work with people who smoke tobacco regularly.
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- Total cholesterol: Your cholesterol is 240 mg/dL or higher, or you don't know your level.
- HDL cholesterol: Your HDL, or "good" cholesterol, is less than 40 mg/dL, or you don't know your HDL cholesterol levels.
- Physical activity: Your physical activity level is less than a total of 30 minutes on most days.
- Carotid or other artery disease: You have been told you have disease in the carotid arteries (the blood vessels that supply blood to the brain) or you have peripheral artery disease (primarily affects blood vessels of the legs).

- Certain blood disorders: You have been told you have a high red blood cell count or sickle cell disease (also called sickle cell anemia).
- Atrial fibrillation: You have a heart rhythm disorder called atrial fibrillation.
- Other heart disease: You have coronary heart disease or other heart condition(s), or you have had a heart attack.

If you checked one or more boxes, studies show you are at increased risk for stroke. See a health care provider for a complete assessment of your risks. The American Stroke Association offers tools and resources to help in management and understanding of stroke risk factors.

To learn more, call, toll free, 1-888-4-STROKE or visit the Web site at StrokeAssociation.org.

Virginia Man Suffers Heart Attack And Chooses St. Francis To Have Triple-Bypass Surgery

William Dangoia of Fairfax, Va., arrived in Illinois June 20 hoping to spend a relaxing week with his niece and her daughter in Orland Park. But little did he know that his plans would be interrupted by a sudden heart attack, and that he would later undergo triple-bypass surgery at St. Francis Hospital & Health Center in Blue Island. Dangoia, who turned 61 June 25, began having chest pains the night of June 21. After consulting with his physician in Virginia, he was taken by ambulance to St. Francis Hospital the next morning.

When paramedics arrived they told Dangoia that he would need to be transported to the nearest hospital, which was not St. Francis. Dangoia's niece, Denise Ebers of Orland Park, however, told paramedics to take her uncle to St. Francis, based on its reputation as a 100 top cardiovascular hospital in the nation. Dangoia heeded his niece's advice, and signed a release form authorizing that he be taken to St. Francis.

Dangoia had triple-bypass surgery June 27 at St. Francis to clear blockage in his heart. When he is released from the hospital, he plans to spend a few weeks at his niece's home in Orland Park before returning to Virginia.

Dangoia had two stents placed around his heart after suffering a heart attack in March. He had planned to stay in Illinois for a week and return to Virginia for a scheduled angiogram June 29.

"You'd like to be with your own doctor when something like this happens," Dangoia said. "But St. Francis is one of the top 100 hospitals in the nation. It doesn't get much better than that."

Explore Options Of Using Generic Drugs

As the price of prescription medicine continues to rise, more people may explore the cost-cutting option of generic drugs. Here are some commonly asked questions about generic drugs, answered by drugstore.com clinical pharmacist Dave Krishna.

Q: How can drugstores sell generic versions of medication for so much less and will they work as well?

A: The FDA lets manufacturers produce generic drugs after the original patent has expired. Because the generic marketplace is more competitive, prices can be less expensive. All generic drugs must receive FDA approval to ensure safety, quality and efficacy.

Q: How can I find a generic version of my drug?

A: Ask your doctor or pharmacist about generic alternatives whenever you refill or get a new prescription. Some online stores, including the drugstore.com pharmacy, provide information on generic options when you purchase a brand name drug. The drugstore.com pharmacy lets you register for e-mail notification of upcoming generic drug launches.

Generic drugs can be a smart way to save on health care costs.



A generic drug may look like a brand name drug but the FDA ensures it is as safe and effective

Free Programs For Senior Citizens

Waterford Estates Retirement Community is offering free entertainment and education programs for senior citizens every month.

The following are a list of programs being offered through the month of August.

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- Wednesday, Aug. 17th at 10:30 a.m. - Educational Presentation - Medicare changes for 2006.
- Tuesday, Aug. 23rd at 2 p.m. - Entertainment - Musical group "Sing-A-Lings."

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Insomnia Is Problem For Older Americans

If you or someone you know has been losing sleep over insomnia, you're not alone. For many older Americans getting a good night's sleep is harder than it seems. In fact, sleep medications are estimated to be among the most commonly prescribed medicine for older people. The National Sleep Foundation reports that an estimated 70 million Americans suffer from insomnia, a sleep disorder characterized by an inability to sleep or to remain asleep for a reasonable period of time. The condition, however, is common in older adults, due in part to bodily changes that occur with age.



Difficulty sleeping may be more than just a normal sign of aging

People experiencing insomnia often have difficulty initiating or maintaining sleep, waking too early and not being able to get back to sleep, or waking feeling unrefreshed and lethargic. Insomnia is a most prevalent sleep disorder, and is estimated to cost the U.S. economy nearly \$42 billion annually in direct and indirect costs. Although sleep may become more problematic in older adults, the need for sleep does not decrease with age. Sleep loss can cause cognitive difficulties, impaired memory and may contribute to decreased immune function in older people. Sleep deprivation can also lead to reduced energy, difficulty concentrating, diminished mood and greater risk for accidents.

There are a number of reasons sleep becomes more difficult as people age. First, the body goes through many changes that can impact sleep quality. One significant change involves the stages of sleep. With age, the amount of time spent in the deepest levels of sleep decreases, while the amount of time spent in the lighter stages of sleep increases, which makes older adults more susceptible to waking from outside noises or bright lights. As people age, changes also occur in the body's internal clock that can trigger sleepiness earlier in the evening and cause them to wake very early in the morning and have difficulty falling back asleep. This disrupted sleep pattern often results in excessive daytime sleepiness.

Insomnia among older adults also can be caused by underlying medical conditions, such as pain disorders, Parkinson's or Huntington's disease, Alzheimer's, asthma, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, depression

and dementia. Some medications commonly taken by older adults also may cause insomnia or daytime sleepiness, including some antidepressants and antihypertensives. Also, taking diuretics too close to bed time can result in frequent awakening due to nighttime urination.

Practicing good sleep habits can help older adults get the full night's sleep they need. Some tips for getting a good night's sleep include:

- Follow a regular sleep schedule and establish a relaxing bedtime routine.
- Create a safe and comfortable place to sleep (e.g., dark, quiet and cool).
- Use your bedroom only for sleeping.
- Avoid long naps during the day.
- Exercise at regular times each day.
- Avoid use of alcohol and cigarettes close to bedtime.

While many medications are available to treat insomnia, the most commonly prescribed drugs may pose safety concerns for older Americans, especially when taken for long periods of time. The most widely used medicines for insomnia are benzodiazepine receptor agonists (e.g., Ambien®, Sonata® and Halcion®), which are also called hypnotics because they suppress the central nervous system to cause sleep. Adverse effects can include impaired motor coordination, dizziness, daytime sedation, confusion and falls. Using these medicines with alcohol and depressants can be life threatening. According to a recent study, older adults who received benzodiazepines were at a significantly increased risk of hip fracture. Patients taking these medications also can develop drug dependence and abuse. Given these risks, use of these drugs among older adults should be carefully considered and closely monitored by their healthcare providers.

Emerging treatments with new ways of working may have fewer side effects and may offer new options for older adults with insomnia. Older adults who have difficulty sleeping are encouraged to speak with their physician about insomnia and potential treatment options.

There Is No Such Thing As A Typical Cremation Anymore

"Cremation isn't just a passing fad," says Mike Gill, owner of Brady-Gill Funeral Home in Tinley Park and Evergreen Park. "Over forty percent of all Americans plan to be cremated, according to the Cremation Association of North America. That's a trend funeral service simply can't ignore."

And the ceremony – or lack of it – surrounding cremation is changing. "It's not merely cremation and no service these days," Gill says. "Most people are opting for a meaningful funeral service as well."

The rationale for selecting cremation is as varied as those who choose it. Some people want the convenience, others like the simplicity or the fact that it's less expensive than burial.

Memorialization is an important aspect of cremation. Grief experts agree that personalizing a funeral service and remembering the deceased help survivors cope with the loss. Cremation caskets for viewings, urns that double as works of art and keepsake containers for scattering or dividing ashes among relatives promote that healing. Urns may be buried, maintained in a niche on cemetery grounds, or displayed at home.

"There's no such thing as a typical cremation any more," Gill says.

For more information on cremation, call The Brady-Gill Funeral Home at (708) 614-9900 or visit its website at www.bradygill.com.

Teaming Up To Fight Osteoarthritis

More than 20 million Americans have been diagnosed with osteoarthritis, the most common form of arthritis. It is a disease that involves the breakdown of cartilage in the joints, often leading to pain and stiffness.

In addition to working with their health care providers, it is important for osteoarthritis patients to be proactive about their health and educate themselves. "There are a number of educational programs available to arthritis patients," says Dr. Howard Sehrtzinger, Medical Director and Team Physician for the College of Mount St. Joseph in Cincinnati. "Patient education programs often improve communication between doctor and patient which can lead to a more productive office visit."

The Arthritis Huddle™ program represents the team approach to fighting osteoarthritis, and was designed to help patients work with their doctors to develop their own personalized osteoarthritis game plans. The program, available at www.arthritisuddle.com, gives osteoarthritis patients access to the latest treatment strategies, educational programs, specialists and advocacy groups that can help them on the road to feeling better.

In addition to information on osteoarthritis, its risk factors, and how it is diagnosed, the site offers tips on diet and nutrition, including recipes for healthy eating, which can be helpful for many arthritis patients. There are also tips from an exercise specialist that include detailed descriptions of many types of exercises that can reduce pain, improve joint function, reduce fatigue and build stronger muscles for greater mobility.

Leading this national health and educational initiative is Hall-of-Fame quarterback, Joe Namath, who has lived with osteoarthritis for more than 30 years.

To learn more about osteoarthritis or the Arthritis Huddle™ program, visit www.arthritisuddle.com.

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Not Logging On May Be Bad For Your Health

More and more Americans are using the Internet for health and medical purposes. But older Americans may be missing out on access to important health resources available online, such as streamlined Medicare enrollment, billing and provider information.

A recent study by the Henry J. Kaiser Family Foundation found that only 21 percent of American senior citizens have gone online to research health information, confirming that most elderly Americans are not using the Internet to become better informed about their health and their health care options.

Web sites such as www.medicare.gov offer such information, as well as information designed to help visitors understand their Medicare benefits and make educated health decisions. Medicare HMOs also let patients check the status of claims, find doctors and fill prescriptions online.

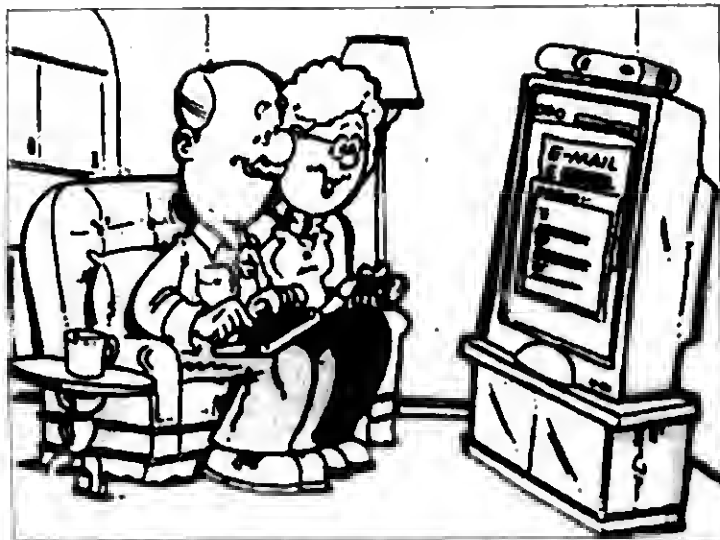
Unfortunately, according to a 2004 Pew Internet & American Life Project report titled "Older Americans and the Internet," "Seniors are also more likely than any other age group to be living with some kind of disability, which could hinder their capacity to get to a computer training center or read the small type on many Web sites."

"If you're an older American who doesn't have ready access to the Internet, there are new options," said Sam Klepper, general manager of Microsoft Corp.'s MSN TV. "A growing number of devices are being marketed

that make it easier and more affordable for seniors and other Internet newcomers to go online."

For example, the MSN TV 2 Internet & Media Player sells for about \$200 (U.S., plus subscription cost). It lets consumers check e-mail and surf the Web via a television from the comfort of their living room, and doesn't require computer experience to get started.

"These devices are ideal for someone who wants to take advantage of what the



Internet has to offer, such as staying in touch with family and friends through e-mail, viewing photo slide shows or researching important health information, but who doesn't want the expense or

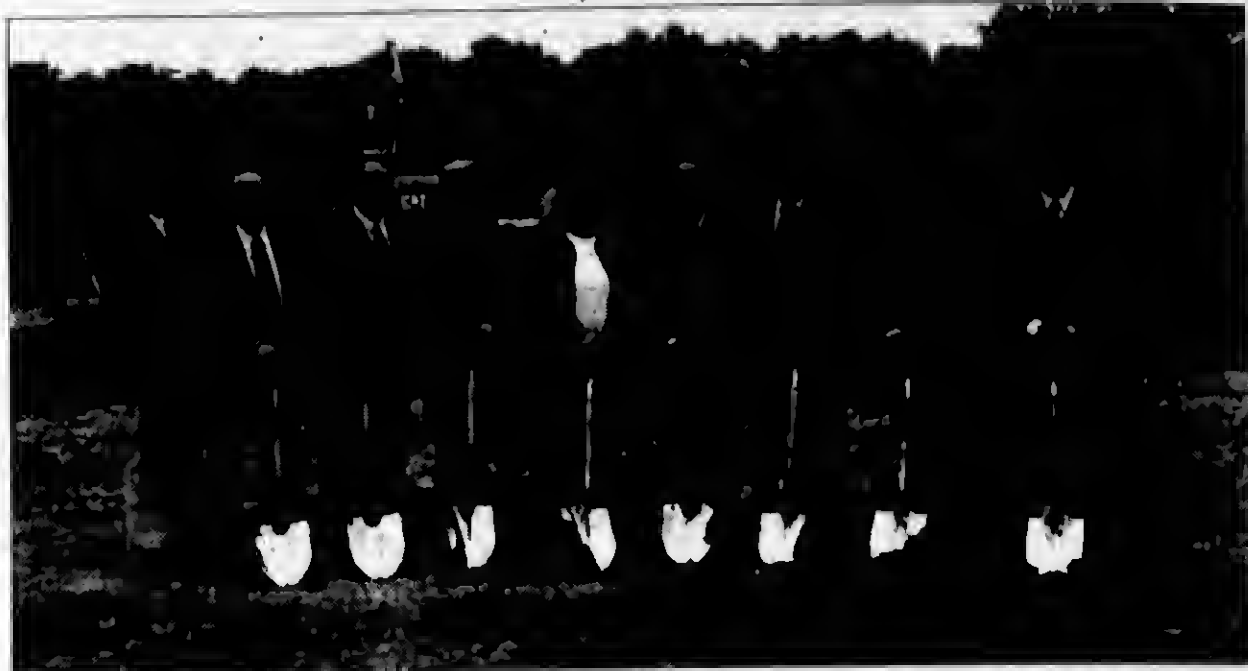
complexity of a PC," Klepper said.

Some of these devices, such as MSN TV 2, also are helpful for those with less-than-perfect vision because Internet content can be viewed on a large television screen instead of a computer monitor, and text size can be increased to make viewing e-mail and Web site content easier.

"The Internet is moving from being a luxury to a necessity," Klepper said.

Fortunately, manufacturers are recognizing and meeting the needs of a broader group of consumers, by designing products that everybody can use to access important information available online.

More information about MSN TV can be found at www.msntv.com.



Founders Bank To Open In Orland Park

Founders Bank executives and board members were joined by Orland Park village officials, architects and developers as they broke ground on a 22,000 square foot bank building to be located at 14500 John Humphrey Drive. Pictured left to right: Phil Riley, developer; Lyle Campbell, Chairman-Founders Bank; Douglas Campbell, President of the Board of Founders Bank; Helen Socha, Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer, Founders Bank; Village of Orland Park dignitaries, Kathleen Fenton and Edward Schussler; Thomas Bugielski, President and Chief Executive Officer, Founders Bank; Edward Hassan and Ramzi Hassan, developers.

The bank is situated on a 4.6-acre site that will serve as the campus for the bank building as well as two 2-story medical professional buildings. Edwards & Phillips Development Corporation of Orland Park is developing the office complex and owns the two adjacent office buildings.

Thomas Bugielski, president and chief executive officer for Founders Bank commented that, "the bank enjoys a solid base of both business and retail customers who live and work in Orland Park, but who have to travel to our Palos Heights or Tinley Park location. The additional branch in Orland Park was a very natural move made to best serve our customers while bringing the Founders Bank style of banking to many more businesses, families and individuals in the Orland Park area."

Helen Socha, Founders Bank's executive vice president and chief operating officer stated that "the Orland location represents a significant impact to the bank's ability to serve a greater audience within its own market area. As our customers continue to move or expand their businesses to the south and western suburban areas, Founders Bank is positioned to more ably serve them conveniently."

The bank building when completed will be a full-service facility featuring drive up banking, drive up ATM machines, as well as offer all the banks services such as mortgage lending services, commercial services and more. The Orland office will also serve as the headquarters for the bank's Trust and Investment Management Division. "Our trust department has outgrown its present location in the Palos Heights office," stated Doug DeGroot, Senior Vice President. He went on to say that "the trust division at Founders Bank is one of the largest in the southland area. The need for quality trust services has seen a steady increase with the aging population, our new location will make us more centrally located to all of the bank's offices."

Lagastee Mulder is constructing the bank building. Designbridge has been named Interior Architect and The Lombard Company has been named the interior build out firm. The Orland building will represent state of the art bank building construction.

The bank is expected to open in spring of 2006. Founders Bank, headquartered in Worth, has located in Tinley Park, Homer Glen, Palos Heights, Oak Lawn, Plainfield, Minooka, Channahon, Joliet, Mount Greenwood as well as a banking office for residents of Peace Village in Palos Heights. For additional information, call (708) 448-6500.

Fall Oil Painting

The Worth Township Seniors are going to start a beginning Oil Painting Class in the fall. This class will meet on Monday morning in the Senior Rooms of the Worth Township, 11601 S. Pulaski Rd. The class would be for three hours and the fee would be nominal.

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Schlip is now the spokesperson for a new anti-aging skin care system made in Spain called Oli. The system combines natural olive oil and olive leaf extract with cutting-edge technology to deliver optimum skin-rejuvenating results.

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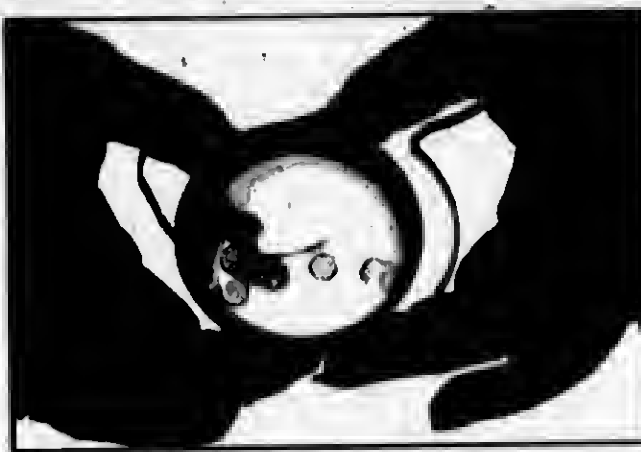
How can you remember details about all the medicines the doctor prescribed for you? Does aging affect how the body processes medicines? Are there ways to avoid side effects? What is the "grapefruit juice effect"? Answers to these questions and more about the safe use of medicines are now only a mouse click away on the senior-friendly government Web site called NIH SeniorHealth.

The site, www.nihseniorhealth.gov, has clear, reliable information about medicines and your body, taking medications safely, and research to develop tomorrow's medicines. People ages 65 and older take more prescription and over-the-counter medicines than any other age group. Older people as a group tend to have more long-term, chronic illnesses such as arthritis, diabetes, high blood pressure and heart disease.

"Many older Americans owe their health in part to new and improved medicines, but using them may be riskier for older adults, especially when several medicines are used at one time," says Jeremy M. Berg, Ph.D., director of the National Institute of General Medical Sciences (NIGMS), which developed the content for the safe use of medicines topic on the Web site. "To help avoid risk, older Americans now can turn to NIH SeniorHealth for accurate, helpful information about how to take medicines safely and manage them wisely."

One of the fastest-growing age groups using the

Internet, older Americans increasingly turn to the World Wide Web for health information. In fact, 66 percent of "wired" seniors surf for health and medical information when they go online. NIH SeniorHealth, a joint effort of the National Institute on Aging (NIA) and the National



Library of Medicine (NLM), was designed especially with seniors in mind. The senior-friendly site is based on the latest research on cognition and aging. It features short, easy-to-read segments of information that can be accessed in a variety of formats, including various large-print type sizes, open-captioned videos and even a talking version. Additional topics coming soon to the site include shingles, problems with taste and smell, eye diseases, stroke and

osteoporosis. The site links to MedlinePlus, NLM's premier, more-detailed site for consumer health information.

The NIA leads the federal effort supporting and conducting research on aging and the health and well-being of older people. The NLM, the world's largest library of the health sciences, creates and sponsors Web-based health information resources for the public and professionals. The NIGMS supports basic biomedical research that lays the foundation for advances in disease diagnosis, treatment and prevention. All three are components of the National Institutes of Health in Bethesda, MD, part of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

How to Lose 40 Pounds Around Your House

The average American home collects up to 40 pounds of dust each year. That extra weight's not just unsightly, an ounce of dust can house 42,000 mites with as many as 15 different species. In fact, after two years, 10 percent of the weight of a pillow is dead dust mites, and a 9'x12' carpet can collect an average of about 10 pounds of dust per year. But the good news is the average person can burn up to 300 calories from general housekeeping, so check out the tips below and keep yourself and your house lean and clean!

How to avoid dirt and dust in your home (and work off those extra calories):

- Use window blinds that can be wiped clean rather than curtains that have to be dry-cleaned.
- Wash your bedding in hot water, at least 130 degrees to rid them of any mites.
- Try to keep the humidity level below 60 percent. Don't use humidifiers.
- Remove unnecessary objects from walls and ceilings.
- Minimize the number of stuffed animals and store items that can't be washed in the toy chest.
- Remove carpeting wherever possible to minimize dust collection.
- Dust each room weekly. Used mop heads are nesting areas for germs and bacteria that can spread onto the floor. Try using a product that combines disposable pads and an antimicrobial solution. Put your home on a diet by getting rid of pounds of unsightly dust that can accumulate.

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Special Events:

- **Senior Luncheons:** August 12, September 9, October 14, November 11, December 9, 2005 are the remaining luncheon dates (no January luncheon). Luncheons are held at Raday Lodge and the tickets are \$7 per person. Treat yourself to lunch with all the trimmings and entertainment once a month.
- **Village of Midlothian Historical Society:** No summer vacation plans? Take a trip down memory lane, at least 78 years of it. The Historical Society is a wealth of Midlothian history, located at 14609 S. Springfield (across the street from Springfield School) and it is open on the 1st and 3rd Saturdays of the month from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m.
- **Senior Clubs:** Spring is here and if you've been shut up in the winter, it is a good time to break out and attend one or both of Midlothian's senior clubs: Midlothian Buddies meet the 1st and 3rd Thursday and Community Seniors meet the 2nd and 4th Tuesday. Both clubs meet from 11 a.m. until about 3:30 p.m. at Raday Lodge, 145th and Kedzie. Come on out and enjoy the fun and camaraderie.
- **Branch Pick Up:** Fall branch pick-up will begin September 26 in the Northeast section; October 3 in the Southeast section; October 10 in the Southwest section and October 17 in the Northwest section. Please plan accordingly. Branches should be out at the curb on Monday for pickup sometime during your week. This service is provided to help you with cleanup from normal tree trimming. It is not intended as a tree service for removing entire trees.
- **SENIOR ALERT:** We cannot stress too much the importance of not opening your door to strangers. If someone comes to your door and claims to be from the Village, ComEd, Ni-Gas or any other "company", ask for identification. If they are legitimate, they will not mind if you call to check if the company has sent them. Village employees have identification and they will be in a village vehicle. The ploy is often to ask you to step outside with them to check something and then, while you are distracted, another individual enters your home to look for valuables and money. Be suspicious of anyone who comes to your door, especially those soliciting home repairs. When in doubt, call the Village Hall at 389-0200 or the non-emergency police number, 385-2534. Remember, if the person is legitimate, they will not mind the inquisition.
- **8th Annual Midlothian Scottish Fair:** Mark your calendar for Saturday, September 24th and plan to attend the Scottish Fair for fun day of piping, fiddling Celtic goods, Scottish clan tents, tasty food, Scottish and Irish dancing, storytelling, sheep herding, children's games and activities and great entertainment in the Pub Tent provided by StoneRing and the Ploughboys. Don't miss the fun right in your own backyard... on the Village Green.

For Your Information...

- **Senior Fishing & Hunting Licenses** may be purchased at the Village Hall.
- **MASH Bus** operates within Village limits, Monday-Friday, from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. Call 269-8080.
- **Building Department** may be contacted directly at 385-8642. Always check BEFORE letting anyone do work in and around your home. PHONE FIRST to make certain the contractor is licensed and bonded.

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Blue Cap Wins Grants For Music Therapy Program

Blue Cap School has received two grants to create an exciting, new music therapy program for the students it serves. The grants include \$8,400 from the Willow Springs Foundation in Mount Carroll, Illinois and \$16,800 from the Illinois Humane Society in Chicago. The money will provide three years of music therapy for the students at Blue Cap.

"I play music in the classroom and they come alive," says Leah Jowers, a Blue Cap teacher whose research for the school helped win the grants. "Children who don't have the use of their arms will shake the instruments in their hands. I ask them to ring the bells and they respond."

Jowers hopes the music therapy programs will be another way to communicate with the children on a different level. The school plans to hire a part-time music therapist to provide eight hours of music therapy every week. The therapist uses musical instruments and plays tapes to help stimulate the children, grab their attention, and teach them motor skills. For example, a child who beats on a xylophone learns to coordinate muscles to create the sounds. The therapist will assess the specific needs of the 37 Blue Cap students who come from the Chicago Public Schools and 12 suburban school districts.

Young people with developmental disabilities need exposure to music just like all children. Sometimes children with developmental disabilities have limited opportunities to experience music due to transportation, poverty, or lack of mobility. Music education enhances children's understanding of the world, teaches coping mechanisms and self-expression and expands their cognitive and physical abilities. Music also provides multi-sensory stimulation that helps a child develop auditory, visual, and tactile skills. It can create a method of communication for those who are unable to speak.

Blue Cap has provided educational services for children since its founding in 1967, at a time when children with developmental disabilities had few educational opportunities. Parents

of the children who lived in Blue Island, Alsip, and Calumet Park realized that in order for their children to go to school, they had to form their own organization. Blue Cap School was born out of this need, and today Blue Cap provides services for over 400 infants, children and adults who have developmental disabilities or delays.

Community Hospital Gets To The Heart Of The Matter

Heart disease remains the number one killer for the entire population as a whole. Historically, men and women turned to the large, teaching medical centers for care in a cardiac crisis. Patients can continually count on Little Company of Mary Hospital and Health Care Centers for the latest innovations in cardiac testing, procedures and life-saving therapeutic endeavors.

Mary Gleason, an 85-year-old woman from Oak Lawn, has struggled with coronary disease for many years and underwent coronary artery bypass surgery 4 years ago. She recently saw Little Company cardiologist Thomas J. Quinn, M.D., (pictured) who, after testing, found that Mary was having potentially dangerous heart rhythms. It was then determined that she would benefit from an implantable cardioverter defibrillator (ICD).

According to the American Heart Association, an ICD is a device that is implanted to monitor for and, if necessary, correct episodes of an abnormal heart rhythm. If the heartbeat gets too fast, the ICD will stimulate, or shock, the heart to restore a normal rhythm.

Little Company also offers another vital cardiac technology - biventricular pacemakers and defibrillators, which differ from traditional pacemakers and defibrillators. Traditional devices stimulate the right side of the heart. In contrast, biventricular pacemakers and defibrillators stimulate both the right and left sides of the heart. Approved by the United States Food and Drug Administration in May 2002, studies have shown that an ICD with biventricular pacing reduces mortality by up to 40 percent in patients with heart failure.

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Oak Lawn Park District To Host Track and Field Meet July 25th

The All-American Eagles program and the Oak Lawn Park District will host a Track & Field Meet open to all young people entering fourth through eighth grades this fall. The meet is scheduled to start at 10 a.m., July 25th in Centennial Park, 94th and Oak Park Ave.

Events in the competition includes: the 40-yard dash; 100-yard run; the running long jump; the standing broad jump; and the softball throw. Participants in each grade level will compete against each other in the five events, and prizes will be awarded to the winners. The

meet is open to all fourth through eighth graders, regardless of their community of residence.

For more information on the all-American Eagles/Oak Lawn Park District Track and Field Meet, call Tom Hartwig at (708) 857-2420.

Top Most Popular Baby Names

What's in a name? Is your name or your child's name a popular one, or an unusual one? And how does the popularity of American names change over time?

By visiting our website at www.socialsecurity.gov and going to the "Baby Names" webpage, you can find answers to these and many other questions.

For example, Jacob and Emily continue to reign as the most popular baby names in the United States, based on Social Security card applications for children born in 2004. Emily has been the top name for a girl since 1996. Jacob has been the most popular name for a boy since 1999.

The rest of the top 10 boys and girls names for 2004 are: Boys - Jacob, Michael, Joshua, Matthew, Ethan, Andrew, Daniel, William, Joseph and Christopher; Girls - Emily, Emma, Madison, Olivia, Hannah, Abigail, Isabella, Ashley, Samantha and Elizabeth.

Of course, many middle-aged parents or relatives might wonder why they never knew many Jacobs or Emilys when they were growing up. If you do just a little research on

our website, you would find the reason why. In 1970, for example, Jacob was number 255 on the popularity charts, and Emily was only slightly more popular at 173.

What else can you find at this webpage? Well, it also lists the 1,000 most popular baby names for 2004, as well as the most popular names in each state and the most popular names for twins. You can also find information for babies, children and parents on the Social Security website, as well as links to other government websites that offer valuable information about pregnancy, caring for newborns and programs and services for families.

For example, you'll find information on "enumeration at birth," the easiest way to obtain a Social Security number of a baby. This automatic, free service allows parents to apply for a Social Security card at the same time they fill out the birth certificate information at the hospital.

Whether you are choosing a popular baby name or applying for retirement, there's something for everyone at www.socialsecurity.gov.

Garage Sale

Salem United Church of Christ, 9717 S. Kostner, will hold a Summer Garage Sale on Friday and Saturday, July 22nd and 23rd. Hours are 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Friday and 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday.

Featured items will include clothing, household articles, furniture, appliances, books and a "nearly new" shop and jewelry. Everyone is welcome.

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Pilgrim Faith United Church of Christ Presents a Free Concert

On July 31st, at 6 p.m. under the leadership of Anthony Jenkins (back row, right) the Pilgrim Faith UCC praise team will present a concert of Christian Music. This free concert is just one of the many activities that the church participates in within the Village of Oak Lawn. The concert will be on the Village Green.

As one of the oldest churches in the village Pilgrim Faith also provides shelter for the homeless during the winter and a year round food pantry. The food pantry has been in operation for almost 40 years and provides the necessities of life two days a week for a variety of people within the village.

Under the leadership of Rev. Peggy McClanahan, the church provides the opportunity of two services each Sunday, one at 9:30 a.m. and a musically oriented contemporary service at 11:15 a.m. Pilgrim Faith also provides a great number of youth activities as well as Sunday school classes and nursery services at the 9:30 a.m. service.

Pilgrim Faith church has activities for the entire family, youth program for the children and Bible study groups for the adults. Every year there are weekend retreats for men and women, in addition to its intergenerational retreat for the whole family. There are camping opportunities as well for the youth of the church where they join with other youth from around the city and suburbs. The senior youth of the church also provide mission work with trips to Kentucky to help rebuild homes and lives in some of the poorer areas of the country.

The Oak Lawn Village Green is located north of 95th Street on Dumke between Raymond and 52nd Avenue.

Kicking & Punting Camp

So, what was this UFO phenomenon, which repeatedly occurred (usually on Sundays) throughout the 1970's and 1980's?

During that era, there were mysterious reports of high-flying eagles suddenly scurrying to maneuver out of the way of something.

There were puzzled airline mechanics at a loss to explain the deep dent marks on the underbellies of jet planes they were servicing.

Eventually, researchers discovered that the "UFO" sightings were merely Unidentified Football Objects launched into orbit off the explosive foot of the legendary Oakland Raider punter, Ray Guy.

And, now, the man responsible for necessitating the football term "hang time" and who helped his mates gain more territorial advantage than the 17th Century British Navy is sharing his techniques.

Ray Guy is unquestionably every bit the greatest at his positions that Michael Jordan, Babe Ruth and Wayne Gretzky were at theirs.

And if you have a son who aspires to walk in Ray's footsteps you cannot miss this chance to grant your young punter or kicker the opportunity to learn at the feet of the greatest.

The Ray Guy-Kicking- & Punting Academy will hold camp July 29th & 30th at St. Rita High School at 7740 S.

Western in Chicago.

On hand, will be other possessors of elite feet, including: all-time NCAA field goal scoring leader, Billy Bennett; NCAA career punting average leader, Shane Lechler (currently an NFL all-pro); NCAA career yardage and number of punts leader Nick Harris (now with the Detroit Lions); and, of course, the only punter ever drafted in the first round of the NFL Draft, an NCAA All-American, 7-time NFL Pro-Bowler, the man who once punted 619 consecutive times without a block, Ray Guy - "The best punter ever" per John Madden.

Obviously, none of the aforementioned feats could have been accomplished without reliable long snappers. Therefore, to even further hike up the incentive for attending this camp, professional instruction will be provided in long snapping as well.

Needless to say, the Ray Guy Kicking & Punting Academy commands the respect of collegiate athletic programs nationwide. Pursuantly, information on top prospects who attend the camp will be submitted to every college football program in the U.S. for recruitment and scholarship opportunities.

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Preserving your hearing may be easier than you know. If you've ever left a concert with ringing ears, you are most likely one of the millions of Americans exposed to dangerous noise. Approximately 28 million people in the U.S. have some degree of hearing sensitivity, according to the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association (ASHA). Of those people, 80 percent have irreversible hearing loss, although many don't like to admit it.

While some people are born with hearing loss, the majority of those affected suffer from exposure to the day-to-day noise that pollutes the environment. People tend to underestimate the vast number of everyday activities that can potentially damage their hearing. According to ASHA, the sounds of a crying baby, running lawn mower, hair dryer, vacuum cleaner, baseball game and street traffic are all things that can exceed the recommended 85 decibels of sound that eardrums can handle for an extended time. The good news is there are easy ways to prevent this problem.

To help, a leading battery maker and ASHA launched a hearing awareness campaign, called the Energizer® EZ Change® "It's Hip to Hear™" program. The program offers a lifestyle brochure and interactive ways to learn about hearing loss.

"We are dedicated to showing consumers that hearing loss prevention doesn't have to take the fun out of life," said Ernie Petrus, director of sales and marketing for Energizer Specialty Batteries, U.S. "We want to turn up the volume on 'responsible listening' in an engaging way that makes the issue relevant to our lifestyles, focusing on music and hot technologies."

As part of the program, the company is also offering hearing-loss prevention tips to help individuals preserve their hearing so they can enjoy music for years to come. These include:

- Be a responsible consumer. Look for a noise rating when buying recreational equipment, children's toys,

household appliances and power tools. Choose quieter models, especially for equipment you use often, like a hair dryer. If there is no noise rating, ask the manufacturer for one.

- Limit periods of exposure to noise. It's not just how loud, how long matters, too. Don't sit next to the speakers at concerts, clubs or auditoriums. If you are at a rock concert, walk out for a while to give your ears a break.
- Inspect your child's toys for noise danger just as you do for small parts that can cause choking. Remember, children tend to hold toys close to their ears which can pose additional threat for hearing damage.
- Pump down the volume. When using stereo headsets or listening to music in the car, turn down the volume. If someone else can hear the music from your headset when standing three feet away, the volume is definitely too high.
- Protect yourself. Wear noise-canceling headphones or ear plugs when exposed to any potentially damaging noise at work, in the community (heavy traffic, concerts, hunting) or at home (mowing the lawn, snow-blowing the driveway).

"The easiest way to guard against future hearing loss is by getting your hearing checked regularly," said Pam Mason, director of Audiology Professional Practices at ASHA. "You should make an effort to get your hearing tested by an audiologist every two to three years, beginning as young as age 30."

For more information on hearing loss prevention or to download a free survival guide, visit the Web site, energizer.com. To find a nearby audiologist, visit asha.org.

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Scientists Seek Solutions To Alzheimer's

Today, 4.5 million Americans have Alzheimer's disease (AD) and the number is expected to increase dramatically as the baby-boom generation ages. The brain disorder strikes an estimated one in 10 people 65 and older and half those 85 or older. Without a cure, the Alzheimer's Association estimates as many as 16 million Americans will have AD by 2050.

Fortunately, distinguished

researchers are working on the issue, including William E. Klunk, M.D., Ph.D. and Chester A. Mathis, Ph.D., of the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center; John C. Morris, M.D., of the Washington University

School of Medicine in St. Louis; and Ronald C. Petersen, M.D., Ph.D., of Mayo Clinic—each of whom recently won a MetLife Foundation Award for Medical Research in Alzheimer's Disease.

"The goal of the award is to encourage research and to support the future work of scientists who have already made a significant contribution to our understanding of Alzheimer's disease. These four scientists have contributed to the early detection and diagnosis of this dreaded disease," says Sibyl Jacobson, president, MetLife Foundation.

Drs. Klunk and Mathis have developed experimental noninvasive methods of detecting and creating images of the plaques that form in the brain tissue of Alzheimer's sufferers. The researchers use dyes to make the plaques visible to medical imaging equipment. The ability to see these plaques in living patients will help researchers directly measure the effects of therapies now being developed.

Dr. Morris works on ways to identify the earliest symptomatic stages of AD, evaluating new drug therapies in the treatment of dementia, and establishing phenotypes for inherited forms of AD and other dementias.

Dr. Petersen focuses on mild cognitive impairment and whether it becomes Alzheimer's. Those past the age of 65 with mild cognitive impairment are found to be at greater risk of developing AD than healthy individuals the same age.

MetLife Foundation has supported Alzheimer's research through the awards program since 1986. The Foundation also supports the Alzheimer's Association, and has sponsored a documentary on PBS called The Forgetting: A Portrait of Alzheimer's.

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"The Optomap increases the quality of the retinal exam by allowing us to view almost the entire retina at the start of the exam, which can have important implications, not only for detecting eye disease, but also in detecting and managing other medical conditions such as diabetes," said Dr. Ron Cope. "We recommend all of our patients have this exam, which has already detected issues in some of our patients which could have otherwise gone undetected."

Shingles - What Every Adult Over 50 Should Know

If you've ever had shingles, you're not alone. Each year, 600,000 or more Americans are diagnosed with this condition, a painful skin disease caused by a reactivation of the chickenpox virus. Anyone who has had chickenpox is at risk for shingles, though people over age 50 are at greatest risk.

"Shingles is a major health problem in older adults. Launching this Web topic is an important step toward our goal of informing older adults about this debilitating disease," says Anthony S. Fauci, M.D., director of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases (NIAID), which developed the content for the shingles topic on the Web site. "Older Americans can turn to NIH Senior Health for accurate, helpful information about shingles diagnosis, treatment and research."

Symptoms

The outbreak of shingles usually begins with a burning, itching or tingling sensation on the back, chest or around the rib cage or waist. It is also common for the face or eye area to be affected.

Some people report feeling feverish and weak during the early stages. Usually, within 48 to 72 hours, a red blotchy rash develops on the affected area. The rash erupts into small blisters that look like chickenpox. The blisters seem to arrive in waves over a period of three to five days.

Shingles can be quite painful. Many shingles patients say that it was the intense pain that ultimately sent them to the doctor. They often report that the sensation of anything brushing across the inflamed nerve endings on the skin is almost unbearable.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Letter to the Editor:

Andy Rooney wrote recently on the exorbitant costs of medical care for a doctor's office appointment and for a one-day hospital stay. What he said was true but it's important to know why the charges are so high.

Decades ago a doctor's fee supported him. Now his fee also needs to cover rent/mortgage for an office; salaries for one or two receptionists (to make, change and remind patients of appointments, fax test orders, obtain charts, copy records, etc.); one or two nurses (to obtain information needed for the appointment; take requests for and call or fax drug refill orders; fill out order, return to school/work, and referral forms, etc.); malpractice insurance (which has more than doubled for many physicians over the last decade); and billing costs (for the expert services needed to fill out a variety of insurance, Medicare, and Medicaid forms, submit them and follow up to see that they are actually paid sometime in the next several months).

Why does a doctor need all this help? Because of insurance. When a third party pays a person's medical bills, they need information to determine if it was a legitimate medical service according to the patient's insurance contract. They also require doctors to accept only a percentage of their actual charges. All this extra paperwork takes time and staff. In order to generate enough income to cover all these costs, the doctor needs to see more patients necessitating more office hours.

Sincerely,

Pat Wagner, RN
Utica, IL 61373

Family Caregiver Training Classes

PLOWS Council on Aging will be offering training courses, designed by the American Red Cross, to educate family members who are caring for aging loved ones. This program is available to family members of any age and topics will cover a broad range of issues. Each training module will be offered on Thursday evenings from 6 to 7 p.m. in the conference room at the PLOWS Council on Aging office. Participants can enroll in the entire course or individual sessions. Space is limited and interested parties should contact the PLOWS office at (708) 361-0219 to register.

Training topics shall include: General Caregiving Skills – Aug. 11th; Assisting with Personal Care – Aug. 18th; Legal and Financial Issues – Aug. 25th; Caring for a Loved One with Alzheimer's Disease or Dementia – Sept. 1st; Caring for the Caregiver – Sept. 8th.

Monthly Musical Luncheon At Gaelic Park

Gaelic Park, 6119 W. 147th St., Oak Forest and the monthly Musical Luncheon is the exhilarating answer to August's hot summer days. Beginning at noon on Wednesday, Aug. 3rd, the Musical Luncheon includes an afternoon of fun waltzing music and dancing along with a delicious sit down lunch. Tickets to this party are \$12.

This month the Carraig Pub at Gaelic Park is packed with entertainment including: The Griffins on Friday, Aug. 5th; Matt Stedman Band on Saturdays, Aug. 6th and 13th; Katie Sullivan Band on Friday, Aug. 12th; After School Special on Saturday, Aug. 20th; and Bernie Glim & Country Road on Friday, Aug. 26th.

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Thoughts On Health & Nutrition

by
Lucinda K. Lysen, RD, RN, BSN

WALKING OFF THE POUNDS

Does intensity help a workout? Several years ago, studies were showing that short bursts of intense exercise "jump-started" weight loss and cut needed exercise time. Recently, however, the Journal of the American Medical Association came out with information that delivers a different message. In one study, for example, 184 women were divided into four exercise groups of various intensity and duration combinations, and were asked to cut down to 1200 to 1500 calories a day. All the groups lost weight during the year-long study. Surprisingly, though, while the women in the two groups that did the longer workouts lost an average of 3 to 6 pounds more than those who exercised for shorter periods, the intensity of those workouts did not seem to matter.

Why is this true? The fact that the study participants were sedentary and overweight makes a difference, according to I-Min Lee, MD, associate professor of medicine at Harvard Medical School. When people who do not typically exercise get active, they will lose weight no matter what the intensity they are working at, as long as they burn more calories than they eat. But this does not mean that a stroll through the park is the energy-burning equal of sprinting or hiking up and down hills. "Doing more intense exercise for the same amount of time will burn more calories," according to Lee.

Vigorous exercise will also increase your aerobic fitness, which allows you to work out longer and harder, according to cardiac rehab directors. And if weight loss is your goal, it pays to work out for a longer period of time and/or at a greater intensity.

For those of you with a weight loss problem, who have leveled off after a few months of dieting and exercise, this is the approach you should take. Weight loss only occurs when calorie intake drops or greater energy expenditure occurs. But remember, if you have a medical condition, always check with your doctor before proceeding.

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Are You At Risk For Glaucoma?

Glaucoma is a leading cause of blindness in the U.S. But, with early diagnosis and treatment, most people can retain their vision for life.

What is glaucoma?

In a healthy eye, fluid is constantly being made and drained through a small drainage canal. When something blocks or prevents this natural drainage, the pressure inside the eye goes up. Glaucoma is often caused by increased pressure that can develop when the fluids in the eye are not draining properly. This condition eventually damages the nerve that connects the eye to the brain and leads to loss of vision.

Am I at risk?

While the causes for glaucoma are not completely known, we do know that risk factors include family history, race and older age. African-Americans, Hispanics and people with diabetes are also at higher risk of getting the disease.

What are the symptoms?

Sometimes, the condition may come on suddenly; most cases progress so slowly there are often no warning signs before damage inside the eye has already occurred. In most cases, a person's side vision (peripheral vision) is affected.

How is glaucoma treated? Glaucoma can be treated with any of the following:

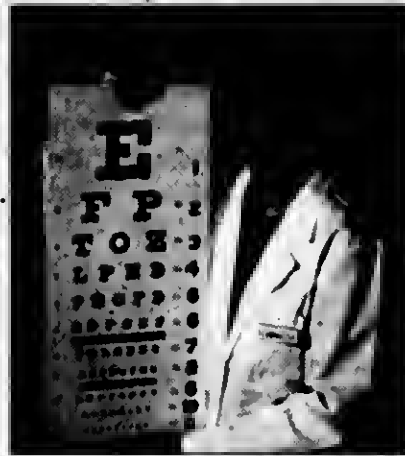
- Eye drops that lower eye pressure
- Laser therapy that allows for better drainage of fluids inside the eye
- Eye surgery to create a new drainage canal.

If untreated, glaucoma does lead to total blindness. Glaucoma can be detected with a medical eye exam. Ophthalmologists (medical eye doctors) can measure the pressure inside the eye with a quick and painless office test.

EyeCare America offers medical eye services and free information through its national Glaucoma EyeCare Program. This program offers glaucoma eye screenings and care for those at increased risk of glaucoma. Uninsured patients receive the care at no charge.

The Glaucoma EyeCare Program is designed for people who:

- Are US citizens or legal residents
- Have not had an eye exam in 12 months or more
- Are at increased risk for glaucoma (family history, race, age).



People may call the toll-free help line at 1-800-391-EYES (3937) anytime to see if they qualify for a glaucoma eye exam or to request free eye care information.

EyeCare America's Glaucoma EyeCare Program is co-sponsored by Pfizer Ophthalmics. Glaucoma doesn't have to interfere with leading a happy, sighted and fulfilling life. Regular eye checkups can help save your sight and for some people they don't cost a thing.

Detecting Glaucoma early can save your sight!

New Online Medical Guide

When it comes to your health, you shouldn't have to make compromises because of the high cost of many prescription medicines. Affordable generic medicines might be the answer to your high health care costs.

Doctors and pharmacists across the United States understand how expensive prescription medicines can be. That's why more than half of all prescriptions filled in the United States last year were generics. Generics offer the same medicine and same results as brand name prescriptions but at a price that can be 30 percent to 80 percent less expensive.

In 2003, for example, the average price of a prescription filled with a generic drug was \$30.56, while the average price of a brand name drug was \$84.21. That's a difference of \$53 per prescription when you choose the generic.

Because of the lower cost, generic medicines allow you to have more money to spend on other things—a vacation, home improvements, or savings for a rainy day.

Are generic medicines the same as the brand? Yes. All generics must be approved by the Food and Drug Administration, the same agency that approves the brand version. And by law, a prescription generic medicine must have the same medicine, strength, dosage as the brand medicine. It also must be manufactured under the same strict quality guidelines as the brand.

Because the FDA requires generics to meet high standards, you can be sure that the generic medicine you receive will provide you with the same results as the more expensive brand drug it replaces.

Generic medicines are available for many chronic diseases and new generics reach the market every day. The next time your doctor writes a prescription, ask if an affordable generic medicine is available. Your doctor and pharmacist can help you select the right prescription to improve your life for less.

For more information about generic medicines, visit the FDA at <http://www.fda.gov/cder/ogd/> or the Generic Pharmaceutical Association at <http://www.gphaonline.org/aboutgenerics>.

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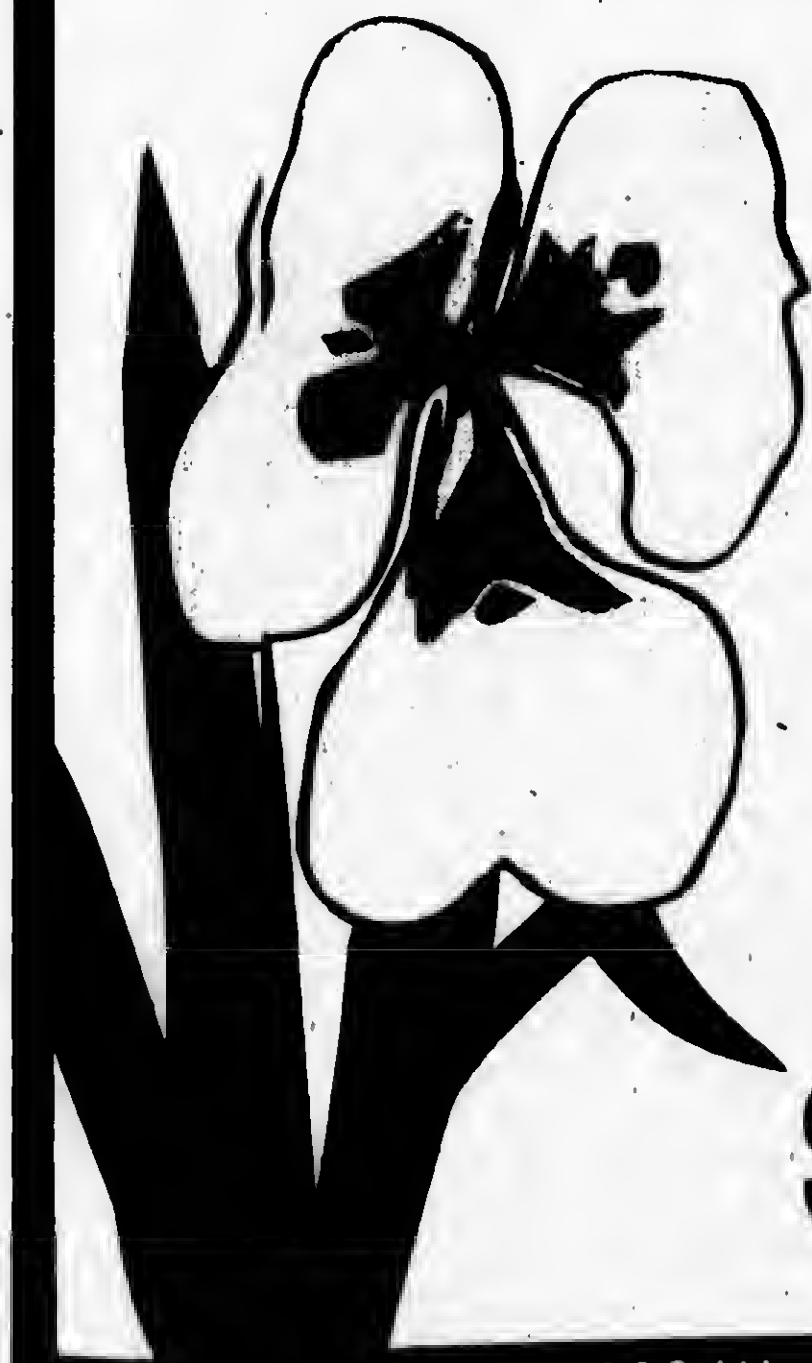
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ENTERTAINMENT NEWS

Beanie Baby Days At Brookfield Zoo

Brookfield Zoo and Ty are once again partnering for the third annual Beanie Baby Days on Saturday and Sunday, July 30th and 31st. The first 5,000 children, 11 and under, to enter the zoo each day will receive a ticket that can be redeemed for a free Beanie Baby at the tent located near the north gate. This year's featured plush is Jumpshot the giraffe, which in addition to the Ty heart tag, comes with a special Brookfield Zoo Beanie Baby Days tag, courtesy of Ty.

Throughout the weekend, Beanie Baby lovers can shop till they drop in the 3,200 square foot tent, where virtually every style of Ty product will be available for purchase. Choose from hundreds of items, including Beanie Babies, Punkies, Pluffies and more! Featured items include exclusive commemorative souvenirs for Beanie Baby Days.

In addition, a new Ty merchandise line - Angeline - will

make its debut at the weekend event! This cherubic doll will be sold both individually and boxed, with the boxed versions designed to reflect different sentiments of love, friendship and cheer. To complete this gift-giving ensemble, other accessories are available in the collection as well, such as gift bags, key clips and tissue paper. Sold separately, or as a gift set that includes a gift bag and book, A Story of Love, Angeline is the ideal gift for any occasion.

Just west of the tent on the north mall, youngsters can participate in fun-filled activities such as Beanie Baby Bingo, Color Me Beanie coloring activity, Ty face painting, Beanie Baby "Care"ier craft, as well as a craft activity sponsored by Children's Memorial Hospital.

Animals from the Children's Zoo will also make an appearance alongside their Beanie Baby counterparts, as well as the zoo's popular costumed characters dressed as life-size Beanie Babies.

This event is also sponsored by American Airlines. For further information or to purchase advance tickets to the zoo go to www.BrookfieldZoo.org.

Sweet Adelines Appreciation Day

Sweet Adelines International, one of the world's largest and most respected music associations for women, announced Barbershop Music Appreciation Day which was held on July 13th.

In local events, the sound of ringing barbershop chords as Sweet Adelines International members from across the nation and worldwide sang songs arranged in four-part harmony, barbershop style. More than 300 choruses and

15,000 members participated in this special event.

Barbershop Music Appreciation Day marked the organization's 60th anniversary. On July 13th, 1945, founder Edna Mae Anderson of Tulsa, Oklahoma brought a few women together in her home. The women wanted to participate in - the "chord-ringing, fun-filled harmony" that their husbands, members of the men's Society for the Preservation and Encouragement of Barbershop Quartet

Singing in America (SPEBSQSA), were singing. From that meeting grew the nucleus of what was to become Sweet Adelines International.

The organization has stayed true to its original goals, entertaining and educating thousands of people every year. It may look and sound different today, but deep inside its members are the same women aspiring to perform, to achieve and to experience the joy of singing and the thrill of ringing chords that weave harmony into lives and into the world around us.

Sweet Adelines International is a musical force in the United States and around the world. The membership of nearly 30,000 women, all singing in English, includes choruses in most of the 50 United States as well as in Australia, Canada, England, Finland, Germany, Ireland, Japan, New Zealand, Scotland, Sweden, Wales and the Netherlands. There are also prospective choruses in Denmark, Greece and United Arab Emirates.

Barbershop Music Appreciation Day offers thousands of people the opportunity to experience this entertaining art form. A Sweet Adelines chorus is full of energy, great sounds and a spectacle of enthusiastic singers. For more information on local events in your area or to learn more about Sweet Adelines International, visit www.sweetadelinesintl.org.

Chicago's Texas Tech Luncheon

Dr. Mark Lindemood, Texas Tech University Vice Chancellor, for Institutional Advancement, will address the Chicago Chapter of the Texas Tech University Alumni Assn. at a luncheon to be held at Via Veneto Restaurant in Chicago on Saturday, July 30th. The afternoon will begin with a social hour at 11:30 a.m. followed by lunch at 12:15 p.m. and Dr. Lindemood's presentation at 1 p.m. The cost is \$30 per person with a cash bar.

For further information and to place reservations, call (708) 786-3992.

Carrig Irish Pub At Gaelic Park

Delicious pub food Monday through Saturday, beer specials and live music on Fridays and Saturdays keep the Carrig Irish Pub at Gaelic Park, 6119 W. 147th St. in Oak Forest, buzzing with activity during these summer months. The central feature of this authentic Irish Pub is the magnificent main bar and the cozy fireplace, just as you would see in the pubs in Ireland. Above you in the ceiling floats a huge circular illuminated stained glass panel depicting the Gaelic Park Crest. To compliment the ambiance, the Carrig features a pub food menu with such items as Shepherd's Pie, Fish and Chips, Corned Beef Sandwiches, daily specials and many American favorites. The delicious fish fry and chicken in the basket continues to be served every Friday, and our very own famous BBQ ribs on Wednesday. Food is served Monday through Thursday from 5 to 9 p.m.; Friday and Saturday from 5 to 10 p.m.

There is no cover charge for the live entertainment on Friday and Saturday. Upcoming acts include John Dillon, Katie Sullivan Band, Jerry Eadie, Matt Stedman Band, Bluestack, 3 Men in Kilts, Gerard Haughey, with many more scheduled. Entertainment on Friday starts at 9:30 p.m. and Saturday at 10 p.m.

For further information, call Chicago Gaelic Park at (708) 687-9323.

Summer Showcase Joint Concert

The Classical Symphony Orchestra of Chicago; "A Professionally Oriented Training Orchestra," for aspiring College, Graduate and Older Musicians; challenging orchestral players to reach their full artistic development by rehearsal and performance of the highest level of literature, thus gaining invaluable repertoire experience and access to their own professional insights and The Protégé Philharmonic of Chicago; "A Musical Vision For The Future!" a youth orchestra dedicated to the future of music, offering high quality musical training for High School students seeking a full symphony orchestra experience, will present their Summer Showcase Joint Concert on Sunday, July 31st at 3 p.m. This is the last concert of the 2005 Summer Season and will take place in Preston Bradley Hall at The Chicago Cultural Center,

78 E. Washington Street at Michigan Avenue.

Musical selections will include: Verdi: La Forza Del Destino; Overture and Copland: Billy the Kid; Suite, performed by The Protégé Philharmonic of Chicago; Suppe; Light Calvary Overture and Stravinsky: Firebird Suite (1919 Version), performed by The Classical Symphony

Orchestra of Chicago; and the concert will end with a Grand Finale combining both orchestras into a huge 165 member orchestra, performing Tchaikovsky: Marche Slave, Op. 31. Joseph Glymph Music Director, will conduct the concert.

The concert is free. For further information, call (312) 341-1521.

CLASS REUNIONS

Reavis High School class of 1955 will hold a reunion on Sept. 16th at Giorgio's Banquets in Orland Hills. Looking for classmates from 1954 and 1958 to join them. Contact Brabus@MyBlueLight.com.

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Harper High School classes of January and June 1955 will hold their 50th reunion on Oct. 15th. Call Maryrita (Brown) Boland at (708) 388-6015 or Ray Kozak at (630) 530-5525.

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St. George School (Tinley Park) class of 1980 is looking for classmates for a 25th reunion in October 2005. E-mail Camille (Piazza) Cronas at camilleu2@comcast.net with your name, phone number, address, e-mail, etc.

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Gallistel Elementary School class of January 1955 seeks alumni. Call (708) 895-7883.

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St. George School class of 1980 is looking for classmates for a 15-year reunion to be held in October 2005. E-mail Camille (Piazza) Cronas at camilleu2@comcast.net with name, phone number, address, e-mail, etc.

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St. Mary of Perpetual Help High School class of 1980 seeks alumni for its 25th reunion. Contact Natalie (Pintaro) Balzano at (630) 852-2420; Bernadette (Humbert) Doherty at (773) 586-5701 or Denise (Passarelli) Bertucci at (312) 842-9611.

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Vocational High School class of 1975 will hold a 30-year reunion and is looking for classmates. Reunion will be at Doubletree Hotel, Alsip. Call (773) 264-1559.

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Proviso East High School class of 1955, 50-year reunion on Sept. 30th and Oct. 1st, 2005 at Drury Lane in Oak Brook. Call (630) 3033 or visit www.classof55.com.

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Answer:

Yes, Social Security has created a "Qualifier Tool" on its web site at www.socialsecurity.gov. Simply by entering information about your income and things that you own, the qualifier tool tells you whether you probably qualify or probably do not qualify for extra help with prescription drug costs. Or you can call Social Security at 1(800) 772-1213, TTY 1(800) 325-0778, and request a copy of the worksheet, "What You Need To Complete The Application For Help With Medicare Prescription Drug Plan Costs."

RETIREMENT

Question:

I worked as a teaching assistant for a couple of years in the 1970s, and then quit to raise a family. I am now working again but plan to quit when my husband retires. I will only have about 18 years of total work under Social Security. Is there a minimum Social Security retirement benefit?

Answer:

There is no minimum monthly Social Security benefit. Your benefit is calculated based on your highest 35 years of earnings, and in years when no earnings are reported, zeros are added in. However, you should know that a spouse is entitled to up to one-half of the retired worker's full benefit. If you are eligible for both your own retirement benefit and for benefits as a spouse, we always pay your own benefit first. If your benefit as a spouse is higher than your retirement benefit, you'll receive a combination of benefits equaling the higher spouse's benefit. For more information, visit Social Security's web site at www.socialsecurity.gov.

Question:

I retired from the U.S. Army several years ago, after 23 years of service, and receive a military pension. How will my military retirement affect my Social Security benefits?

Answer:

You can get both Social Security benefits and military retirement. Generally, there is no offset of Social Security benefits because of your military retirement. You will get your full Social Security benefits based on your earnings. More information may be found in our fact sheet called Military Service and Social Security, which is available on the Internet at www.socialsecurity.gov/pubs/10017.html

SURVIVORS

Question:

My three children receive monthly survivors' benefits from Social Security. But my oldest son turned 18 on July 5th, 2005. Will his last payment be in June or July?

Answer:

Your son's benefits stop the month he becomes age 18 or the month he becomes 19 if he is still attending elementary or secondary school full time. His last payment will be for the month of June but he will receive his last payment in July. You will be notified by mail before the last payment.

DISABILITY

Question:

I know that when you get disability benefits there's a medical review every so often. How often is that?

Answer:

The timetable used to conduct medical reviews depends on several factors, including how severe the condition is and what the likelihood is that it will improve. The letter that Social Security sent you when you were approved for disability benefits tells you when to expect your first medical review. Generally, if improvement was expected, the first review is probably within six to 18 months. If improvement

was considered possible, then your case will be reviewed every three years. If improvement is not anticipated, your case will be reviewed every five to seven years.

SUPPLEMENTAL SECURITY INCOME (SSI)

Question:

I get Supplemental Security Income (SSI) because of a disability and know that I'm supposed to report changes in my living and working arrangements. I am now in the process of divorcing and finding a new place to live. Also, I hope to try going to work again before the end of the year. Can I wait and report all of these changes at one time?

Answer:

No, you need to report any change within 10 days after the month that it happens. Not reporting changes in a timely manner could result in not getting paid all the money you are due. It can also result in you getting more than you are due, in which case you will have to pay the money back. You can report your changes by calling Social Security at 1(800) 772-1213, TTY 1(800) 325-0778, or by visiting your local Social Security office. For more information on what to report, visit www.socialsecurity.gov.

Question:

My aunt receives Supplemental Security Income (SSI) and is, I think, beginning to show signs of Alzheimer's disease. I'm also worried that she's becoming unable to manage her benefit payments. Can anything be done to help her?

Answer:

If a person is unable to manage his or her own funds, we can arrange to send the SSI payments to a "representative payee." This can be a relative or someone else who agrees to manage and use the money for the well being of the person getting benefits. For more information, see the publication, A Guide for Representative Payees. You can get a copy online at www.socialsecurity.gov/pubs/10076.html, or by calling Social Security at 1(800) 772-1213, TTY 1(800) 325-0778.

Kids Art Classes

Registration is currently open for the final session of summer art classes for children at The Log Cabin Center for the Arts, which begins on July 25th. The Log Cabins are a part of The Center, 12700 Southwest Highway in Palos Park.

Outdoor Art for Kids features an immersion into the worlds of art and nature. The children will explore the Children's Farm and its surrounding woods, fields and creeks. According to Center Program Director Lois Lauer, these areas provide not only the subject matter for the young artists but also provide fun and action, inspiration, and raw materials.

The two-week session beginning July 25th meets on Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings from 9 until 11 a.m.

Summer art instructors Emily Sawyer and Amanda Miller, both former camp counselors at The Center, will teach the children to use a variety of artistic media and techniques, including drawing, painting, papermaking, papier-mache, printmaking, and

more. Lauer adds that the classes are kept small to encourage individual self-expression.

Advance registration is required. For further information, interested persons should call The Center at (708) 361-3650.

Illinois Bans Cell Phone Use By Drivers Under 18

On the heels of releasing new statistics showing that Illinois is on pace to witness the lowest number of traffic fatalities in over 80 years, on July 15th, Governor Rod R. Blagojevich signed several new laws focused on teenage drivers. One new law bans drivers under the age of 18 from using cell phones. A second law requires drivers under 18 to make sure that their teen passengers are properly buckled up in the front and back seats. Traffic crashes are the leading cause of teenage fatalities – and teenage drivers have a fatality rate that is nearly two times higher than older drivers. Illinois joins a handful of states that restrict teenagers from using cell phones while driving.

These steps to protect teen drivers come one day after the Governor announced that Illinois' safety belt use is at an all time high. The Illinois Department of Transportation reports that 86% of drivers observed are wearing their seatbelts, up ten percent from two years ago. At the same time, 2005 could record the fewest number of persons killed on our highways since 1924. Forty-one fewer people have lost their lives on Illinois highways than the same time last year.

According to the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), two out of five deaths among U.S. teens are the result of a motor vehicle crash. The Insurance Institute for Highway Safety reports that, per mile driven, teen drivers ages 16 to 19 are four times more likely to crash than older drivers.

Senate Bill 229 requires drivers under 18 to make sure that their passengers under 19 are wearing seat belts in the front and back seats. According to the CDC, compared with other age groups, teens have the lowest rate of seat belt use. In 2003, 18% of high school students reported they rarely or never wear seat belts when riding with someone else.

SB 229 and HB 1565 become effective Jan. 1.

"Music Bash 2" Fundraiser

On Sunday, July 24th, from 3 p.m. to 11 p.m., Public Safety Officers Fund is holding "Music Bash 2" at "115 Bourbon Street" located at 3359 W. 115th Street in Merrionette Park.

This "Fundraiser" battle of the bands will feature D.J. Cruisin' Joe, The Crabs, Caliente, and Johnny Justice & The Southside Railroaders.

Donations are \$25.00 in advance (or \$30 at the door). Food and refreshments are included with the ticket price.

Public Safety Officers Fund is a non-profit charitable organization and all money it raises goes to help the families of Police Officers and Firefighters who have lost their lives in the line of duty.

For tickets, contact Jack Deheer, President of Public Safety Officers, at (773) 239-2611.

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Veterans And Soldiers
News
By Lori Taylor Ph: 708.388.2425

Thank you to Robert W. DeKerf of Orland Park for the following information to share with all of you. Robert said he wonders if any surviving Air Force veterans would be interested in seeing a very famous World War II B24 H bomber named "Witchcraft." The bomber will fly into the Chicago/DuPage Airport on July 29th and be on display through July 31st. The Collings Foundation has renamed their famous restored B24-H bomber to honor the 467th Bomb Group, 790th Squadron of which the most famous B24-H was assigned. "Witchcraft" flew a total of 130 combat missions without aborting a mission due to enemy action or mechanical problems. It was recognized as one of the most revered B24's in the 8th Air Force. Robert also sent a picture of a model of the "Witchcraft" which should appear on this page. Thanks again, Robert, this is the kind of information I like to receive to share with all of our veterans and soldiers and their families, plus any other interested persons.

Hometown-Murray VFW Post 9773 will hold a GI breakfast on Sunday, July 31st from 8 a.m. to 12 noon at the "Mess Hall," 9092 Main St. in Hometown. The menu includes scrambled eggs, bacon, sausage, pancakes, toast and 'The Soldiers Blue Plate Special' SOS-chipped beef on toast, coffee and juice. The cost is \$4 per person which benefits veterans, the military and their families and the community. For more information, call (708) 422-9800.

On Monday, July 18th, Colonel Art Clark of the United States Marines ate lunch with the young members of the Oak Lawn Library's summer reading program. Colonel Clark then spoke of his experiences in the military and answered questions from the audience. This was a part of the library's "Superheroes - Powered by Books" program which includes everyday heroes in the community. Children, their parents or caregivers brought a sack lunch to share with their local hero, Colonel Clark. The Colonel is also an officer with the Oak Lawn Police Department.

Rich Wahlberg, a member of Bremen VFW Post 2791 in Tinley Park, and members of his post have formed a support network for families of soldiers serving overseas. The support group includes family members of about 19 Tinley Park residents serving in Iraq and Afghanistan as well as veterans. The veterans tell about what military life is like and they help comfort the families of those now serving. Members exchange tips on shipping care packages and letters and they share stories with the group. The group meets the first Tuesday of each month at the VFW Post 2791, 17147 Oak Park Ave. in Tinley Park. For more information, call the post at (708) 532-2323.

At the recent VFW State Convention I spoke with a young man from the Fallen Heroes Memorial Foundation who said the purpose of the Foundation is to dedicate a monument for all of the fallen soldiers of the Iraq/ Afghanistan conflict shortly after all of the soldiers are brought home. It is their intent to lobby Washington and develop a voice for the families of the fallen soldiers and so these soldiers are not forgotten. Some of the organizations supporting the Foundation are the VFW, American Legion, Iraq War Veterans, Soldiers Angels Foundation, Disabled American Veterans and Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. For more information, check www.fallenheroesmemorial.org or write to Fallen Heroes Memorial Foundation, P.O. Box 84, Willow Springs, IL 60480.

This quote comes from the Evergreen Park American Legion Post 854 bulletin: Into each life some rain must fall, especially if you left the car windows open.

Navy Petty Officer 2nd Class Kenneth M. Daliege, son of Mary and Kenneth Daliege of Midlothian, was recently meritoriously promoted to his current rank while serving with Electronic Attack Squadron 130, Naval Air Station, Whidbey Island, Oak Harbor, Washington. Daliege joined the Navy in July 2000.

Marine Corps Pfc. Larry E. Tello, III, son of Phyllis and Larry Tello of Midlothian, recently was promoted to his current rank while serving with Marine Aviation Training Support Group 53, Naval Air Station Whidbey Island, Oak Harbor, Washington.. Tello is a 2002 graduate of Bremen High School in Midlothian and joined the Marine Corps in May 2004.

Goodbye for now and God bless you and God bless America!

Maloney Bill To Investigate Veterans' Benefits

A bill co-sponsored by State Senator Ed Maloney (D-18) requiring the Illinois Department of Veterans Affairs to conduct an annual review comparing benefits received by Illinois veterans with the benefits received by veterans of other states was signed into law recently.

The completed review must be reported to the Governor, the General Assembly, and the Illinois Congressional delegation each year.

"Compared to other states, Illinois' veterans are provided with one of the lowest disability benefit payments in the nation," said Senator Maloney. "That's unacceptable. Illinois is ranked number 50; while Puerto Rico - which isn't even a state - is ranked number 1. I hope that by conducting such an inquiry on a yearly basis, we can shed some light on why Illinois veterans receive comparatively so little, and we can start to reverse that alarming trend."

Only approximately 55,000 of Illinois' 922,000 veterans receive disability payments, a rate of six percent. The national average of veterans receiving disability payment is 10 percent. The Department of Veterans Affairs in Chicago has been noted for its problematic system. Many Illinois Veterans have to wait many years for rulings and appeals with regard to benefits, and some veterans have died before receiving responses to claims.

There will be a growing demand of services from the Department of Veterans Affairs in the very near future. Soldiers, wounded from their military service in Iraq and Afghanistan, are surviving at an unprecedented rate thanks to the improved medical technology, improved equipment, faster surgery, and evacuations, among other things.

Proponents of the new law include the Veterans of Foreign Wars and the American Legion.

Cemetery Statue Stolen

On the morning of Monday, July 11th, a volunteer worker was making his usual rounds at Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery in Elwood. Suddenly, he noticed something missing — a bronze statue weighing approximately 500 lbs.

All that remained was the three-foot tall cement block upon which it stood.

Since 2001, the statue stood as a memorial to the 48 workers who lost their lives in 1942 when an explosion occurred at the Army Ammunition Plant in Joliet. The explosion rocked and rumbled the ground for 50 miles around.

The statue (of a man holding a lunch pail) was created in Italy and shipped to the cemetery in time for a June 9th, 2001 memorial ceremony made possible by a \$37,000 fund-raising drive head-manned by Elmo Younger.

Younger, before serving in the army in World War II, had once worked at the plant. He fears that the perpetrators, who have committed treason in his eyes, probably intend to sell it for scrap.

Summer School Enrollment

The 2005 summer school enrollment at Moraine Valley Community College rose to a record high of 11,491 students. Credit enrollment also is at an all-time high for summer school, breaking the 10,000-student mark for the first time with 10,021 students who registered for a record 45,201 credit hours. Since 1999, enrollment has risen every year, a 37 percent increase.

The majority of students enrolled - 61 percent - are taking college transfer classes, and 26 percent of the students are enrolled in career program courses. Female students outnumber males, making up 63 percent of the enrollment, while in-district students account for 83 percent of the enrollment. The average age is 27.



Pictured is a model of the famous B24-H "Witchcraft" which will fly into the Chicago/DuPage Airport on July 29th and will be on display through July 31st.

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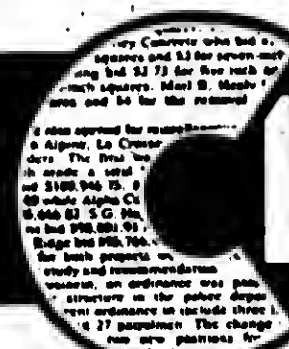
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Wells Fargo Bank, NA successor by Merger to Wells Fargo Home Mortgage, Inc., Plaintiff, vs. Lawrence F. Sibr Jr. a/k/a Lawrence F. Sibr, et al., Defendants. Case No. 04Ch-18283. PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on March 16, 2005, The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 a.m. on August 2, 2005, in its office at 33 N. Dearborn St., 10th Floor, Chicago, IL 60602-3100, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as: 5245 Crescent Green Dr., Oak Forest, IL 60452. The real estate is improved with a light brown brick-siding single family 2 story w/attached 2 car garage. The judgment amount was \$189,682.68. Sale terms: <u>25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction;</u> the balance, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. 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NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act you are advised that Plaintiff's Attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. 145715C IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department - Chancery Division. Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, as Trustee for Long Beach Mortgage Loan Trust 2003-1, Plaintiff, vs. Andre D. Alton, et al., Defendants. Case No. 03Ch-17743. PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of the above Court entered in the above entitled cause on November 29, 2004, The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 a.m. on July 29, 2005 in its office at 33 N. Dearborn St., Suite 1015, Chicago, IL 60602-3100, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as: 7721 S. Albany Ave., Chicago, IL. The real estate is improved with a single family residence. The judgment amount was \$131,368.78. Sale Terms: The bid amount shall be paid in cash immediately by the highest and best bidder at the conclusion of the sale. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to plaintiff. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale. The property will NOT be open for inspection. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information. For information contact Plaintiff's Attorney: Heavner, Scott, Boyers & Miniar, 111 E. Main St., Suite 200, Decatur, IL 62525, (217) 422-1719 ext. 23. NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act you are advised that Plaintiff's Attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. 145933C	IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department - Chancery Division. Homeq Servicing Corporation a/k/a TMS Mortgage, Inc. d/b/a The Money Store, Plaintiff, vs. Edward Berry, et al., Defendant. No. 04Ch-2686. PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above entitled cause on April 21, 2004, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Monday, August 1, 2005, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 W. Madison St., Suite 718A, Chicago, IL, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described mortgaged real estate: Commonly known as: 7810 S. Trumbull Ave., Chicago, IL 60652. The mortgaged real estate is improved with a single family residence. Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance, by certified funds, within 24 hours. No refunds. The property will NOT be open for inspection. For information call William E. Outton, Jr./Barbara J. Outton, at Plaintiff's Attorney, Outton & Outton, P.C., 10325 W. Lincoln Hwy., Frankfort, IL 60423, (815) 806-8200. 145649C IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department - Chancery Division. Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., Plaintiff, vs. Moises G. Villafana a/k/a Moises G. Villafano, et al., Defendant. Case No. 04Ch-18826. PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on May 2, 2005, The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 a.m. on August 4, 2005, in its office at 33 N. Dearborn St., 10th Floor, Chicago, IL 60602-3100, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as: 8436 S. Kenneth Ave., Chicago, IL 60652. The real estate is improved with a single family residence. The judgment amount was \$238,553.78. Sale terms: <u>25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction;</u> the balance, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale. The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information. For information contact Plaintiff's Attorney: The Sales Clerk, CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 N. Frontage Road, Suite 100, Burr Ridge, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876 Ext. 1320. Please refer to file number 14-04-B780. NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act you are advised that Plaintiff's Attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. 145531C	IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department - Chancery Division. Neighborhood Housing Services, Inc., Plaintiff, vs. Marco Velarde, et al., Defendant. Case No. 04Ch-19250. PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on March 21, 2005, The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 a.m. on August 1, 2005, in its office at 33 N. Dearborn St., 10th Floor, Chicago, IL 60602-3100, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as: 7828 S. Sawyer Ave., Chicago, IL 60652. The real estate is improved with a single family residence. The judgment amount was \$5,439.33. Sale terms: <u>25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction;</u> the balance, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale. The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information. For information contact Plaintiff's Attorney: Kropik, Papuga & Shaw, 120 S. LaSalle St., Suite 1327, Chicago, IL 60603, (312) 236-6405. Please refer to file number 35365. Pursuant to Sec. 15-1507(c)(7) of the Illinois Code of Civil Procedure, no information other than the information contained in this notice will be provided. NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act you are advised that Plaintiff's Attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. 145931C IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department, Chancery Division. Midfirst Bank, Plaintiff, vs. Wally E. Washington, et al., Defendants. No. 03Ch-3045. NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE Fisher & Fisher file #4560 (It is advised that interested parties consult with their own attorneys before bidding at mortgage foreclosure sales.) PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered on May 9, 2005 in the amount of \$75,320.82, Kallen Financial & Capital Services, Inc. as Selling Official will at 11:30 a.m. on August 15, 2005 at 175 W. Washington Street, Chicago, IL, sell the following described real property to the highest bidder at auction for cash: C/K/A: 7924 S. Richmond St., Chicago, IL 60652. The improvements on the property consist of a masonry one-story single-family dwelling with separate garage. The property will NOT be open for inspection. Sale terms: property offered "as is," with no express or implied warranties; sale subject to general real estate taxes, special taxes, special assessments, and superior liens, if any; 10% of successful bid to be paid at conclusion of auction and balance by noon the next business day, both by cashier's checks; and no refunds. After confirmation of the sale by the court, the successful bidder will receive a Selling Official's Deed. For information, contact the Sales Officer at the office of the Plaintiff's attorneys, Fisher & Fisher, 120 N. LaSalle Street, Chicago, IL (312) 372-4784, between 1:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. Monday through Friday; however, under Illinois law the Sales Officer is not required to provide information in addition to that contained in this notice. 148310C	IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department - Chancery Division. Principal Residential Mortgage, Inc., Plaintiff, vs. Donald Pierce, et al., Defendant. Case No. 04Ch-17085. PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on March 29, 2005, The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 a.m. on August 3, 2005, in its office at 33 N. Dearborn St., 10th Floor, Chicago, IL 60602-3100, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described mortgaged real estate: Commonly known as: 14824 San Francisco St., Posen, IL 60469. The real estate is improved with a single family residence. The judgment amount was \$124,408.13. Sale terms: <u>25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction;</u> the balance, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale. The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information. For information contact Plaintiff's Attorney: The Sales Clerk, CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 N. Frontage Road, Suite 100, Burr Ridge, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876 Ext. 1320. Please refer to file number 14-04-A400. NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act you are advised that Plaintiff's Attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. 145523C IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department - Chancery Division. Ameriquest Mortgage Company, Plaintiff, vs. Susan J. Rissland, et al., Defendants. No. 04Ch-604B. PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on June 16, 2004, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Monday, August 1, 2005, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 West Madison Street, Suite 718A, Chicago, IL, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described mortgaged real estate: Commonly known as: 9714 S. Homan Ave., Evergreen Park, IL 60805. The improvement on the property consists of a single family residence. Sale terms: Bidders must present, at the time of sale, a cashier's or certified check for 10% of the successful bid amount. The balance of the successful bid shall be paid within 24 hours, by similar funds. The property will NOT be open for inspection. For information call Ms. Kristie Taylor, at Plaintiff's Attorney, James, Gusalsn and Thompson, Ltd., 1001 E. Chicago Ave., Naperville, IL 60540. (630) 369-3535. 145633C	IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department - Chancery Division. Mortgage Clearing Corporation, Plaintiff, vs. Ronald M. Arnot, et al., Defendants. No. 04Ch-21428. PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above entitled cause on April 13, 2005, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Tuesday, August 9, 2005, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 W. Madison St., Suite 718A, Chicago, IL, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described mortgaged real estate: Commonly known as: 8039 Laramie Ave., Burbank, IL 60455. The mortgaged real estate is improved with a single family residence, and will NOT be open for inspection. The judgment amount was \$158,020.96. Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance, by certified funds, within 24 hours. The sale shall be subject to general taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and any prior first mortgages. The subject property is offered for sale without any representation as to quality of title or recourse to Plaintiff. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information. For information: Sale Clerk, Shapiro & Kreisman, 4201 Lake Cook Road, 1st Floor, Northbrook, IL 60062, (847) 498-9990, between the hours of 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. only. 145161C IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department - Chancery Division. Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as Nominee for Fremont Investment & Loan and/or its Successors, Plaintiff, vs. William McCoy, et al., Defendant. Case No. 04Ch-21287. PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on February 15, 2005, The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 a.m. on August 2, 2005, in its office at 33 N. Dearborn St., 10th Floor, Chicago, IL 60602-3100, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as: 4833 W. 105th St., Oak Lawn, IL 60453. The real estate is improved with a single family residence. The judgment amount was \$207,038.80. Sale terms: <u>25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction;</u> the balance, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale. The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information. For information contact Plaintiff's Attorney: The Sales Clerk, CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 N. Frontage Road, Suite 100, Burr Ridge, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876 Ext. 1320. Please refer to file number 14-04-D650. 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REAL ESTATE

Houses For Sale

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department - Chancery Division. Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as nominee for Citimortgage, Inc., Plaintiff, vs. Randall S. Iverson, et al., Defendant. No. 05Ch-419.

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on March 22, 2005, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Friday, August 19, 2005, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 W. Madison St., Suite 718A, Chicago, IL, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described mortgaged real estate:

Commonly known as: 13940 S. Long Ave., Crestwood, IL 60445.

The improvement on the property consists of a single family residence.

Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, by certified funds. No refunds.

The judgment amount was \$180,787.36.

The property will NOT be open for inspection.

For information call Mr. Ira T. Nevel at Plaintiff's Attorney, Law Offices of Ira T. Nevel, 175 N. Franklin St., Chicago, IL 60606. 312/357-1125. 144315C

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Hotline For Insurance Questions

The Illinois Insurance Hotline is an industry-sponsored educational resource that answers general insurance questions, offers guidance to those dealing with insurance problems, and distributes a variety of educational materials. The organization assisted more than 5,500 consumers in 2004, and would like to see this number increase in 2005. Janet Patrick, Hotline Director, said, "People get insurance information from a variety of sources - agents, company representatives and, of course, the Internet. We want Illinois residents to know they can also turn to the Illinois Insurance Hotline for help."

In 2004 the largest percentage of the Hotline's calls (48%) concerned property casualty insurance matters. Life and health calls were next in line, comprising 31% of the call volume. The balance fell into the miscellaneous call category. Ms. Patrick commented, "Personal lines auto and homeowners insurance issues have come in at the top of the list for several years now." Patrick identified some of the common questions consumers ask.

- What options do I have when my auto (or homeowner) policy has been non-renewed?
- Can you help me find a telephone number to reach an insurance company?
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- What companies offer Medicare supplements?
- How does XYZ Company compare with regard to complaints and financial strength?

The Illinois Insurance Hotline has

assisted thousands of Illinois consumers in its 14 years of operation. The resource was created as a means of offering consumers increased access to insurance information and educational materials. Consultants do not sell insurance. Consumers can use a toll-free telephone number to speak with a Hotline consultant on property, casualty, life and health insurance issues. Consultants can be reached between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. Monday through Friday by calling 1 (800) 444-3338.

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"What Tree Is That?" a pocket guide for identifying trees, is available from The National Arbor Day Foundation.

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Dozens of drawings illustrate the trees' leaves or needles and their acorns, berries, seed pods, cones, and other identifying features. "What Tree Is That?" is organized to make it easy to identify trees in a simple step-by-step fashion.

To obtain a tree ID guide, send your name and address and \$3 to "What Tree Is That?" The National Arbor Day Foundation, Nebraska City, NE 68410; or go online to arbor.org.



Karahalios Sworn In

Illinois State Treasurer Judy Baar Topinka who supported and encouraged him, congratulates James N. Karahalios at the recent swearing in ceremony of 20 Associate Judges of the Circuit Court of Cook County at the James R. Thompson Center in Chicago. Honorable James N. Karahalios graduated from Par Ridge High School. He attended University of Illinois, followed by DePaul College of Law. He spent the first seven years as an attorney as an Assistant Cook County's State's Attorney, after which he left the office to enter private practice as a solos practitioner and as an associate with various private firms. His current practice consists primarily of personal injury cases. He has a broad range of litigation experience in state and federal courts, at the trial and appellate levels, in civil and criminal law matters. He is married with four children.

Schumer Must Withdraw From High Court Confirmation Process

New York Democratic Sen. Charles Schumer should bow out of the confirmation process for seating Sandra Day O'Connor's replacement

on the U.S. Supreme Court because he has already acknowledged he won't give any likely nominee a fair hearing. Focus on the Family Action Vice President of Government and Public Policy Tom Minnery said today.

Schumer, a member of the Senate Judiciary Committee, was quoted in news reports in recent days as promising to "go to war" over President Bush's nominee to replace O'Connor, no matter who it is.

"Sen. Schumer went so far as to admit he's not concerned about the judicial backgrounds or qualifications of the man or woman the president ultimately selects," Minnery explained. "For him to say 'It's not about an individual judge' but about 'the overall makeup of the court' makes it clear his only interest is in obstructing any nominee who doesn't subscribe to his brand of judicial activism."

Schumer also implied that the filibuster compromise worked out among 14 moderate senators of both parties to allow con-

firmation of some of Bush's appellate court nominees would have little bearing on whether filibusters will be launched against a Supreme Court nominee.

"It is impossible, in light of these comments, for any candidate likely to be advanced by the president to get a fair hearing from Sen. Schumer," Minnery said. "Senators are constitutionally obligated to offer their advice and consent on court nominees. All Sen. Schumer is prepared to offer is his disgust and contempt—and for that reason he should recuse himself from taking part in the confirmation process."

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Husky Adoption

Adopt a Husky, Inc., a 501(c)(3) non-profit Siberian Husky Rescue, is hosting "Noses in Need" on Sunday, Aug. 28th at Doggy Day Camp, 21212 W. Commercial Dr., Unit B, Mundelein, from 1 to 4 p.m. Those interested in adopting a Siberian Husky, should come meet the foster dogs and learn more about the breed. Those who have already filled out an application and have an approved home visit, can choose a new pet, fill out the paperwork and head for home. To learn more about "Noses in Need" and Adopt a Husky, Inc. visit www.adoptahusky.com, send an email to adoptahusky@adoptahusky.com or call (262) 909-2244.

Southwest Area Obituaries

Vera Bellissino

Services were held on Tuesday at the Lawn Funeral Home, Burbank, for Vera Bellissino, with interment at Chapel Hill Garden South Cemetery.

She is survived by her children Walter (Sharon), and Judith (Tom) Kalvitis; one grandson; three great-grandchildren; & her sister Audrey Jaynes.

Thaddeus L. Minor

Mass was said at St. Linus Church on Wednesday, with entombment at Resurrection Mausoleum, for Thaddeus L. Minor, a World War II Veteran and a retired employee of Western Electric and Lucent Technologies.

He is survived by his wife Sabina "Pam"; his children Janice (William) Baumeister and Carol (John) Paine; four grandchildren; his brothers John Filar, Francis Minor, Edward Minor, Patrick Helser, and Andrew Jakubowski; and his sisters Evelyn Minor, Estelle Jakubowski, Marienne Minor and Jane Helser.

William L. Moody

Mass was said at Sacred Heart Church, Palos Hills, on Wednesday, with interment at Resurrection Cemetery, for William L. Moody, a Korean War Veteran. He was a member of Sacred Heart Church Holy Name Society, the American Legion Post #2910, the Moose Lodge #44 and Moose Legion #33. He is also a retired member of the Ornamental Iron Workers Local #63.

He is survived by his wife Adelin; his children Garry (Kathleen), Nancy Moody, Cheryl Dehlin and Michelle (Brian) McGuire; and ten grandchildren.

Marie C. Veague

Mass was said at St. Gerald Church, Oak Lawn, on Wednesday with interment at Holy Sepulcher Cemetery for Marie C. Veague, 89. She was a member and past President of the Oak Lawn Garden Club; a member and past President of Midway Garden Club; a member of the Illinois Orchid Society and the Southtown Dahlia Club. She was also a member of the Calumet Power Squadron.

She is survived by her husband Clarence J. her children Ronald (Betty) Veague and Sharon (Lawrence G.) Schneider; grandson; and her brothers, Robert and Francis Carey.

Thomas Forkin

Services were held at the Blake-Lamb Funeral Home, Oak Lawn, with interment at

Holy Sepulcher Cemetery, for Thomas Forkin, 50. He was a member of Roofers Union Local 11.

He is survived by his children Kari and Lindsey; his sisters, Colleen (Ron) Paliska & Sharon (John) Bidochka; and his brothers, Richard (Kelly), Dennis (Carla) and Brian.

Lorraine R. Godwin

Services were held Wednesday at Lawn Funeral Home, Orland Park, with interment at St. John Cemetery, for Lorraine R. "Billy" Goodwin.

She is survived by her children Sharon (Joseph Carlino) Gish, David (Mary Lou) Gish, Terry (George) Koester, Nancy (Daniel) Voss and Steven (Karen) Siegel; 11 grandchildren; 5 great-grandchildren; her sisters, Irene Cozzi and Mildred Stepanek & her brother Frank (Arlene) Lowe.

Dennis W. Chojnowski

Memorial Services were held at the Robert Sheehy & Sons Funeral Home, Orland Park, with entombment at Good Shepherd Cemetery, for Dennis W. Chojnowski.

He is survived by his wife Nancy D.; his children Kristen and Steven Chojnowski; his stepson Jeremy Decker; his parents Clemens & Margaret; and his sister Donna (Gerald) Lukas.

Helen McGowan

Mass was said at Queen of Martyrs Church, Evergreen Park, on Monday, with interment at Holy Sepulcher Cemetery for Helen M. McGowan, a member of the Queen of Martyrs Altar and Rosary Society.

She is survived by her children Jack (Dolores), Ed and Pat (Nina) McGowan; seven grandchildren; and 19 great-grandchildren.

Alice L. Blouin

Mass was said at Our Lady Of The Woods Church, Orland Park, on Tuesday with interment at Holy Sepulcher Cemetery, for Alice L. Blouin.

She is survived by her children Jackie (Raleigh) Kean, Michael (Suzanne) Blouin, Judi (Art) Kelly and Pat (Jim) Carlucci; 11 grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren; her sisters, Eleanor Connerty, Peg Sullivan, Julann Nolan and Bobbie Berry; & her brothers, James, Frank, John and Billy Berry.

Luella Mae Colosimo

Services were held at the Markham Lutheran Church, with interment at Fairmount Willow Hills Cemetery for Luella Mae Colosimo.

She is survived by her husband Carmen; her children Wayne (Erin), Cheryl (Lawrence) Henshaw and Kristen Colosimo; six grandchildren; one great-grandchild; and her sister Irma Harrop.

Daniel J. Blanford

Mass was said at St. Fabian Church, Bridgeview, on Monday, with interment at Resurrection Cemetery, for Daniel J. Blanford, 57, a U.S. Navy Veteran and a current resident of Seminole, Florida.

He is survived by his wife Marianna; his mother June; his children Dreana (Adam) Resler, Misty (Eric) Jaramillo, Daniela and Thomas Blanford; five grandchildren; his brother Joseph (Geraldine) Blanford; & his sister Sandra (Jack) Rosner.

Edward G. Kosary

Services were held at the Kosary Funeral Home, Evergreen Park, with interment at Bethania Cemetery, for Edward G. Kosary, 42.

He is survived by his parents Walter F. and Linda K. Kosary; his sister Debra; his step-sister Elizabeth Kosary Martinovich; and his step-brother Christopher G. (Jodi).

Edward James Mowen Jr.

Services were held Saturday at the Hann Funeral Home, Bridgeview, for Edward James Mowen Jr., 57, a 20 year resident of Chicago Ridge and Burbank and a Viet Nam Veteran. He was also a Software Company Manager.

He is survived by his daughter Kerry (James) Cherep; one grandchild; his sister Mary Ann Mowen; his step brothers Jim, Steve and Dave Matarese, and his step mother Catherine Matarese.

Richard Peter Soria

Mass was said at St. Fabian Church, Bridgeview, on Wednesday, with interment at Resurrection Cemetery, for Richard Peter Soria, 21, a resident of Bridgeview.

He is survived by his parents Stephen (Christine) Soria & Antonia Kurelic; his grandfather Peter Soria; his sister Nicole (Eric) Kleidon; his brother Stevie Soria; his step brothers, Michael (Jackie) Mettera and Christopher (Susan) Mattera.

Robert Alan Schrieber

Services were held at the Hickey Memorial Chapel, Midlothian, on Monday, July 18th, with interment at Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery, for Robert Alan Schrieber, 35, of Posen. He was the dispatch supervisor for Blue Island Police Dept. 911 Center & a Lieutenant for the Posen

Fire Dept. He coached for the St. Stanislaus Girls Basketball program and he was a veteran of the U.S. Navy.

He is survived by his wife Elizabeth; his daughter Diane Schreiber; his parents Richard and Jo-Ann Schreiber; his sisters, Lori (Cory) Glasen, Judy Lemus and Annette (James) Burke; and his brother James (Ann) Schreiber.

Robert W. Gallagher

Mass was held at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church, Downers Grove, on Wednesday, with interment at Clarendon Hills Cemetery, for Robert W. Gallagher, a long time member of St. Germain Parish in Oak Lawn and a former Oak Lawn Resident.

He is survived by his children Mary Ellen (Glenn) Gavin, Gregory, Terrence (Sheila), Ruth (Richard) Bell; 7 grandchildren; his sister Ruth McNichols & his brother Ralph (Avis) Gallagher.

George J. Paetow

Mass was said at St. Alexander Church, Palos Heights on Tuesday, with interment at Holy Sepulcher Cemetery, for George J. Paetow, 95. He was the retired founder and chairman of the Palos Bank and Trust in Palos Heights and Founder of the Paetow Realty and Insurance companies.

He is survived by his wife Anna Marie; his children Georgeann (Daniel) Iles, Gregory (Penny), William (Jennifer), & Robert; and 10 grandchildren.

Dr. William Wallace Graham, Sr

Services were held at the Lack & sons Funeral Home, Hickory Hills, for Dr. William Wallace Graham, Sr. He was a World War II veteran and a retired optometrist.

He is survived by his children William Jr. & Jessica; 1 granddaughter; and his sister Marion (Robert) Grimm.

Mildred B. Mack

Mass was said at Our Lady of the Ridge Church, Chicago Ridge, on Saturday, with interment at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, for Mildred B. Mack. A retired LPN of Little Company of Mary Hospital.

She is survived by her husband John H.; her children John (Sharon) Mack, Mary (Steve) Claybon, Jim (Debra) Mack, Margaret (Kurt) Berg, Tom (Debbie) Mack, Tim (Tina) Mack and Jean (Nick) Gonsch; & 21 grand children.

Katherine Psinas

Mass was said at St. Spyridon Hellenic Orthodox Church, Palos Heights, with interment at Evergreen Park Cemetery on Monday, for Katherine Psinas.

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She is survived by her daughter, Chrystyna (Joseph) Chambers; 4 grandchildren; her brothers James (Frances), Angelo (Irene) and Peter.

Police Dept. and an investigator with the Illinois Attorney General's Office. He was 75.

He is survived by his children Jeriel (Kim) Heard, Jeffrey (Chante) Heard, Perry Cameron, Stanley (Donna) Cameron, Jamie (Karen) Howard, Bryan Howard, C.H.P.D., Kelly Griffin and Maureen Griffin; and eleven grandchildren.

Jeriel K. Howard

Services were held at the Blake-Lamb Funeral Home, Oak Lawn, on Saturday, for Jeriel K. Howard, a retired detective with the Chicago

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Standard Bank Holds Opening Ceremony

Standard Bank and Trust Co. opened a second Oak Lawn location with a ribbon-cutting ceremony Tuesday, July 12th. The new branch is located at 111th and Keating. Oak Lawn Mayor Dave Heilmann, Oak Lawn Chamber of Commerce representatives, as well as Standard Bank President and CEO Lawrence P. Kelley attended the event.

"Standard Bank is also celebrating its 25th Anniversary as a member of the Oak Lawn community," explained marketing communications coordinator Erin A. Durkalski. "We have held several celebrations and raffles so far this year to thank the Oak Lawn community for its continued support."

Standard Bank opened its first Oak Lawn location at 4001 W. 95th St., on April 1st, 1980. At that point in time, the addition of this branch grew the bank to a total of two branch locations. Since then, Standard Bank has grown to 36 branches in Illinois and Indiana and an anticipated 38 by the end of the year.

Assistant Branch Manager of the new Oak Lawn location Nancy Merlo said, "I believe this particular location will round out our geographical coverage for our Oak Lawn customers. It is a great location and I have already had the pleasure of meeting lots of great people."

This new branch, a former La Salle Bank building, brings the number of current Standard Bank locations to 36. The bank is also currently building in Lockport with an anticipated opening of mid-August and Merrillville, Indiana with an anticipated opening in the Fall of this year.

Standard Bank and Trust Co. operates 36 locations throughout Chicagoland and Northwest Indiana and has over \$1.5 billion in assets.

Pictured left to right (first row) Jerry Spearman, Chamber Director; Deborah Grad, Standard Bank Regional Manager; Laura Shallow, Past President Oak Lawn Chamber; Nancy Merlo; Lawrence P. Kelley; Dave Heilmann; Jane Quinlan, Village Clerk of Oak Lawn; Tim Gallagher, Standard Bank Chairman of the Board; and Mike Gutchewsky, Chamber Director. Back row: Peggy Burke, Chamber Director; Grace Quinlan, Chamber member; Leo Gutchewsky, 1st Vice President, Oak Lawn Chamber; Peter Schwarz, 2nd Vice President, Oak Lawn Chamber; Joan Buschbach, Past President Oak Lawn Chamber; Gary Wesner, Chamber member; Jack Baker, President, Oak Lawn Chamber and Jim Buschbach, Past President, Oak Lawn Chamber.

Youth Soccer Leagues Sign Up

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process and will compete in the South Suburban Soccer League. Games will be played on Saturdays. Practice will begin in early to mid-August. A coach will contact the players about practices. The Outdoor Youth Traveling League is open

to those age 10 - 13 with two age divisions determined by the child's age as of August 1, 2005. Fee is \$70 for Oak Lawn residents and \$95 for non residents.

For more information call Shannon Nolan at (708) 857-2420.

Special Olympics

Nearly 3,600 athletes from across the state competed in the 2005 Special Olympics Illinois Summer Games on June 17th through the 19th at Illinois State University in Normal.

After eight weeks of training followed by area or dis-

trict competition, State Summer Games athletes compete in either aquatics, track & field, bocce, gymnastics, power lifting and soccer.

Oak Lawn Park District representative gold medal winners were as follows: Kyle Corbet and Eric Martinez for Aquatics 100M Freestyle; Armondo Moncada and Bianca Schmidt for Aquatics 50M Freestyle; and Linnea Williamson for the Athletics 50M Run.

Other medal or ribbon winners from Oak Lawn Park District included Robert James Roark, Linda Marie Sherwood, Kelly Fitzgerald, Jessica Nowicki, Jennifer Nowicki, John Sansone, Chrissy Whelan, Shelby Bohanon, Jason Hatfield, James O'Keefe, Joseph Wilson, Brittany Dunkle, Michael Floravanti Yuska and Ryan Zeiger.

Dr. Vaught, Chiropractor

Dr. Frank Vaught, owner of Crestwood Chiropractic & Rehab, 13657 S. Cicero in Crestwood, defines chiropractic as "the removal of interference in the nervous (life/flow) system by restoring normal biomechanics of the spine for optimal health."

He believes with relentless sincerity that this removal is best achieved through chiropractic methods, nutrition and rehabili-

tative exercise. The removal of "interference" strengthens the nervous system and increases the power of your organs and immune system. The result is not only relief from back pain, but also the reduction or elimination of bronchitis, asthma, high blood pressure, arthritis, common colds, and scores of other maladies which the average individual has resigned themselves to live with.

Depending on the condition of the patient, Dr. Vaught might employ a low-velocity/high amplitude method (soft approach) or a high velocity/low amplitude technique (a more robust treatment). Either way, his impassioned goal is to rid the patients' bodies of toxins, stress and trauma and immeasurably upgrade their quality of living.

Dr. Vaught, who is also the Head Chiropractor of the Windy City Thunderbolts baseball team and a member of our country's Army Reserves, speaks with uncommon love and compassion as he orates about his profession. It pains him to think of people (from children to seniors) who undergo invasive surgery - often unnecessarily; or the endless prescribing of drugs which does little more than mask ever-worsening physical problems while inducing one's body cells into craving even more drugs.

Dr. Vaught may well prove to be a godsend for somebody reading this article.

POLICE CALLS

On July 6th Larry Thornton, 22, and Lakeisha Smith, 28, both of Chicago were arrested and charged with possession of drugs. Officers observed them drive up to the apartments in the 4900 block of Columbus and hand something to a resident. The officers discovered a blunt in the car.

On July 9th Mary Ruth, 51, of Chicago was arrested and charged with theft and resisting arrest. Officers responded to a report of a suspicious car in the store lot in the 9600 block of Cicero. When the officers arrived they questioned Ruth, who had two outstanding warrants. As the officer attempted to look in a bag, she grabbed his arm. A struggle ensued as the officer attempted to arrest her.

On July 11th, Donald Olijar, 26, of Oak Lawn was arrested and charged with driving under the influence after crashing his car into a van near 99th and Austin. Olijar attempted to leave the scene but his car stalled.

OL Kickers Line Dancers Event

The Oak Lawn Kickers Line Dancers will sponsor an afternoon of fun at Oak Lawn Community Church, 9000 S. Ridgeland, on Saturday, July 30th from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Featuring Tinkles and Troubles the Clowns, Classic Act and PES Band. There will be line

dancing lessons, sing-alongs, face painting, games, all included with admission price. Food and baked goods available for sale. Adults and children over 12, \$6; seniors and children ages 4-11, \$5; children 3 and under are free. The first 50 children will

receive a free punch ball. Free parking and wheelchair accessible.

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For more information, call the church office at (708) 599-4025.

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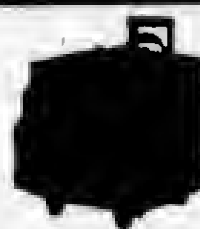
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Children's Programs At Oak Lawn Library

The Youth Services Dept. of the Oak Lawn Public Library, 5300 W. 95th St., will offer a variety of free educational and entertaining programs for children in preschool through tenth grade during the month of August. No advance registration required.

A book discussion of the newly released "Harry Potter and the Half Blood Prince" will take place on Thursday, Aug. 4th from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the library's lower level meeting room. Readers of all ages are welcome to participate. Refreshments will be served.

Families are invited to stop in for a half-hour Drop In Storytime on Saturday, Aug. 6th at 10 a.m. in the library's storytime room.

Children may express their creativity by making a Drop In Craft project when they visit the Youth Services Dept. from Aug. 8th through 20th.

Several feature films will be shown in the library's lower level meeting room. Free tickets will become available two weeks in advance. Movies for children

in preschool through sixth grade are to be presented on Friday, Aug. 12th and 26th from 2 to 4 p.m. Films for young adults in seventh through tenth grade will be screened on Thursday, Aug. 11th and 25th from 6 to 8 p.m. The movie series is sponsored by the Friends of the Oak Lawn Library.

If you would like more details, visit the library's web site, at www.lib.oak-lawn.il.us, or call (708) 422-4990.

Students Named To Dean's List

Oak Lawn residents were named to the spring 2005 dean's list of Eastern Illinois University, Charleston.

They were Carl K. Court-right, Nicholas A. Grabarek, Meghan M. Lehnhardt, Nicole R. Schmitz and Amy M. Zavala.

To be named to the dean's list, a student must be in the top 10 percent of his or her college while carrying a full course load.

Brookfield Zoo's "Hug A Bug"

Brookfield Zoo is abuzz with your favorite creepy-crawlers for "Hug A Bug," a family festival of what flits, flutters and flees, Aug. 12th-21st. Part of the zoo's summerlong Lions, Tigers, Bears...and Bugs event, "Hug A Bug" is the grand fly-nale to months of getting up-close and personal with different animals.

While at "Hug A Bug," step into the web of Chicago's own Redmoon Theater and its Big Bug Brigade Parade, created especially for zoo-goers. Your little bug-a-boos will love the fun, colorful costumes of this performance troupe that is known for outlandish innovation.

"Hug A Bug" will also hum with music. On Aug. 20th the zoo will welcome The Wee Hairy Beasies, a one-time, off-beat performance of animal-themed tunes performed by local folk-rockers Jon Langford with Sally Timms, Kelly Hogan, and Devil in a Woodpile. On Aug. 21st, a special Radio Disney Day will get young social butterflies jitterbugging to a performance by hip teenage singer Ashley Garland and jiving to the youthful pop band Everlife. At the end of Radio Disney Day, zoo visitors can meet and chat with the musicians. On Aug. 14th, all ages will rock British Invasion-style to the sounds of British Export, a Beatles tribute band.

The zoo is proud to host some of the city's best children's music performers during "Hug A Bug." Live concerts for children will take place at 2 p.m. daily,

including an appearance by Grammy Award-winning favorite Ella Jenkins on Aug. 16th.

On Thursday and Friday, Aug. 18th and 19th, join with friends from Fisher-Price® for Chicago's largest playgroup event for children and their parents. From 10:30 to 11 a.m., children, ages one to five and their parents can enjoy a "Day at the Zoo with the Little People®." Join the Little People friends as they learn about zoo animals and how they sound and move, using games, songs and play. Then, from 12:30 to 1 p.m., children, ages three to six can experience "Animal Care and Rescue with the Rescue Heroes®." Join the Rescue Heroes Team to explore how animals live in the wild and how zookeepers take care of them at Brookfield Zoo. After each playgroup, we will have a scavenger hunt to find answers around the zoo and win a small prize from Fisher-Price. An adult must accompany children taking part in either program.

Families can fly into the face of competition, too, during "Hug A Bug," testing their wits in contests such as "Beetle of Fortune," "Who Wants to be a Buggin'are?," "Roach Run," "Arthropod Idol," "Bee Dance," and the "Apreynmantis."

Other "Hug A Bug" activities include creepy crawly crafts and a repeat performance by popular zoo guest the Green E, the Environmental Elvis, who shakes, rattles and rolls his way through conservation tips. Daddy-long legs - and mommy too - will be interested in a display of more than 25 modern, vintage and dune buggy Volkswagen beetle cars on Aug. 13, presented by the Northeastern Illinois Volkswagen Association, accentuated by an afternoon parade of cars.

"Hug A Bug" festivities take place from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. each day at Brookfield Zoo. For a complete schedule of events and performances or to purchase tickets in advance to the zoo - including the Zooper Pass, a discounted all-inclusive ticket - go to www.BrookfieldZoo.org.

Beginning at 11 a.m. each day, animal print slap bracelets will be given to the first 250 kids who make their way to the east mall.

Youth Soccer League Sign Ups

There is still time to sign up for the Oak Lawn Park District's Outdoor Youth Soccer Leagues. Games will be played on Saturdays and Wednesdays. Practice will begin in early to mid-August.

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For more information call Shannon Nolan at (708) 857-2420.

Apple Tree Program

The Worth Township Youth Commission is again sponsoring its "Apple Tree Program" for needy children of Worth Township.

Donations of school supplies are requested from residents of Worth Township. Pencils, pens, folders, scissors, Kleenex, crayons, mechanical pencils, erasable pens, colored pencils, markers, glue and backpacks are needed to fulfill the requests of children within the township. Families bring in a list of school supplies from their child's school and the request is then filled by Worth Township.

Residents can drop off school supplies at Worth Township, 11601 S. Pulaski in Alsip. If you would like to have further information on the "Apple Tree Program", call 371-2900, ext. 45.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

JULY 30 - Saturday - Oak Lawn Kickers Line Dancers Afternoon of Fun, Oak Lawn Community Church, 9000 Ridgeland Ave., 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. (all ages)

JULY 31 - Sunday - GI Breakfast, Hometown Murray VFW 9773, 9092 Main Street in Hometown, 8 a.m. to 12 noon.

AUGUST 1 - Monday - Fire Department Club Meeting, VFW, 9514 S. 52nd Ave., 8 p.m.

AUGUST 1 - Monday - Planning & Development Commission Meeting, 9446 S. Raymond, 8 p.m.

AUGUST 2 - Tuesday - Civil Service Commission, 9446 Raymond, 5:30 p.m.

AUGUST 3 - Wednesday - Appeals Board, 9446 Raymond, 8 p.m.

AUGUST 4 - Thursday - Alzheimer Support Group, Christ Hospital, 4440 W. 95th St., 6 p.m.

AUGUST 4 - Thursday - Historic Preservation Commission, 9446 S. Raymond, 7 p.m.

AUGUST 4 - Thursday - Athletic Club Meeting, VFW Hall, 9514 S. 52nd Ave., 8 p.m.

AUGUST 4 - Thursday - Traffic Review Committee Meeting, Municipal Center auditorium, 9446 S. Raymond, 8 p.m.

Energy Plan Will Give Wind Power A Boost In Illinois

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Rep. Dan Lipinski Introduces Legislation To Help The Uninsured

Congressman Dan Lipinski (D-IL) joined Congressman Mark Kennedy (R-MN) to unveil legislation recently that would help millions of Americans who are currently without health insurance obtain coverage for themselves and their families.

"Uninsured Americans face a crisis that threatens not only their good health, but their financial stability as well," said Congressman Lipinski. "More than 45 million Americans - a greater number than the combined populations of Illinois, Wisconsin, Michigan, Ohio and Minnesota - do not have any health insurance."

In 2003, 1.4 million more people lost their insurance as compared to 2002, a troubling continuation of recent trends. Many of these people are uninsured because their employer does not offer health coverage and they lack access to a government health insurance program. Others have lost their jobs and their medical benefits as well.

The Fair Care for the Uninsured Act of 2005 creates a fully refundable tax credit of \$1,000 for an individual or up to \$3,000 per family to buy health insurance. Not only does Fair Care help the uninsured acquire health insurance, but it also empowers recipients to choose the health insurance plan that's right for them.

Giving more individuals an opportunity to purchase health insurance is not only beneficial to them, but it is better for insured Americans as well. Families who cannot afford health insurance often have no other health care option than the hospital emergency room. The cost of an emergency visit is 3-4 times more expensive than the cost of a regular office visit and when the uninsured turn up in

the emergency room, they usually cannot pay for the care they receive.

Critics have argued that Fair Care interferes with the employer-based health care system. However, under Fair Care, only persons who do not have access to workplace health coverage qualify for the tax credit. Furthermore, the legislation includes worker protections requiring employers to continue their health plans during the first five years after enactment.

H.R. 765 recognizes the importance of the health insurance Safety Nets that already exist in 32 states, such as the Comprehensive Health Insurance Plan (CHIP) in Illinois, for those who are otherwise uninsurable. Fair Care builds upon the success of these programs for older, less healthy Americans by expanding them to all 50 states.

Roosevelt Univ. & Prairie State College Sign Dual Admission Agreement

Students can now enroll in both Prairie State College and Roosevelt University at the same time, making it easy and seamless to earn associate's and bachelor's degrees, thanks to a Dual Admission Agreement signed on July 19th by Charles R. Middleton, president of Roosevelt, and Paul N. McCarthy, president of Prairie State.

Through the Dual Admission Agreement, Prairie State students are able to create a four-year plan for completing the bachelor's degree at Roosevelt, assure a smooth transfer of credits between institutions, guarantee graduation requirements as long as continuous enrollment is maintained, and facilitate early financial planning.

Interested students should submit applications for admission to both Roosevelt University and Prairie State College, along with required documents. The Roosevelt application fee will be waived. After the admission offices review the materials, each institution will notify students regarding acceptance to its institution.

Admission counselors at both Prairie State College and Roosevelt will work with students to ensure that Prairie State credits transfer easily. Participating students will also benefit from Prairie State College's Transfer Guarantee, which ensures transferability of all courses that have been approved for enrollment by PSC counselors.

Once enrolled at Roosevelt, students will be guaranteed completion of the bachelor's degree within the minimum number of terms required for the chosen major, provided Roosevelt guidelines related to transferable courses are followed.

While enrolled at Prairie State, the dually-admitted students will have full access to Roosevelt's offices of admission, student services, financial aid and the library. In addition, Roosevelt financial aid counselors will advise students on Roosevelt scholarships and how to finance their education. Students are also welcome to participate in lectures, cultural events and other opportunities for enrichment.

The new Dual Admission Agreement will be in effect beginning with the Fall 2005 term. For information, call 1-877-APPLYRU.

Pork Alert: Senate Interior Appropriations Bill

As families across America pack their suitcases and get ready for summer vacations, Senate appropriators have loaded up the fiscal 2006 Interior Appropriations Act with \$926 million worth of parochial projects to beautify their states for the tourist season. The bill is scheduled to go to the Senate floor. Ignoring the president's request for a lean budget, the Senate Appropriations Committee weighed down this year's Interior bill with funding for programs slated for elimination, including \$489.6 million in Environmental Protection Agency state and tribal assistance grants, and \$10 million for the Bureau of Land Management's Rural Fire Assistance Program.

Here is a sampling of some of the pork projects added by Senate appropriators:

Alaskan Wildlife. Once again, Senate Interior Appropriations subcommittee member Ted Stevens (R-Alaska) brought home the most amount of pork, a total of \$68.5 million, including: \$25 million for grants to address drinking water and infrastructure needs in rural and native Alaskan communities; \$1.8 million for the Alaska SeaLife Center for eider and sea otter recovery activities; \$790,000 for the Bering Sea Fisherman's Assn.; \$150,000 for the Alaska Whaling Commission; and \$98,000 for the Alaska Sea Otter Commission.

Bacon for the Big Sky State. Senate Interior Appropriations Subcommittee Chairman Conrad Burns (R-Mont.) grabbed \$33.4 million for Montana projects, including: \$2 million for the Fuels-in-schools bio-mass program; \$1.25 million for the Western Heritage Center's distance learning and tribal histories project; \$1.4 million for whirling disease research; and \$400,000 for a bear DNA sampling study.

Wild and Wonderful West Virginia. Senate Appropriations Committee Ranking Member Robert Byrd (D-W.Va.) piled \$18.9 million in parochial pork in the Interior bill, including: \$3.65 million for projects at Harpers Ferry National Historic Park; \$3.5 million for the New River Gorge National River; \$2 million for the National Alternative Fuels Training Consortium at West Virginia University; and \$100,000 for the National Coal Heritage Area.

Peace Garden State. Senate Interior Appropriations subcommittee member Byron Dorgan (D-N.D.) added \$10.2 million in pork projects for North Dakota, including: \$2 million for the Center for Air Toxic Metals at the University of North Dakota; \$350,000 for leafy spurge eradication efforts; \$200,000 for the Garrison Dam National Fish Hatchery for hatchery renovation; and \$200,000 for the International Peace Gardens.

Citizens Against Government Waste is a nonpartisan, non-profit organization dedicated to eliminating waste, fraud, mismanagement and abuse in government.

Illinois Has New Official State Amphibian And State Reptile

The Eastern Tiger Salamander will soon be named Illinois' official state amphibian, while the Painted Turtle will take its place as the official State reptile, said State Senator Christine Radogno (R-Lemont), who sponsored the legislation designating the new State amphibian and reptile.

The animals were chosen as a result of an initiative by Lieutenant Governor Pat Quinn and Representative Robert Biggins, who teamed up with the Chicago Herpetological Society and the Brookfield Zoo to sponsor the state's first-ever virtual election for an official state symbol.

Advocates of the virtual election sent out letters to schools throughout Illinois encouraging teachers to include the election in their curriculum, Radogno said that 75,196 people voted in the election. Voters had to choose between the Eastern Tiger Salamander, the Gray Tree Frog, and the American Toad in the amphibian category, and the Painted Turtle, the Garter Snake, and the Eastern Box Turtle in the reptile category.

The voting kicked off at last year's State Fair, and the Eastern Tiger Salamander, who received 19,217 votes with 51% of the vote, and the Painted Turtle, who received 16,742 votes with 45% were the favorites.

Letter To The Editor

Editor:

When SBC went to Springfield earlier this spring with a sweeping deregulation bill, consumers knew they were in for a tough battle. So when the Illinois House of Representatives stood up to the giant phone company, consumers breathed a sigh of relief.

SBC's bill would have eliminated key consumer protections that prevent unwarranted phone rate hikes and penalize SBC for poor service. Higher phone rates and a drop in service quality were on the horizon if the measure had been approved.

Although the Senate originally approved the SBC bill, the House, under Speaker Michael Madigan's leadership, refused to pass it without major changes, which SBC refused to make. Gov. Rod Blagojevich also opposed the SBC bill and late in the session both houses approved a two-year extension of the current act, which was set to expire June 30th.

There may come a time when restrictions on SBC's prices and service quality can be eased, but we're not there yet. As long as the vast majority of Illinois residents still have no real options to SBC, deregulation is a dangerous path.

We commend the members of the Illinois House of Representatives for realizing that sensible state regulation is the only way to protect consumers and keep the phone companies honest.

Sincerely,
s/s Sarah L. Bolton-Head
CUB Board Representative
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Brookfield Zoo Helps Animals Stay Cool

Even with a sizzling high of 100 degrees on Sunday, July 24th, animals at Brookfield Zoo had it made in shade. Animal experts at the zoo used a variety of ways to keep animals comfortable despite the heat.

Earlier this month the zoo provided snow in the summer for Payton, the polar bear. Generated by a snow-making machine, the snow surprised zoo visitors and staff by remaining in the Bear Grotto for the better part of a hot day.

Ice bottles and giant ice cubes are more the norm, however, and they abound at Brookfield Zoo on warmer days. For some species, zookeepers freeze stainless steel pans of water and food items to provide animals with tasty, icy treats.

Keepers often cascade water across the habitats of larger animals on steamy days, to cool their surfaces. They also gently spray animals with cool water or provide them with soothing mists. This is another area where customization comes in.

For animals that like to wallow when temperatures climb, like rhinos, pigs and pygmy hippos, keepers ensure a steady flow of muddy water to give relief. In excessive heat, keepers refrain from washing dried mud off the animals when they emerge from wallows.

At Brookfield Zoo's Hamill Family Play Zoo, rabbits and guinea pigs keep cool with soda pop bottles filled with frozen water that they like to lie next to, like big ice pillows. Next door, at the Children's Zoo, animals such as goats, raccoons and groundhogs relish ice chips, ice piles and added shade.

In the summer, Brookfield Zoo most closely watches the health of its animals with heavy coats that come from cooler climates. But there is one animal that thrives in heat: the Addax antelope, from the Sahara Desert. On the hottest days they lie in the sun.

To help humans of all ages regulate their body temps at the zoo, air-conditioned buildings and shade trees abound. There are a lot of shade trees at the zoo. It is a lovely park for outdoor adventures.

What is more, the zoo has installed misting stations at periodic points throughout the grounds, for visitors to take a break and cool themselves with a fine spray of overhead mist. Kids love them, and the zoo is about to install several more and will have a water play area open for children outside of the Living Coast exhibit within the next few weeks.

Schedule Back To School Checkups And Vaccinations

The Cook County Department of Public Health (CCDPH) is reminding parents that children are expected to be up-to-date with their immunizations and physical and dental examinations before the start of the school year.

"To beat the rush, it's important to schedule your child's appointments as soon as possible," said John H. Stroger Jr., President of the Board of Cook County Commissioners. "Illinois law requires immunizations for children attending public, private or parochial elementary or secondary schools. Also, children entering kindergarten, fifth and ninth grades must receive school physical examinations."

Additionally, as of July 1, the state is requiring that all kindergartners, second and sixth graders get an oral hygiene exam. Each child will be required to show proof of the exam during the school year, or the school may hold the child's report card. A child may receive a waiver if there is proof of undue burden, or lack of access to a dentist.

"Childhood immunizations and physical exams are some of the safest ways of protecting children from harmful and even deadly diseases," said CCDPH chief operating officer, Stephen A. Martin Jr., Ph.D., M.P.H. "We can't stress enough the importance of regular dental exams. Poor oral hygiene can lead to poor school attendance, poor grades and poor adult health."

The health department stresses that for continuity of care, it's best if children have a private family physician and dentist who will be able to provide routine preventive screenings and immunizations as well as assess the health of the patient. "Having a regular provider who is familiar with the health needs of the child offers the best option for the patient," said Dr. Martin.

State law provides exemptions from the immunization requirements for religious or medical reasons.

Free, walk-in CCDPH immunization clinics (see eligibility requirements) and (by appointment) dental clinics are offered for suburban Cook County children 18 years or younger. For more information regarding back-to-school immunizations and dental exams, call (708) 492-2150 for immunization information and (708) 492-2140 for Dental Health Services. TDD for hearing/speech impaired: (708) 492-2002.

Children are eligible for no cost vaccinations if they are: enrolled in Medicaid or uninsured or Native American or Alaskan Indian, or under-insured (health insurance does not pay for vaccination).

A vaccination schedule follows.

Measles: Two doses of live attenuated measles vaccine, the first dose at 12 months of age or later, and the second dose at least one month after the first; a physician diagnosed case of measles; or, laboratory confirmed evidence of immunity.

Polio: Three or more doses administered at appropriate intervals with the last dose being a booster received on or about the child's fourth birthday.

Diphtheria, tetanus (lockjaw), pertussis (whooping cough) (DtaP): Four or more doses administered at the

appropriate intervals with the last dose being a booster received on or after the child's fourth birthday.

Mumps: One dose of mumps vaccine at 12 months of age or later; a physician diagnosed case of mumps or laboratory confirmed evidence of immunity.

Rubella: One dose of rubella vaccine at 12 months of age or later, or laboratory evidence of immunity.

Hepatitis B: Three doses of hepatitis B vaccine with the first two shots at least four weeks apart and the third shot administered at least four months after the first shot.

Varicella (chicken pox): Required for children entering day care, pre-kindergarten or kindergarten for the first time. One dose of varicella vaccine on or after the first birthday, proof of prior varicella disease or laboratory evidence of immunity.

Haemophilus influenza type B (Hib): Children two to five years of age starting pre-kindergarten school program must show proof of having received the primary series (3 doses of Hib vaccine at two months apart) and a booster dose at one year of age. However, children two to five years of age who have not received their primary series of Hib vaccine must show proof of receiving at least one dose of Hib vaccine at 15 months of age or older.

Safe Games Illinois Act

Surrounded by parents and pre-teens in a public library in Aurora, Governor Rod R. Blagojevich signed the landmark Safe Games Illinois Act, making Illinois the only state in the nation to ban the sale and rental of violent and sexually explicit video games to children. HB 4023, sponsored by State Sen. Deanna Demuzio (D-Carlinville) and State Rep. Linda Chapa LaVia (D-Aurora), won final legislative approval in May. The governor first proposed the Safe Games initiative in December.

The Safe Games Illinois Act, House Bill 4023, bans the rental and sale of violent and sexually explicit video games to children younger than 18. Retailers who violate the ban commit a petty offense and face a fine of \$1,000. The bill also requires retailers to label violent and sexually explicit video games, similar to the "Parental Advisory" label found on music CDs, and to post signs explaining the video game rating system. A retailer's failure to properly label games or place proper signs is punishable by a \$500 fine for the first three violations and a \$1,000 fine for every subsequent violation.

HB 4023 is effective Jan. 1, 2006.

Enroll Newborns in College Illinois

Parents and grandparents who enroll newborns and infants in College Illinois!, the state's \$29 prepaid tuition program, before Aug. 1 can take advantage of an annual opportunity the program affords each summer to parents of children 12 months of age and younger. College Illinois! plans will be offered at 2004-05 prices - likely lower than expected prices on 2005-06 plans set to go into effect when the program's general enrollment period opens in late October.

College Illinois! protects parents and grandparents from future tuition inflation by allowing them to lock-in current rates to cover future college costs at colleges nationwide.

Because College Illinois! prices increase each year due to tuition and fee increases at the state's public universities, families purchasing a College Illinois! plan early in a child's life have a greater cost savings than families who postpone the purchase of a prepaid tuition contract until the child is older. The upcoming deadline provides an extended opportunity for families of newborns to lock in a price now to cover future college tuition and fees before contract prices are set for the next general enrollment period that opens in October.

Parents and grandparents who are interested in a secure option for their child's educational future are encouraged to visit collegcillinois.com before the Aug. 1st deadline for program information, materials and newborn enrollment guidelines. Online registration is also available and only takes about 10 minutes. Interested persons without online access should call the program toll-free at (877) 877-3724.

Vacation Bible School

Mt. Zion Evangelical and up who would like to spend some time learning, and some time helping with the younger children.

Call the church office to register, (708) 423-6554, weekdays between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. A fee of \$5 per child is due on Aug. 15th.

This year's theme is "Safari Adventure: Discover Jesus the King." Mt. Zion Church is at 10400 S. Kostner Ave. in Oak Lawn. Pastor Nancy Goede will meet with kids grade sixth

Marjorie Busch, 87 Will Take Flight

Lewis University is working with ManorCare Health Services in Hinsdale to help one of its residents meet a long-held wish. On Friday, July 29th, 87-year-old Marjorie Busch, formerly of Westchester, will board one of Lewis' airplanes to take to the skies again as she did as a 20-year-old. In the 1940s, Busch and her sister took flying lessons at Morton High School in Cicero. Marjorie earned her pilot's license and stayed with her hobby for a few years. Unfortunately, she was not able to fly as often as she wished because she could not always afford the \$4.50 per session.

Through ManorCare's Heart's Desire Program - a program which makes it possible for ManorCare's residents to relive a past experience or to try something they have always wanted to do - Busch will get her wish as she flies with Lewis' Chief of Pilot Training Keith McGill. Lewis' Flight Dept. is donating the flight.

Weather permitting, Marjorie will "take flight" again at 10:30 a.m. on July 29th at the Lewis University Airport in Romeoville.

For more information, call Laura Kiran at (815) 836-5297.



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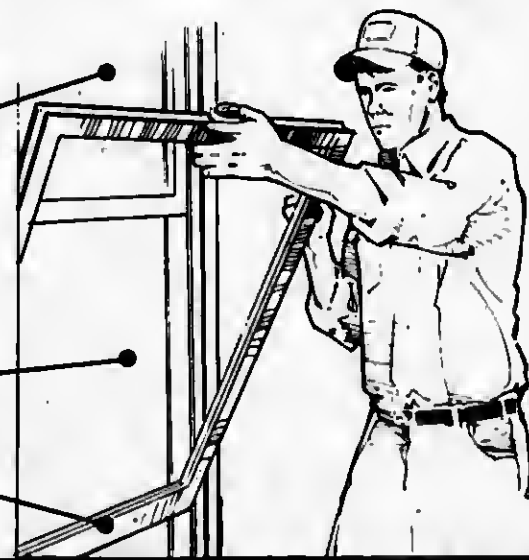
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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor:

The nonprofit sector is paramount to every Illinois community. Among other things, nonprofits house the homeless, feed the hungry, enrich lives with music, educate the young and provide recreational opportunities that may otherwise be unavailable. In fact, four out of five people benefit from the services of at least one nonprofit every day.

Regardless of type, size or mission, nonprofits are wholeheartedly dedicated to making a positive difference in people's lives. Still, to truly benefit from the philanthropic services of nonprofit organizations, it is critical we ensure they remain focused on fulfilling their missions while effectively managing their resources.

The Donors Forum of Chicago, the region's premier resource for leadership, education, research and action on behalf of nonprofit organizations, has spearheaded the "Preserving the Public Trust Initiative." The initiative is a first-of-its-kind project in Illinois designed to help grant-makers and other nonprofits take precise, concrete steps to adhere to the high ethical standards and strong governance principles expected of them.

A first step in the initiative is the "Illinois Nonprofit Principles and Best Practices," practical guidelines that cover a wide range of important issues facing nonprofits, such as board governance and responsible stewardship. The guidelines, endorsed by Attorney General Lisa Madigan, are designed to enhance nonprofits' abilities to meet and exceed their objectives, and are useful to nonprofits, regardless of their financial and staff resources, experience and governance structures.

The overwhelming majority of Illinois nonprofits are dedicated to ethically and effectively fulfilling their missions. Together we can make certain each nonprofits philanthropic potential is realized and our communities benefit from the good nonprofits offer. I encourage you to learn more about this significant initiative and the importance of nonprofit organizations by visiting the Donors Forum Website www.donorsforum.org/publictrust or by calling (312) 578-0090.

Valerie S. Lies
President and CEO
Donors Forum of Chicago

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Editor:

There are three little words that are continually overlooked in the fetal stem cell debate: it doesn't work.

The fetal stem cell groups have floated all kinds of hopeful come-ons to get government grants because they can't raise private money to fund their research. Why not? It's simple. No results. Fetal stem cell research has not produced one cure or therapy to date, not even in the lab rats.

The private sector wants to see invested capital producing useful results. Governments, on the other hand, are notorious for not caring about end products. All that seems to matter to them is that they be seen as doing something, taking action, making a stand. Results don't matter because nobody checks.

My advice to Governor Blagojevich is to stop wasting our money on bankrupt research just so you can look good.

Dennis Driscoll
Round Lake, Illinois

Judy Biggert Statement

U.S. Rep. Judy Biggert (R-IL-13th) issued the following statement in reaction to President Bush's nomination to the Supreme Court of Judge John Roberts:

"It would be difficult to find in a Supreme Court nominee a better qualified candidate with more impressive credentials than Judge John Roberts. I am hopeful that the U.S. Senate will execute its responsibility - without the undue influence of special interest groups - to ensure that it is confirming a man with the judicial temperament, intellectual acuity, and respect for the Constitution that will serve our country well in the years to come."

Biggert is a lawyer and Co-Chairman of the Congressional Caucus on the Judicial Branch. She is a former clerk to The Hon. Luther M. Swygert, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit.

Volunteer Opportunities

Summer is upon us in Illinois and there is no better way to enjoy the warm weather than donating your time and talents to a local organization.

Chicagovolunteer.net is a virtual volunteer center that lists more than 2,500 volunteer opportunities each day. It is the primary resource for individuals seeking volunteer opportunities in their own communities and is also a recruitment tool for nonprofit organizations.

Chicagovolunteer.net seeks to make it easy for northern Illinoisans to give back to their communities. You can find opportunities that best match your talents and interests by searching the type of organization, skills that are needed by the organization, time commitment you are able to give, as well as location of the organization.

For more information about Chicagovolunteer.net visit its website at www.chicagovolunteer.net or call (312) 491-7812.

SCORE Workshop

Attend a full-day workshop on Tuesday, Aug. 2nd, offered by SCORE, Counselors to America's Small Business. This practical, low cost workshop gives the foundation and tools needed to launch and manage a successful business. Instructors are SCORE counselors, who are joined by working professionals.

This session is an overview of four additional classes related to four basic SCORE Certificate workshops. Including SCORE Certificate, as part of a business plan, enhances presentation when seeking a loan. Attendees should be in business or planning to start a business.

Workshop hours are 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Register and pay the \$50 fee on line, www.scorechicago.org. Walk-in same day registration and pay at the door \$60. Space is limited. Call (312) 353-7724 any weekday morning with questions.



All Points Southwest

By THOMAS E. GAVIN

Congressman Bobby L. Rush (1st Dist.-D), in partnership with the Metropolitan Library System, a regional library consortium that consults with and advocates continuing education for a number of libraries in south Chicagoland, launched the Student Zone section of the Congressman's newly enhanced Website to ensure that even his youngest constituents have the opportunity to learn and gain instant access to the inner workings of the federal government.

Designed to assist the growing demand of kids interested in government, the Student Zone also provides parents and teachers with referral sites that include tips on how to keep kids safe while surfing the Internet. College bound students can obtain access to scholarships, information on Illinois universities and colleges, as well as a step-by-step guide on how to secure a military academy appointment from Congressman Rush.

Students unable to find information they need can call or e-mail an information savvy librarian at their local library who will be ready and waiting to assist with any questions or guidance needs.

For more information and to access the Student Zone, visit <http://www.house.gov/rush/student.shtml> and click on Student Zone.

State Rep. Bob Rita (D-Blue Island) has alerted All Points that legislation he sponsored which is designed to stimulate economic development in the Village of Robbins, was signed by the Governor on July 19th.

According to Rep. Rita "the economic downturn of the last few years has had a dramatic effect on the Village of Robbins. This project is important for the economic development of the area and I am pleased that the General Assembly agreed to assist this area of my district."

House Bill 406 allows the Village of Robbins to speed up the process of opening a non-hazardous waste transit facility. Site approval through the Illinois E.P.A. usually takes six to nine months. The operation of the Robbins site will still be required to obtain a permit from the state E.P.A.

Fast-track approval of the waste transfer station will allow Robbins to refinance a \$500,000 mortgage. Additionally, the municipality will receive minimum monthly royalty payments of \$56,000 from the waste company. The company is also awaiting approval of this project before committing resources to Robbins' infrastructure, which will be used to fund fire, police, and public works services.

Ladies... want to learn more about the game of football? A woman's football clinic is being held at Northwestern University, on Ryan Field in Evanston, this Saturday, July 30th. Females, ages 12 and over, are encouraged to explore the intricacies of football taught by real players and coaches. All proceeds and donations will benefit the Rocky Clark Housing Fund.

Rocky Clark was an outstanding running back at Eisenhower High School who suffered a broken neck while playing five years ago. Rocky is now a quadriplegic. For more information on this most educational and worthy event, call the Northwestern University Athletic Office at (847) 491-7274 or go online at nusports.com/football.

Congratulations to the Oak Lawn Rotary, who celebrated its 45th annual Installation of Officers and Directors recently. Newly elected officers included: Dr. Sandra Bury, President; Kathleen Koback, President-elect; Dr. Terrence Bartolini, Secretary; and LeRoy Corradino, Treasurer.

A variety of awards were presented,

including six \$1,000 scholarships to deserving area high school students. They are: Michelle Lettiere, Justin McElwee, and Roshni Rana all of Oak Lawn High School; Patricia Casey and Mary Sheedy from Mother McAuley High School; and Kellie Sheehan from Queen of Peace High School.

Special awards to Rotarians and community members included: 40 years of perfect attendance, Dr. Thomas Salmon and 30 years of perfect attendance, LeRoy Corradino. Both men are active Rotarians. The Rotarian Centennial Service Award for Professional Excellence was awarded to Rosemarie and Colleen Lamb from Blake-Lamb Funeral Home. The extremely high honor was presented to "someone who has exemplified the ideals of Rotary and service during their professional career."

This coming Monday, Aug. 1st St. Francis Hospital & Health Center will host its 32nd annual Charity Invitational Golf Outing at Midlothian Country Club. This year's event will celebrate the hospital's 100th anniversary. A full day of golf entertainment, food and beverages, and an elegant dinner program will be enjoyed by all participants. Two shotgun starts will be held. Registration begins at 7 a.m. for the morning round and at noon for the mid-day start.

"This is an open tournament and we hope to gain generous support from business leaders, community members, grateful patients and physicians to make this tournament a success," said Dr. Luke Pascale, cardiologist and long-time St. Francis Hospital supporter.

Donations in any denomination are gratefully appreciated and are tax deductible as allowed by law. For those who are unable to golf Monday, Aug. 1st, this could be your way to share in this most worthy event. For more information, contact the St. Francis Health Care Foundation at (708) 824-4810.

Queen of Peace High School in suburban Burbank invites all alumnae, parents and friends to their 13th annual Peace Golf Classic on Saturday, Sept. 10th, at Palos Country Club, 13100 Southwest Highway in Orland Park.

The cost for nine holes of golf, a cart and luncheon is only \$65; luncheon only \$30. Proceeds from this event will support the Queen of Peace student scholarship fund. The nine hole event includes: continental breakfast, golf & cart, beverages and snacks, beer, giveaways and raffles. The shotgun start is at 9 a.m.

Cindy Kmetty, Director of Development, urges all players and guests to book their T-times early. All reservations must be made by Aug. 25th. Call Cindy at (708) 458-7600, Ext. 250 or visit queenofpeacehs.org/files/alumnae.html to download registration form.

Recording for the Blind and Dyslexic's 7th annual Golf Outing will be held on Sunday, Sept. 25th at Silver Lake Country Club in Orland Park.

Enjoy nine holes of sporty golf and dinner for \$70. Not a golfer? Not a problem. Park yourself in the clubhouse and enjoy dinner for only \$35. T-times start at 1 p.m., with dinner at 6 p.m. For more information call RFB & D at (708) 349-9356.

Supervision For Most Dangerous Sex Offenders

To help safeguard Illinois communities from sex offenders, Governor Rod R. Blagojevich signed several important pieces of legislation on July 10th that will strengthen the state's efforts to keep close tabs on sex offenders following their release from prison. The laws signed will better protect children and the public by tightening restrictions and supervision of sex offenders. The cornerstone of the package, House Bill 2386, creates a lifetime supervision program for the most serious sex offenders. The law also provides for

the Prisoner Review Board to decide the conditions of parole, how long it will last and what action will be taken if the inmate violates the conditions. In cases of a parole violation, the inmate can serve up to two years in prison, unless it's a new crime. Parole will also prepare progress reports every 180 days after the offender's release from incarceration regarding the offender's adjustment and compliance with conditions of parole, as well as participation and progress in sex offender treatment. The progress report will be submitted to the Prisoner Review Board, the chief of police and sheriff in the municipality and county where the offender resides and is registered. The law also states that supervising officers will receive specialized training in the supervision of sex offenders.

With the Governor's signature, Illinois joins 13 other states in the nation that have some form of lifetime supervision laws.

File Lawsuit To Stop Pentagon From Moving F-16 Aircraft

Gov. Rod R. Blagojevich and Illinois Attorney General Lisa Madigan filed a lawsuit on July 21st in federal court to stop U.S. Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld and the Defense Base Closure and Realignment Commission (BRAC) from moving F-16 aircraft from the 183rd Fighter Wing in Springfield. Gov. Blagojevich said that the Pentagon's May 13th recommendation to move the F-16 aircraft violated federal law, which dictates that he must give his consent for this type of realignment. Attorney General Madigan filed the lawsuit on behalf of the governor in United States District Court for the Central Division of Illinois, Springfield Division.

Gov. Blagojevich sent letters last week to both Defense Secretary Rumsfeld and BRAC Chairman Anthony Principi saying that he will not consent to the Dept. of Defense's recommendation to move F-16 aircraft from Springfield.

The governor has been leading a coordinated effort for more than two years with the Illinois Congressional Delegation, other elected officials and local leaders to prevent Illinois' military bases from ending up on the BRAC list that will be announced in September. He consistently has stressed that these actions are a threat to our national and homeland security and are not cost effective.

Gov. Blagojevich presented Illinois' detailed and comprehensive analysis refuting the U.S. Dept. of Defense's recommendations that would take almost 1,900 jobs from the Rock Island Arsenal, strip the 183rd Fighter Wing in Springfield of its F-16 aircraft and more than 600 jobs and eliminate more than 2,000 jobs from the Great Lakes Naval Training Center at a BRAC Regional Hearing last month in St. Louis.

The Commission will publicly release its BRAC report by Sept. 8th and send it to President Bush. The President has until Sept. 23rd to approve or disapprove the list. The BRAC list must then be sent to Congress by Nov. 7th, who must also approve or disapprove the list.

Illinois Legislators Instrumental In Passing River Locks Upgrade Legislation

Illinois lawmakers were instrumental in U.S. House of Representatives' passage of H.R. 2864, the Water Resources Development Act (WRDA). The bill approves new locks construction for the Upper Mississippi and Illinois Rivers and passed through the House with a 406-14 vote.

Several Illinois legislators testified on behalf of WRDA passage, including Jerry Costello, Belleville; Rahm Emanuel, Chicago; Lane Evans, Rock Island; Ray LaHood, Peoria; John Shimkus, Collinsville; and Jerry Weller, Morris.

"We appreciate that these Representatives are passionate about the need to pass locks and dams legislation and testified on behalf of WRDA passage," says Earl Williams Jr., soybean farmer from Cherry Valley and the Illinois Soybean Association (ISA) president. "Soybean farmers have been asking for immediate authorization for construction of new locks on the Upper Mississippi and Illinois Rivers and our hard work is paying off."

WRDA legislation provides funding for construction of seven new 1,200-foot navigation locks, along with small-scale navigation improvements and ecosystem restoration on the Upper Mississippi and Illinois Rivers. The current lock and dam system was constructed nearly 60 years ago and was designed for 600-foot barges. Today, most barge tows are 1,200-foot long, which require the tow to be split and sent through one section at a time. The delays increase transportation costs, pressure soybean prices, and disrupt export sales.

The key lock locations include 20, 21, 22, 24 and 25 on the Mississippi river, and Peoria and LaGrange locks on the Illinois Waterway. ISA has strongly supported the need for modernization so U.S. soybeans remain competitive in the world market. More than 75 percent of soy exports move to world ports via the river system.

"The Senate must now take up their version of WRDA legislation and we understand this may not occur until after the summer recess," says Williams. "That gives Illinois farmers ample opportunity to talk with our Senators and ask for their support, too."



Tape "Illinois Law" Series

The Illinois State Bar Association (ISBA) recently completed the taping of Legal Misperceptions, two half-hour programs presented as part of the "Illinois Law" series, an ISBA cable production.

Appearing on the shows, moderated by attorney Martin A. Dolan (seated), of Dolan & Shannon, P.C.; in Chicago, are (from left) Edna Turkington-Viktora, a Cook County Circuit Court Judge, First Municipal District; Palos Heights attorney Naomi H. Schuster of Alsip and attorney Susan M. Brazas of the Rock City law firm of Barrett & Gilbert.

"Illinois Law" is a cable production of the ISBA. The 30,000-member ISBA, with offices in Springfield and Chicago, provides professional services to Illinois lawyers, and education and services to the public.

Governor Strengthens Penalties

Governor Rod R. Blagojevich signed legislation to strengthen penalties for people who injure or kill emergency management workers and volunteers while they are responding to an emergency. The new law also increases penalties for individuals who attempt to prevent emergency management workers from performing their jobs and imposes a mandatory sentence of natural life in prison for first degree murder of an emergency management worker.

Senate Bill 190 increases penalties for violence against emergency management

workers while they are performing their duties. Workers include both paid and volunteer workers for local and county emergency management agencies, the Illinois Emergency Management Agency (IEMA), the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), the American Red Cross, and any other local, state or federal agencies assisting in disaster response.

The bill was unanimously approved by the General Assembly. The new provisions go into effect Jan. 1.

Franchise Initiative For Women

Women are increasingly joining the ranks of those who purchase a franchise, and it's easy to understand why. Owning a franchise is being an entrepreneur except that you don't have to invent the wheel. The product or service and the business model may have a greater likelihood of success.

For women who may be interested in investing in a franchise, the Women's Business Development Center (WBDC) has adopted a new program, the Franchise Partnership, which provides prospective franchisees with services that include workshops, one-on-one counseling and assistance with loan packages to help them.

As part of the initiative, the WBDC will launch an outreach program for prospective franchisees and a series of workshops. In addition, the WBDC will present a franchisee workshop at its 19th annual Entrepreneurial Woman's Conference on Sept. 13th and 14th at Chicago's Navy Pier. Also at the conference, franchisees who want to do business with women will be invited to participate in the Women's Business and Buyers Mart.

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ENTERTAINMENT NEWS

Annual WTTWKids Fun And Run

WTTW11 announced its second annual WTTWKids Fun and Run. This special event for adults and children will support WTTW's award-winning and educational children's programming, and will take place in Chicago's Lincoln Park off Cannon Drive, just south of Fullerton, on Sunday, Aug. 28th from 9 a.m. until noon.

Sesame Street's Grover, Elmo and Cookie Monster, Between the Lions' Leona and Lionel, Arthur, D.W. and Buster from Arthur, and Caillou will be the morning's special guests. Live music will play all morning long with Chicago's own Ralph's World, performing their critically acclaimed music for children and adults. WTTW11's own Ready-To-Learn players will be on hand for storytelling and activities, along with a host of other performers and WTTW's own on-air personalities.

Advance registration is required for the event. Participants may choose to stroll through the 3K Family Walk Course or hit it through the scenic 5K Fun Run Course. Both events will step off at 9 a.m.

The 5K Certified Fun Run Course Route will take runners along the Lincoln Park Lagoon, through the parkland north of Fullerton to Diversey, and then back along Stockton and Cannon Drives to the finish line. Runners can clock their time at miles one and two and at the finish. Water will be provided along the course.

The 3K Family Walk Course Route will follow a scenic course heading south from the walk's starting point

through Lincoln Park. Along the way, one can meet their favorite walk-around characters at three special activity stations. The entire path will be on paved surfaces, crossing no major streets. Strollers are welcome. Restroom facilities, handwash stations and water will be available along the course.

Registration is open now. The general entry fee is \$30 per person for adults and \$15 for children age 13 and under; for WTTW11 members, the entry fee is \$20 per person for adults and \$10 for children age 13 and under. All registered participants will receive an official WTTWKids Fun and Run T-shirt, runner number and goodie bag. Children under the age of two are free, but will not receive a T-shirt, runner number or goodie bag unless registered as paid participants.

Registration is now open and available online at www.wttw.com/funandrun or by calling WTTW11 customer service at (773) 509-5333. More information and complete event details are available by visiting the WTTWKids Fun and Run web site.

Red Hat Society Brightens Up Fair

Illinois State Fair Manager

Amy Bliefnick is inviting the ladies of the Red Hat Society to brighten up the State Fairgrounds on Senior Day, Monday, Aug. 15th. The Red Hats are a social club of women, 50 years of age and older, who dress in red and purple from head to toe, along with their signature red hats.

Among the daily activities scheduled for Senior Day at the fair, Bliefnick will host a Red Hat Luncheon on the Director's lawn from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. All members are welcome to the luncheon that will feature great food at great prices.

Also in celebration of Senior Day at the fair, all

seniors 60 and over will get into the fair free. Gates open at 9 a.m. as does the Senior Center in the Illinois Building. The Illinois State Fair features 16 free entertainment stages, over 300 food vendors, a daily parade at 4 p.m. and harness racing at 4:30. Seniors are also invited to dance in the Twilight Ballroom to the music of Duke Babb, central Illinois' hottest ballroom DJ.

Red Hat Chapters planning to attend the fair can contact Pati Kohlbecker in the State Fair office for more information at (217) 782-0772.

The Illinois State Fair is from Aug. 12th to 21st.

CLASS REUNIONS

Bowen High School class of 1942 will hold a reunion on Sept. 28th from 11:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Glenwood Oaks Restaurant. The cost is \$18. Call (708) 333-5923.

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Our Lady of Holy Mount class of 1951 is looking for classmates. Call (630) 739-7390.

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Roosevelt High School class of 1955 will hold a reunion on Aug. 6th at Skokie Doubletree Hotel. Call (847) 674-2093.

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Thornwood High School class of 1984 seeks alumni. Call (312) 464-7614.

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DuSable High School class of 1984 is looking for classmates for a 20th reunion. Call (773) 535-1172 or (773) 398-5910.

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Lourdes High School class of 1978 is looking for classmates. Call (708) 258-9096.

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Incarnation Alumni are looking for graduates for an Alumni Directory. Call the school at (708) 385-6250 or e-mail to alum@incarnationcatholic.com.

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Bloom High School class of 1939 seeks alumni. Call (708) 756-2315.

Classical Singers Auditions

O.P.E.R.A. (Opera Professional Entertainers Repertoire Association) a not-for-profit opera organization located in Elgin, will be conducting auditions July 30th & 31st for their 2005-06 season.

There will be staged productions of Suor Angelica (leads paid, double cast) and "Puccini Highlights," which includes the opening scene of La Boheme (5 men required), Turnandot, Tosca and others. Performances are scheduled for October 29-30 and from

November 4-6, 2005.

A staged production of Elixir of Love is scheduled for February 25-27 (the 27th date is a daytime school production). March dates are forthcoming. Productions are all done in the original language. O.P.E.R.A. is also auditioning chorus and ensemble singers.

Send headshot and resume to O.P.E.R.A., 326 Wilcox Avenue, Elgin, IL 60123 or leave contact info at (847) 214-8340.

Metropolitan Youth Symphony Orchestra To Hold Auditions

The Metropolitan Youth Symphony Orchestra (MYSO) will hold auditions on two Wednesday evenings, Aug. 24th and 31st, from 6 to 8:30 p.m. at the Oremus Fine Arts Center on the Lewis University main campus located on Route 53 in Romeoville.

MYSO has openings in all sections of the orchestra: violin, viola, cello, bass; flute, oboe, clarinet, bassoon; horn, trumpet, trombone; and percussion. Players seeking to join the orchestra should be prepared to play a solo, scales, and to sight-read. The orchestra is open to high school students and advanced middle school instrumentalists who study with a private teacher. Students at Lewis University, Joliet Junior College, and the University of St. Francis may enroll for credit after successfully auditioning for MYSO.

MYSO rehearses every Wednesday evening that school is in session from 6 to 8:30 p.m. at Lewis University. The orchestra will perform seven concerts during the 2005-06 season. Concerts are held at Lewis University, Joliet Junior College, and at Bicentennial Park in Joliet.

For more information about MYSO and auditions, visit the Web site, www.mysomusic.org. To schedule an audition time, e-mail Pam Nogal at lemont45@comcast.net or call (630) 257-2733.

La Rabida Golf Outing

MB Financial Bank, one of the largest locally-operated financial institutions focused on serving privately-held companies and individuals in the Chicago area, is "chipping in" to support the children of La Rabida Children's Hospital. MB Financial has signed on to be the marquee sponsor of the Business Council of La Rabida's Annual Golf Classic for the next three years, committing more than \$75,000 to the children of La Rabida who are facing lifelong medical conditions.

The Golf Classic will take place on Monday, Aug. 1st at Harborside International Golf Course, which Golfweek rated America's "Third Best Municipal Golf Course." Participants will have an opportunity to win a variety of prizes, including a chance at \$1 million in a hole-in-one shootout.

All proceeds from this year's events will go toward the Volunteer Tutoring Program, the only hospital based program of its kind in the country, which provides an opportunity to improve the educational experience for La Rabida outpatients and their siblings at no cost.

"Body Worlds" Exhibition

The Museum of Science and Industry, 57th Street & Lake Shore Drive, is featuring "Body Worlds."

This anatomical exhibition will be open seven days a week from 9:30 a.m. to 9 p.m. through September 5th.

Body Worlds, seen by over 450,000 people in Chicago alone and by more than 17 million world-wide, has audiences eager to discover the mysteries beneath their skin.

The acclaimed exhibition features more than 200 authentic human specimens, including entire bodies as well as individual organs and transparent body slices.

Using the revolutionary process of "plastination" invented by Dr. Gunther von Hagens, the body specimens are preserved with special plastics that enable us to view the body's intricate layers and systems.

Body worlds offers a once-in-a-lifetime chance to understand our bodies and gain new appreciation for what it means to be human.

Combination admission into the Museum and Body Worlds during the day is \$21 for adults; \$11 for kids 3-11; and, \$17 for seniors and for college students with a valid I.D.

Admission for Body Worlds during the evenings and on the Museum's free days is \$16 for adults; \$9 for children; and \$15 for seniors and college students with a valid I.D.

You may purchase tickets in advance at www.msichicago.org or by calling (773) 684-1414.

MVCC Summer Performances

Moraine Valley Community College's Fine and Performing Arts Center, 10900 S. 88th Ave., has announced its performance schedule.

Area residents share their artwork in an exhibition celebrating local artists and their contributions to our community in the Fine and Performing Arts Center's Robert F. DeCaprio Art Gallery. Gallery hours are 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday; 9 a.m. to noon on Fridays; and during most performances. Admission is free.

On July 29th at 7:30 p.m. the Moraine Choral, under the direction of Nicholas Thomas, assistant professor and coordinator of Academic Music, will present the best of patriotic music at their annual summer choral concert. The program will include "The Battle Hymn of the Republic," "The Stars and Stripes Forever," "God Bless America," "A Salute to the Armed Forces" and other choral arrangements that will get you into the patriotic spirit. The concert will take place in the college's Dorothy Menker Theater. Tickets are \$11 for adults and \$9 for students and seniors.

From Aug. 4th to 6th at 7 p.m. join the Moraine Valley Academic Theater Dept. for its production of Romeo and Juliet. Bring a picnic and blanket and enjoy Shakespeare's tale of two "star-crossed lovers" under the stars in the Moraine Valley Courtyard. Admission is free.

In the event of inclement weather the show will be held in the Dorothy Menker Theater. Food or drink is not allowed in the theater.

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For more information on tickets, performances or exhibitions, call the box office at (708) 974-5500.

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New Law To Reduce Business Costs And Increase Workers' Benefits

Celebrating a major victory for both business and labor, Gov. Rod R. Blagojevich signed legislation recently that dramatically changes the workers' compensation system to reduce costs for businesses, increase benefits for workers, and fight fraud. After the governor made workers' compensation reform a top priority in his 2005 State of the State address, he convened negotiations over several months with business and labor leaders and members of the General Assembly that resulted in the first major overhaul of Illinois' workers compensation system in nearly 20 years.

"We want to attract more jobs to Illinois, and helping businesses save money on the cost of workers compensation insurance is a good way to do it. Businesses currently spend too much money on workers comp and workers don't receive the benefits they deserve. This new law addresses both problems," Gov. Blagojevich said.

According to the National Insurance Crime Bureau, workers' compensation fraud costs employers \$6.5 billion a year nationwide, and Illinois is the 19th most expensive state in the nation when it comes to workers' compensation premiums. Illinois companies pay 40 percent more for workers' compensation than neighboring states Michigan, Wisconsin and Indiana, with many low-wage workers still needing stronger workers' compensation benefits and support.

The governor worked closely with Sen. Terry Link (D-Lake Bluff) and Rep. Jay Hoffman (D-Collinsville), sponsors of House Bill 2137, to curb soaring costs of workers' compensation and decrease financial risks for employers, increase monetary benefits for employees who are injured or killed on the job, and heighten enforcement of fraudulent activity.

This aggressive and comprehensive workers' comp reform marks an unprecedented victory for businesses, workers, medical care providers and insurance professionals. The new law:

Implements a medical fee schedule. Creates cost containment in workers' compensation for Illinois business owners by joining 44 other states in implementing a medical fee schedule that will be indexed to the Consumer Price Index (CPI). This is expected to save Illinois businesses millions of dollars annually by limiting the amount that may be charged for medical procedures. This will

reduce medical costs, a primary expense in workers' compensation cases.

Substantially increases worker benefits. Increases the minimum benefit for a worker killed on the job from \$400,000 for 20 years of payments to the greater amount of \$500,000 or 25 years of payments. It also increases burial benefits for fatally injured workers to \$8,000 from \$4,200 and provides more benefits for low-wage workers.

Establishes a fraud unit. A workers' compensation fraud statute and investigation unit within the Illinois Dept. of Financial and Professional Regulation's (IDFPR) Division of Insurance will investigate charges of workers' compensation fraud, including uninsured employers. It strengthens penalties and fines, creates a work-stop order for employers who fail to obtain workers' compensation insurance and allows for reporting of fraudulent claims by employees. This unit will help to find fraud and deter future fraud from within the system. It will save businesses money by eliminating the need to pay for unjustified claims.

Creates a third panel to the Workers' Compensation Commission. Commission will expedite resolution of disputed claims that will allow injured workers to receive quicker treatment and return to work sooner. This reduces costs for business by lowering medical cost due to quicker treatment, as well as decreasing litigation costs. It increases penalties for unreasonable delays of workers' compensation benefits from \$10 per day to \$30 per day and from \$2,500 per claim to \$10,000 per claim.

"Having been involved with the Illinois Workers' Compensation system for nearly 20 years, this is clearly the most comprehensive workers' compensation reform in a generation. It addresses multiple issues, including fraud investigation, cost containment for employers, improving the hearing process for both workers and employers, and increasing benefits for widows, widowers and orphans. This is a win-win for both employers and employees of the state," Illinois Workers' Compensation Commission Chairman Dennis Ruth said.

HB 2137 is effective immediately.



First Black Director Selected

The Flight Director Office at Johnson Space Center has recently selected the first African American Flight Director in NASA history. Illinois born Kwasi Lindsey Alibaruho, Group Lead for Environmental Control in the Space Shuttle is among nine Flight Directors of the 2005 class.

The Flight Director is the senior official in charge of real time decisions during a Space Shuttle or Space Station Mission. Kwasi is the son of Dr. Gloria Lindsey Alibaruho, an International Consultant, formerly of Maywood, now of Atlanta and Dr. George Alibaruho, a Senior Advisor to the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa in Addis Ababa. He holds a B.S. in AVIONICS from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology in Cambridge, Massachusetts. He has done graduate studies at the University of Houston. The 32 year old Alibaruho has been at NASA for nearly ten years.

Alibaruho is the nephew of Eugene Moore, the Cook County Recorder of Deeds.

Blagojevich Requested Assistance

Governor Rod R. Blagojevich requested federal disaster assistance for drought-stricken Illinois farmers who have sustained substantial crop losses this year.

In a letter to U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Mike Johanns, Gov. Blagojevich asked for all 102 Illinois counties to be declared natural disaster areas. If approved, the declaration will qualify farmers for USDA assistance programs, including low-interest emergency loans.

A near-record dry spell from March to June stunted crop growth across the state, especially in corn, which received inadequate moisture to pollinate. A paltry 8.5 inches of rain fell during those four months, about half the normal total, making the March through June period the third driest since weather records were first kept in 1895.

Assessments compiled by the Farm Service Agency indicate the damage is severe. More than 117,000 farmers statewide reported production losses, including 74,000 who estimated the drought will destroy 30 percent or more of their crops. Sixteen farmers said their crops are a total loss.

Topsoil moisture in Illinois is rated 63 percent very short, 25 percent short and just 12 percent adequate. Conditions are most critical in North Central Illinois, where the National Weather Service classifies the drought as extreme, its

second-highest designation. The region, which is framed by the cities of Bloomington, Peoria, Rockford and DeKalb, consists of some of the state's most fertile farmland, including four of its top six crop-producing counties.

Federal disaster declarations are quite common. In Illinois, the last such declaration was in January of 2004. It included 42 counties in southern Illinois that sustained losses to their soybean crops because of drought.



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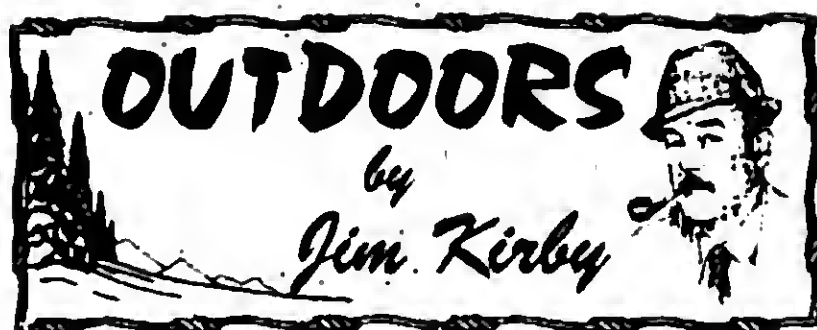
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PROPOSED WATERFOWL SEASONS: The Illinois Department of Natural Resources is proposing a 15 day early Canada Goose season for Sept. 1st to 15th and a nine day teal season for Sept. 10th to 18th. The proposal has been endorsed by the IDNR Natural Resources Advisory Board and is awaiting approval by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

Early Goose Season - The 15-day statewide early Canada goose season includes a bag limit of five birds in the north-east zone and two in the remainder of the state, which includes the north, central and south zones. The possession limit in each zone is twice the bag limit. Hunting hours are one-half hour before sunrise to sunset. The Canada goose population is estimated at more than 93,000 in Illinois. Canada geese taken in the September season do not count toward the regular season quota.

Early Teal Season - The statewide blue-winged teal season is Sept. 10th to 18th from sunrise to sunset. The daily bag limit is four with a possession limit of eight. The spring breeding population estimate is 4.58 million birds, allowing for a nine-day season. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service teal harvest strategy requires at least 4.7 million-breeding blue-winged teal to allow a 16-day season. The rest of the waterfowl hunting seasons are expected to be announced later this summer.

ANNUAL FAMILY ORIENTED OUTING: Now is the time to schedule Sept. 24th and 25th to attend the Northern Illinois Hunting and Fishing Days. Learn how to train a dog; throw a tomahawk; paddle a canoe; shoot a bow, shotgun and BB gun.

Plenty of hands-on activities for the entire family. Stocked kids fishing pond; outdoor women's seminars; giveaways; 80 plus exhibitors; food; free admission and parking.

The hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. both days at Silver Springs State Fish and Wildlife Area, 13608 Fox Road, Yorkville, Illinois. Visit their web site at www.huntingandfishing-days.org.

20,000 NON-RESIDENT ARCHERY DEER PERMITS SEEMS LIKE OVERKILL TO ME: The Illinois Department of Natural Resources is accepting applications for 2005 non-resident archery deer permits. The permits will be issued through a computerized random lottery drawing this summer involving those hunters who apply by phone or through the Department web site through July 31st.

Up to "20,000" combination archery deer permits have been allocated for non-resident bow hunters. The combination permits consist of one either-sex permit and one antlerless-only permit. The fee for the non-resident combination archery deer permit is \$325 plus a processing fee of \$2.50 and 2.5 percent of the total sale. *Sounds like real money-maker for the state, private landowners and outfitters, to me.*

Non-resident hunters may apply through July 31st via telephone at 1(800) 705-4164 or through the IDNR web site: <http://dnr.state.il.us/admin/systems/index.htm>.

Clients of outfitters licensed by the IDNR will be given preference in the drawing for the first 7500 of the 20,000 permits. Clients of licensed outfitters should contact the outfitter prior to applying to receive a certificate number to be used in the application process to verify their client status. *"Wow! At these numbers of permits and dollars involved, resident hunters are sure to see land previously available to them for deer hunting disappear into the hands of the outfitters, or leased to non-resident hunters."*

AUTO-ANIMAL COLLISIONS: Cars and motorcycles crash into deer more than 4,000 times a day, and that's taking an increasingly deadly toll on people. Last year a record 210 motorists were killed in collisions with animals, mostly deer. That was more than the previous year and more than twice the number in 1993, according to a study by the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety.

Deer are involved in about 75% of fatal animals involved accidents. In all, there were 1.5 million deer crashes last year, injuring 13,713 people and causing \$1.1 billion in vehicle damage, the Institute said.

PRESIDENT'S BUDGET FOR GREAT LAKES: President Bush is requesting \$50 million in the FY 2006 Budget to implement the Great Lakes Legacy Act. This is an increase of nearly \$28 million and more than doubles the level funded by Congress in FY 2005.

The natural beauty of the Great Lakes is only one aspect of this vital national. More than 30 million Americans located in cities and communities depend on the Great Lakes for their drinking water.

The five Great Lakes make up the largest surface freshwater system on earth and generate more than \$1 billion from the recreational fishing industry. The Lakes support the shipping trade and provide food for millions of Americans.

"Bike And Break For History"

"Bike and Break for History," a free, family program sponsored by the Forest Preserve District of Will County, will be on Saturday, Aug. 20th at 9 a.m. The program is open to persons at least 10 years of age.

Beginning from the Joliet Iron Works Historic Site, the

bike tour group will explore the downtown area of Joliet, focusing on the city's unique historical and architectural features.

Participants should bring their own bikes, safety helmets, water bottle and sun block.

The Joliet Iron Works

Tips For Making Outstanding Photos

Whether packing for a picnic in an Illinois State Park or stepping into the backyard, more and more people are grabbing their cameras before walking out the door. As the popularity of photography as a hobby increases, the Illinois Department of Natural Resources is inviting those who take pictures of Illinois nature and wildlife to share their best shots, with a chance at prizes.

The magazine Outdoor Illinois, published by the Illinois Department of Natural Resources, is seeking entries for its sixth annual photo contest. This year's theme is "Prairie State Seasons."

Adele Hodde, Outdoor Illinois Director of Photography offers these tips for taking good pictures:

- Choose a focal point and make all background scenery enhance it.
- Use a tripod.
- Follow the rule of thirds when framing the image in your viewfinder. Divide an image into three parts horizontally and vertically.
- Respect wildlife by viewing it from a safe distance. Do not interrupt its behavior.
- Whether it is feeding or resting. Do not come between a parent and its offspring.
- Do not damage or remove any plant or habitat.
- Be patient—wait for the ideal shot.
- Use a faster shutter speed when photographing animals in motion, such as birds. Use a slower shutter when photographing moving water to create a softer image.

Photos submitted for the contest must be taken in Illinois and will be judged in five categories:

- Wildlife, Backyard/Urban Wildlife
- Scenic/floral
- Recreational activities
- Young shutterbugs (qualifying photographs can be any of the above four categories, but must be taken by a photographer age 12 or younger).

Contest winners receive prizes, and the winning photos will be published in the February, 2006 issue.

Moraine Valley Earns Skyway Conference Honors

Moraine Valley Community College student athletes have been named to the 2004-05 All-Skyway Conference Academic Team. Of the 110 student scholar-athletes recognized, 25 percent are Moraine Valley students. They are:

Men's Baseball - Mark Carlson (Midlothian, Bremen), Jason Doeslaere (Bridgeview, Argo), Mark Hannigan (Tinley Park, Andrew), Peter Miller (Oak Lawn, Richards) and Richard Page (Country Club Hills, Rich Township); and Women's Softball - Sophie Baxter (Palos Hills, Stagg), Nicole Green (Oak Lawn, Oak Lawn), Brittany Kohnke (Worth, Shepard) and Katie Schipits (Tinley Park, Andrew).

Men's Soccer - Erik Christiansen (Tinley Park, Andrew), Raul DeLuna (Summit, Argo), Tim Kopec (Orland Park, Sandburg), Jason Luebs (Oak Lawn, Lemont), Scott MacDonald (Tinley Park, Andrew); and Women's Soccer - Sarah Beck (Orland Park, Sandburg) and Salene Stalnaker (Bedford Park, Panama Central, NY).

Men's Tennis - Frank Alessi (Orland Hills, Andrew and Jacob Eaton (Orland Park, Sandburg); and Women's Tennis - Katie Bern (Palos Heights, home schooled) and Keiko Inoue (Hickory Hills, Japan).

Men's Basketball - Bill Busse (Tinley Park, Andrew) and Christopher Hobson (Blue Island, Eisenhower); and Women's Basketball - Kari Cherney (Homer Glen, Lockport).

Women's Cross Country - Andrea Clark (Alsip, Shepard), Kim Kubalanza (Oak Lawn, home schooled) and Shannon McInnis (Tinley Park, Andrew); Men's Golf - Sean Koch (Crestwood, Shepard); and Women's Volleyball - Laura Bronkhorst (Orland Park, Sandburg).

In addition, Katie Schipits (Andrew), a softball player, earned a \$100 scholarship for future educational expenses for achieving the highest grade point average after completing a minimum of 48 credit hours.

To make the list, these student athletes needed to have a minimum of 48 credit hours completed and a grade point average of at least 3.0. All received gold medallions in recognition of their accomplishments.

Historic Site, owned and managed by the Forest Preserve District of Will County, is located on Columbia St. just east of Scott St. and the Ruby St. bridge in downtown Joliet.

For more information, call (815) 727-8700 between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. Monday through Friday.

The "Best of Show" winner will receive a weekday, one-night lodging package at Rend Lake Resort and Lodge. The Illinois Conservation Foundation will provide a custom-framed, signed and numbered, limited edition print by John S. Eberhardt and two free tickets to the March 4, 2006 Illinois Outdoor Hall of Fame banquet, where the recipient will be honored and the winning photograph displayed. First and second place winners will receive three-year and two-year subscriptions.

Beyond that, winning entries will be submitted for consideration as the cover of the annual Illinois State Parks guide, a free publication produced by the American Park Network with a distribution of approximately 400,000 copies.

Photos submitted for the contest are limited to color or black-and-white slides, prints and digital images. Print images must be unmounted and at least 5x7 inches, but not more than 8x10 inches. Slides should be 35 millimeters and medium or large transparencies should be mounted. Digital images should be a minimum of 2 megapixels or 1600 x 1200 dpi and must be submitted as a print.

All entries must be labeled with the photographers name, address, daytime phone number, email address if applicable, category and when and where the photograph was taken.

For additional information on the contest, visit www.dnr.state.il.us.

Softball Tournament

The Orland Park Sparks are hosting its 13th annual Invitational Softball Tournament from July 28th to 31st. This is the Sparks organization's 26th year anniversary.

The 16 & under teams will be at John Humphrey Park Complex and the 18 & under will be at Centennial Park. There will be 98 teams participating in this year's tournament, 44 at the 16's and 54 at the 18's. This is the largest tournament of this kind assembled in the Midwest. These include virtually every top team from the Chicagoland area and the Midwest. This will converge over 1,200 top competitive athletes in their sport, performing this weekend for college coaches and a berth to the ASA North National Tournament. Eighty colleges are expected to be in attendance from around the country to view the participants skills and recruit athletes.

All teams will be playing five pool games over Thursday, Friday and Saturday morning, with the single elimination starting at 2 p.m. Saturday. The championship games are expected to be held at 2 p.m. Sunday. In total there will be more than 340 softball games played over the weekend.

For further information, contact the tournament director, Bob Landis at (847) 985-2575 or (847) 826-9810.

Senior Games At MVCC

Senior fitness fanatics, take note! The 10th annual Southland Senior Games cycling competition is just around the corner at Moraine Valley, so don't miss this exciting opportunity to compete. Moraine Valley, 10900 S. 88th Ave. in Palos Hills, will kick off the games on Sunday, Aug. 7th at 8:30 a.m. with the 5K, 10K and 20K cycling races, as well as a one-mile sprint. The Southland Senior Games are part of a Fitness for Life campaign for adults aged 50 or older. The Oak Lawn Parks Foundation and the South Suburban Park and Recreation Professional Assn. sponsor the games.

The 2005 Games, which also will consist of billiards, golf, tennis, and other such activities throughout the surrounding communities of Alsip, Homewood, Orland Park, Palos Hills and Tinley Park, will conclude Friday, Aug. 12th with track and field events at Oak Lawn High School.

Registration forms are available at Moraine Valley's Health Fitness Center in Building G. Deadline for registration is Sunday, Aug. 1st. For more information, call Donna McCauley at (708) 974-5227.

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Sen. Debbie Halvorson (D-Crete) (left) inspects a woven basket at the checkout counter of Sertoma Centre's Super Sale, Saturday, July 9 at Tinley Park Convention Center while Advancement & Communications Director Melanie Jones (right) helps to pack the other houseware purchases

Sertoma's Super Sale

Sertoma Centre Foundation, Inc.'s Housewares Super Sale, July 9 and 10, at Tinley Park Convention Center drew crowds of bargain hunters along with a few familiar faces. Sen. Debbie Halvorson (D-Crete) joined the many shoppers looking for fantastic buys on a multitude of household items including china, crystal, silverware, kitchen appliances, outdoor accessories, furniture, barware, home décor and more – all for a great cause.

Sale profits help support Sertoma Centre, Inc. with two locations in Alsip – Administrative Office & Insite Training Systems at 4343 W. 123rd St. and the Martha Polacek facility at 4100 W. 127th St. The nationally accredited, non-profit was founded in 1971 by three local Sertoma Clubs providing job training programs and employment services to more than 650 individuals with developmental, physical, emotional and mental disabilities.

Programs range from a high school transition program for students, ages 16 to 21; packaging & assembly, classes detailing social skills, on-site job training, and supervised community housing in 11 area homes for individuals older than 21; to the Young-at-Heart seniors program for elderly participants.

To serve these individuals who come from 45 south and southwest suburbs to the Centre daily, Sertoma only receives approximately 75 percent of its funding from the State of Illinois. The remaining monies must be generated by fund raisers, such as the super sale. Sertoma Centre is one of a handful of charities to be a designated recipient of overstock and unsold inventory from the International Housewares Show each year in Chicago at McCormack Place. Sertoma Centre, in turn, resells the household items to the public at discounted prices.

To find out more about volunteering your time or to receive notification of the next super sale, e-mail mjones@sertomacentre.org or call Melanie Jones, director of advancement & communications. (708) 371-9700, extension 206 for more information.

7th Annual Polish American Heritage Childrens Art Contest

The Polish Museum of America is hosting the 7th Annual Polish American Heritage Art Contest for children in grades kindergarten through high school. This year's topic is the "25th Anniversary of the Solidarity Movement"

The Solidarity Movement, led by Lech Walesa and the Solidarity Trade Union, ended the rule of Communism in Poland and paved the way for a democratic free Poland. In honor of the 25th Anniversary of the Solidarity Movement, entrants are asked to create a piece of artwork about a person, event or symbol dealing with this historic movement.

Be creative and be colorful! Use any art medium. The size of the artwork should be poster size but no larger than 14 by 22 inches. Artwork that is larger or does not include the identity of the subject will be disqualified.

Prizes are 1st place, \$100; 2nd place, \$75; 3rd place, \$50 and Honorable Mention, \$25. Prizes will be awarded in four grade categories at the Polish American Heritage Program on Sunday, Oct. 16th, starting at 1 p.m. in the Great Hall of the Polish Museum of America, 984 N. Milwaukee Ave., Chicago. Entries will be on display at the Museum during the month of October. Artwork will become the property of the PMA.

For more information, call (773) 384-3352, ext. 104.

New WVON Radio Headquarters

Approval was granted by the Chicago City Council for a plan allowing the city to provide financial assistance to Midway Broadcasting Company for the creation of a larger headquarters, which also will become the new home of WVON radio.

Under the plan, Midway Broadcasting's headquarters will move from 3350 S. Kedzie Ave. to a much larger location at 1000 E. 87th St. The new location will

comprise two buildings and consist of 54,000 square feet.

The city is assisting in the relocation and expansion effort by making \$1 million in Tax Increment Financing available to Midway Broadcasting. The total cost of the project is estimated at \$4.7 million.

The expansion will allow Midway Broadcasting to retain 25 jobs in the city and create six additional positions.

Energy Plan Will Give Wind Power A Major Boost In Illinois

The Illinois Commerce Commission adopted Gov. Blagojevich's Sustainable Energy Plan on July 19th. The plan will greatly increase the use of renewable energy and energy efficiency that will create jobs, boost investment in rural communities, protect the environment, promote energy independence and help stabilize energy prices.

Gov. Blagojevich praised the leadership of Commissioner Bob Licherman, who led the ICC review of the plan, and utility companies, consumer watchdog groups and environmental organizations for coming to agreement after years of deadlocked negotiations.

Under the plan's Renewable Portfolio Standard, the state's largest electric utilities will begin supplying 2% renewable energy to their Illinois customers by Jan. 1st, 2007, increasing 1% annually to 8% by 2013. Illinois currently gets only about one-half of one percent of its electricity from renewable resources and has only about 100 megawatts of wind energy in operation. Under the governor's plan, this requirement will lead to more than 3,000 megawatts of power generated from renewable sources by 2013, enough to serve about 1 million Illinois households. At least 75% of this renewable energy – or more than 2,000 megawatts – would be generated by wind power, Illinois' most abundant and affordable renewable energy resource.

The ICC also adopted an Energy Efficiency Portfolio Standard that will lead to greater investment by electric utilities in programs that save energy. By 2007, electric utilities will meet 10% of growth in demand for electricity through energy efficiency, ramping up to 25% by 2015.

Relaunching Heart Transplant Program

Chicago lags far behind other major metropolitan areas in the number of heart transplants performed. Therefore, a team of surgeons and cardiologists at the Bluhm Cardiovascular Institute of Northwestern Memorial Hospital is relaunching a heart transplant program in hopes of maximizing the area's organ usage and saving more lives.

Chicago is the nation's third largest city, yet Chicago surgeons perform about 50 heart transplants a year – 60 percent fewer than their colleagues in New York City and Los Angeles.

"Some Chicagoans are leaving the area to have their heart transplants, or more troubling, are needlessly dying not knowing that they are candidates for transplant. At the same time, about 20 donor hearts were exported out of the city last year," says Patrick McCarthy, MD, co-director of the Bluhm Cardiovascular Institute, and chief, Cardiothoracic Surgery. "Our goal is to increase donor awareness and maximize organ usage, ensuring more hearts stay in the Chicago area. We'd like to see the number of heart transplants done in this city tripled."

Dr. McCarthy came to Northwestern Memorial 16 months ago from The Cleveland Clinic, where he led a program performing approximately 75 heart transplants per year and boasting the world's lowest mortality rates (80 percent survival at five years). "There is a very real need in Chicago for a prominent heart transplant program that can help raise awareness among referring cardiologists and the public and help the city deliver more hearts to Chicagoans in need," says Dr. McCarthy.

"A new program at Northwestern Memorial will help to elevate the number of heart transplants in Illinois and provide hope to the hundreds of people in Illinois waiting for lifesaving heart transplants," says Jarold Anderson, president and CEO, Gift of Hope Organ & Tissue Donor Network.

Dr. McCarthy's first task

in launching the program was the recruitment of Edwin McGee, Jr., MD, also from The Cleveland Clinic, to the position of surgical director of the Bluhm Cardiovascular Institute's Heart Transplant Program.

"Our goal is to compete with the country's most elite heart transplant centers, making people feel they can stay closer to home for state-of-the-art heart care."

Under the plan, utilities will help their customers install more efficient heating and cooling systems, lights and equipment that will slow the growth in energy use and help lower energy bills for homes and businesses.

Both of Illinois' two largest electric utilities – ComEd and Ameren Corporation – have pledged to implement the plan and will begin accepting proposals from wind developers this fall.

Hot Weather Tips To Safeguard Seniors

When temperatures and humidity rise, nursing homes around Illinois go on alert. Seniors are particularly susceptible to complications from hot weather because of decreased awareness of heat exhaustion and heat stroke due to age. The Illinois Council on Long Term Care, a statewide association of long term care facilities, is offering valuable tips to the public on how to keep seniors safe and comfortable during this summer's heat wave.

As part of its effort to protect seniors from extreme heat, the Council has sent its members a "Heat Protocol" developed by the Illinois Dept. of Public Health. The Council works closely with the Illinois Dept. of Public Health, the Illinois Dept. of Public Aid, and the Chicago Dept. of Public Health to educate the public about extreme heat.

Based on the experience and expertise nursing homes have gained in serving the elderly, the Illinois Council on Long Term Care advises everyone to take the following steps to protect seniors from extreme heat:

- Use an air conditioner to keep rooms cool. If air conditioning is unavailable, open windows on opposite ends of the house or building to cross-ventilate and increase airflow. Additionally, move seniors to the coolest area of the house or building.
- Regularly tend to individuals who are most at risk for heat-related illnesses, including elderly with heart, circulatory and pulmonary conditions. Many medicines, including those used for heart conditions, depression and allergies, also can make a person more susceptible to heat stress.
- Encourage seniors to drink more fluids. Because of decreased thirst awareness, seniors do not always know when they need fluid. They should drink on a regular basis rather than only when they are thirsty.
- Ensure the elderly are wearing light-colored, loose-fitting clothing that allows the body to release heat.
- Shade windows exposed to direct sunlight.
- Keep an eye out for seniors with signs of discomfort.

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National School Lunch and School Breakfast Programs

Community High School District 218 today announced its policy for free and reduced-price lunch, breakfast, and after-school care snacks for those students unable to pay the full price for meals and snacks under the National School Lunch and School Breakfast Programs. The following household size and income criteria will be used for determining eligibility:

FEDERAL INCOME GUIDELINES

(Effective from July 1, 2005, to June 30, 2006)

FREE MEALS—130%						REDUCED-PRICE MEALS—185%					
Household Size	Annual	Monthly	Twice Per Month	Every Two Weeks	Weekly	Household Size	Annual	Monthly	Twice Per Month	Every Two Weeks	Weekly
1	\$ 12,441	\$ 1,037	\$519	\$479	\$240	1	\$ 17,705	\$ 1,475	\$738	\$681	\$341
2	18,879	1,590	895	842	321	2	23,736	1,978	989	913	457
3	20,917	1,744	872	805	403	3	29,767	2,481	1,241	1,145	573
4	25,155	2,097	1,049	968	484	4	35,798	2,984	1,492	1,377	689
5	29,393	2,450	1,225	1,131	566	5	41,829	3,488	1,743	1,609	805
6	33,631	2,803	1,402	1,294	647	6	47,860	3,991	1,995	1,841	921
7	37,869	3,156	1,578	1,457	729	7	53,891	4,494	2,246	2,073	1,037
8	42,107	3,509	1,755	1,620	810	8	59,922	4,997	2,497	2,305	1,153
Each Additional Family Member	+4,236	+354	+177	+163	+82	Each Additional Family Member	+8,031	+503	+252	+232	+116

Children from households that meet Federal guidelines are eligible for free or reduced-price meal services. **With the 2005-2006 school year, each household should complete one application for all children that attend the same school district.**

All meals served must meet the U. S. Department of Agriculture meal requirements. However, if a child has been determined by a doctor to have a disability and the disability would prevent the child from eating the regular school meal, this school will make substitutions prescribed by the doctor. If a substitution is needed, there will be no extra charge for the meal. If you believe your child needs substitutions because of a disability, please contact the school for further information.

Application forms are being sent to all homes with a letter to parents or guardians. To apply for free or reduced-price meal services, households must complete the application as soon as possible, sign it, and return it to the school. Additional copies of the application form are available in the principal's office in each school. Households should answer all applicable questions on the form. An application which does not contain all the required information cannot be processed and approved by the school. Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) participants may be eligible for free/reduced-price meals and are encouraged to complete an application for meal benefits.

The required information is as follows:

FOOD STAMP/TANF HOUSEHOLDS: If you received a letter with an eligibility certificate for school meals, return the eligibility certificate to the school your child attends. **You do not have to complete this application to receive meal benefits.** Households that currently receive food stamps or Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) for their child(ren), only have to list the child(ren)'s name and food stamp or TANF case number and sign the application. **Applications listing Link card numbers cannot be used for free or reduced-price meals.**

ALL OTHER HOUSEHOLDS: If a household's income is at or below the level shown on the income scale, children are eligible for either free or reduced-price meal services. Households must provide the following information: (1) the names of all household members; (2) the social security number of the adult household member signing the application, or indicate if the adult does not have a social security number; (3) the amount of income each household member received last month, how frequently it is paid; and where it came from (wages, child support, etc.); and (4) the signature of an adult household member.

The information on the application may be checked by school or other officials at any time during the school year.

Households may apply for benefits at any time during the school year. Households that are not eligible now but have a decrease in household income, an increase in household size, or have a household member becomes unemployed, should fill out an application at that time.

In certain cases foster children are eligible for free or reduced-price meal services regardless of the household income. Households that have foster children living with them and wish to apply free or reduced-price for meal services for them should complete the application. Homeless, migrant, and runaway youth are categorically eligible for free meals; please contact the school homeless liaison or migrant coordinator.

Households that do not agree with the ruling of the official may wish to discuss it with the school. Households also have the right to a fair hearing. This can be done by calling or writing the following official:

CHSD 218 - Director of Student Services

(Title)

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Christian Music Concert

Pilgrim Faith United Church of Christ offers two worship services each Sunday with a different approach to each.

The 9:30 a.m. service is a traditional worship service and the 11:15 service features contemporary Christian music.

On Sunday, July 31st at 6 p.m. the gifted musicians of Pilgrim Faith will be performing in a FREE concert of contemporary Christian music at the Oak Lawn Village Green.

The scheduled performers are Mike Barker, Mike Cusack, Don Eskildsen, Thom Espinos, Phil Hayes, Anthony Jenkins, Chuck Martin, Nick Martin, Elissa Metropoulos, Soterios Metropoulos, Lauren Polenske, Bob Thompson, Ken Whitney, Libby Whitney and Jane Workhoven.

The Village Green is located slightly north of 95th St. on Dumke between Raymond and 52nd Ave.

Bring your lawn chairs and friends to enjoy this FREE Celebration Concert.

AARP Meeting

The AARP Oak Lawn Chapter 3558 will meet on Monday, Aug. 8 at 1 p.m. at the Johnson Phelps VFW Hall, 9514 S. 52nd Ave.

Paid up members of AARP are invited to join Chapter 3558. Members do not have to live in Oak Lawn. Dues are \$5 for the year.

The speaker for August will be Amy Ventman of "Arden Courts." She will present an informative program on the ABC's of Alzheimer's with questions and answers.

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West Nile Threat Remains High

According to the surveillance done by the Mosquito Abatement Districts of Cook County (MADs) and the Cook County Department of Public Health (CCDPH), almost 120 positive culex mosquito samples have been identified as carriers of West Nile virus. During mosquito season, May through October, the health department and the MADs routinely survey areas with mosquito traps to determine the presence of West Nile virus (WNV).

The culex mosquito, also known as the house mosquito, thrives in both urban and suburban environments. The female mosquitoes lay their eggs in buckets, tin cans, tires, storm drains, catch basins, unused swimming pools or birdbaths which hold stagnant water. Eventually the larvae develop into adults capable of spreading the virus.

"It is important that residents do not become complacent. The number of West Nile virus positive birds and mosquito pools are increasing throughout the County. During periods of low rainfall and high temperatures, such as what we are seeing now, the life cycle of the house mosquito is accelerated. Heat drives the process," added Dr. Martin, Cook County Department of Public Health Chief Operating Officer.

In addition to the positive mosquito samples, six birds

in suburban Cook County have tested positive for the virus, out of 25 submitted.

WNV is transmitted through the bite of a mosquito that has picked up the virus by feeding on an infected bird. Most people with the virus have no clinical symptoms of illness, but some may become ill three to 14 days after the bite of an infected mosquito. Symptoms may include fever, headache and body aches.

Anyone who develops symptoms such as high fever, confusion, muscle weakness, severe headaches or stiff neck should see a doctor immediately. These symptoms may indicate meningitis or encephalitis, two potentially life-threatening illnesses. Diagnosis is made through a blood test, but no specific medication exists to treat or cure the disease.

For more WNV prevention information or to report a dead bird or animal, call CCDPH at (708) 492-2650, or visit these sites:

www.cookcountypublichealth.org

www.cdc.gov/ncidod/dvbid/westnile/index.htm

www.idph.state.il.us/envhealth/wnv.htm

The Illinois Department of Public Health has established a toll-free information line on WNV: (866) 369-9710.

Oak Lawn Kickers Line Dancers Event

The Oak Lawn Kickers Line be line dancing lessons, sing-alongs, children will receive a free punch Dancers will sponsor an afternoon of face painting, games, all included ball. Free parking and wheelchair fun at Oak Lawn Community Church, with admission price. Food and accessible. baked goods available for sale. Bring your family and friends and Adults and children over 12, \$6; seniors and children ages 4-11, \$5; children 3 and under are free. The first 50 church office at (708) 599-4025.

Pixie School Registration

The Worth Township Youth Commission is now accepting registration for Pixie School, 3-5 years of age, for Session I (26 classes) to be held from Sept. 6th to Dec. 8th.

Pixie School is held on Tuesdays and Thursdays - morning class is from 9 to 11:30 a.m. - afternoon class is from 1 to 3:30 p.m. The fee is \$175/township resident, \$200/non-township resident. Children must be toilet-trained. Proof of residency and the child's birth certificate are needed at time of registration.

Register at 11601 S. Pulaski between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m., Aug. 15th to 26th. There will be a \$25 registration late fee assessed after Aug. 26th. An open house will be held on Aug. 11th from 10 a.m. to 12 noon.

For further information, call (708) 371-2900, ext. 45.

Ceramic Class

The Worth Township Senior Ceramic Class will start up again on Sept. 13th. The class is held on Tuesday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Worth Township Center, 11601 S. Pulaski.

The class will cost \$30 and run for 10 weeks.

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Thoughts On Health & Nutrition

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FACT OR FICTION: DIET SODA HELPS WEIGHT LOSS?

While regular soda remains the "king" of the soft drink industry, diet soda has increased consistently in the American diet since the early 1990's. Huge marketing campaigns and the American desire to lose weight have bolstered consumption to levels never imagined possible by soft drink companies. But the findings from this "switch" to diet soft drinks over fifteen years remains somewhat mysterious. Better weight control must be part of the picture, right? The truth of the matter is that diet soda may actually enhance obesity, not reduce it.

In a large, long-term study undertaken by the University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio, researchers found that those consuming diet sodas gained more weight over the study period than their counterparts consuming regular soft drinks. The data were reported at the Annual Meeting of the American Diabetes Association in San Diego last month.

The study followed over 600 people for up to 8 years. The participants were of normal weight at its beginning, ranging in age between 25 and 64. They initially were interviewed regarding their soft drink intake—i.e., what type they preferred (regular vs. diet), how many cans per day they consumed, etc.

The findings over the eight years were as follows:

With regular soft drink consumption—
approximately 33 percent of those drinking one to two cans per day became overweight or obese
approximately 47 percent of those drinking more than two cans per day became overweight or obese

With diet soft drink consumption—
approximately 54 percent of those drinking one to two cans per day became overweight or obese
approximately 57 percent of those drinking more than two cans per day became overweight or obese

Most diet drinks have no calories, so obviously, they cannot—in and of themselves—cause obesity. So several theories were proposed by scientists. The first is that although diet soda may be sweet to one's palate, your body still knows it is empty of nutrients, so it, in turn, goes on a mission to find the nutrients (and calories) elsewhere. Another theory, which some scientists believe is "right on the mark," is that we develop a certain mind-set in which we believe that because diet soda is calorie-free, we have the license to eat other foods more freely. Consequently, we end up in a calorie surplus after all.

It is mostly a matter of portion control and exercise which will allow for weight loss, as our nation of overweight people is finding. If you watch what you put on your plate and pour in your glass, and stay physically active on a regular basis, you will surely find yourself in better shape, health care professionals continually preach. And, when it comes to beverages, "consider more healthful alternatives, and save the sodas for weekend treats," said Tedd Mitchell, MD, medical director of the Wellness Program of the Cooper Clinic in Dallas, Texas.

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Continuing Heat Poses Health Risks

With temperatures rising into the 90s and high humidity levels, Cook County health officials are warning residents to exercise caution during periods of extreme heat by curtailing outdoor physical activity as much as possible and by taking other precautionary measures:

"Make sure you take in enough fluids, limit the amount of time you spend outdoors and avoid direct sunlight," said Cook County Board President John H. Stroger, Jr.

Normally, the body has ways of keeping itself cool, by letting heat escape through the skin, and by evaporating sweat (perspiration). If the body does not cool properly or does not cool enough, the victim may suffer a heat-related illness. Heat-related illnesses can become serious or even deadly if unattended.

Heat exhaustion can result when too much time is spent in a very warm environment, resulting in excessive sweating without adequate fluid and electrolyte replacement (salt and minerals). Symptoms may include dizziness, headache, nausea, abdominal cramps, shallow breathing, cold and clammy skin, muscle tremors and heavy perspiration. Persons with heat exhaustion should be moved indoors to an air-conditioned room, or if outside, to a shaded area.

Heat stroke can result from overexposure to direct sunlight, or to very high temperatures. Symptoms include an extremely high body temperature (above 103 F), red, hot and dry skin, rapid pulse, throbbing headache, dizziness, nausea and confusion.

If heat stroke is present, find a cool place, preferably an air-conditioned setting – loosen the clothing, put the person in a semi-sitting position, and bathe the

head and body with cold water.

Death or permanent disability can result if medical attention is not sought promptly.

Monitor Those at High Risk

Although anyone at any time can suffer from heat-related illness, some people are at greater risk than others.

- Infants and children up to four years of age are sensitive to the effects of high temperatures and rely on others to regulate their environments and provide adequate liquids.
- People 65 years of age or older may not compensate for heat stress efficiently and are less likely to sense and respond to change in temperature.
- People who are overweight may be prone to heat sickness because of their tendency to retain more body heat.
- People who overexert during work or exercise may become dehydrated and susceptible to heat sickness.
- People who are physically ill, especially with heart disease or high blood pressure, or who take certain medications, such as for depression, insomnia or poor circulation, may be affected by extreme heat.

Visit adults at risk at least twice a day and closely watch them for signs of heat exhaustion or heat stroke. Infants and young children, of course, need much more frequent watching.

The Cook County Dept. of Public Health recommends following these guidelines:

- Drink 1 to 1½ quarts of fluid daily to prevent dehydration. Water, fruit juices and juice drinks are the best choices. Avoid alcohol and caffeine because they dehydrate the body.
- Avoid highly salted foods.
- Plan activities for the coolest part of the day – before noon or in the evening.
- Wear light colored, lightweight clothing. If you must go outside during the hottest part of the day, wear a hat.
- Use a sunscreen with a sun protection factor (SPF) greater than 15 to protect yourself from sunburn.
- While outdoors, rest frequently in a shady area.
- Never leave children, the elderly or pets in a parked car, not even for a few minutes. Brain damage or death can occur from the rapid rise of temperature inside the vehicle.

If there is no air-conditioning at home, residents should find relief in public facilities such as libraries, shopping centers, senior centers, movie theaters and restaurants. Senior citizens may want to contact their township, local church or community group about being escorted to the nearest cooling center.

For more information regarding heat-related illness, call CCDPH at (708) 492-2000. Or log onto: www.cookcountypublichealth.org, TDD (708) 492-2002.

Myasthenia Gravis Disease Symptoms

A smile, a steak at your favorite restaurant, a long walk through the park...for most of us, these things are easy to take for granted. However, a diagnosis with an autoimmune, neuromuscular disease called Myasthenia Gravis can make these and other seemingly simple tasks feel beyond reach.

Myasthenia Gravis (MG) is a chronic disease characterized by abnormal weakness of the voluntary muscles of the body. Symptoms can include a drooping eyelid, blurred or double vision, slurred speech, difficulty chewing and swallowing, weakness in the arms and legs, chronic muscle fatigue and difficulty breathing. The weakness increases with continued activity and can be improved with periods of rest. Everyone is not affected in the same way, and symptoms and severity vary.

These symptoms can appear similar to other diseases and physicians unfamiliar with the disorder may not recognize the characteristics to make an appropriate diagnosis. For this reason, it is probable that the prevalence rate is actually higher than the current estimated 70,000 individuals in the United States.

There is no cure, but symptoms can be managed with the proper treatment. These available treatments are sufficiently effective that most patients will lead normal lives. The various forms of treatment include medications, thymectomy (surgery to remove the thymus gland), plasmapheresis (removal of abnormal antibodies from the blood stream), and IVIG treatments (the addition of good antibodies to the bloodstream).

Founded in 1952, the Myasthenia Gravis Foundation of America (MGFA) is the only nonprofit voluntary health agency in the United States. Its mission is to facilitate the timely diagnosis and optimal care of individuals affected by MG and to improve their lives through programs of patient services, public information, medical research, professional education, advocacy and patient care.

To learn more, call 1-800-888-6208 or visit its website at www.myastheniagravis.org.

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Pharmacies Who Refuse To Fill Prescriptions

July 26th, the House of Representatives Committee on Small Business held a hearing on the disturbing trend of pharmacies who refuse to fill valid prescriptions for contraception. The hearing highlighted the "Emergency Rule" issued by Illinois Governor Rod Blagojevich, which requires pharmacies to fill all valid and legal birth control prescriptions without delay.

A representative from Governor Blagojevich's office testified at the hearing, along with representatives from the American Pharmacies Association and Megan Kelly, a woman from Geneva, Illinois who was refused her prescription for birth control and emergency contraception.

"When I went to pick up my medication, the pharmacist on duty said she would not fill my prescriptions because of her beliefs, and that I would have to get my prescriptions filled elsewhere," said Megan Kelly in her statement during the hearing. "As in my case, this practice can result in humiliation and - based on the nature of the medication - poses a health risk when the prescription is not filled in a timely manner."

On Feb. 23, 2005, a pharmacist at a Chicago Osco store refused to fill prescriptions for contraception for two women who are patients of Planned Parenthood/Chicago Area (PP/CA). PP/CA registered a complaint with the Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation. To educate women about the dangerous trend of pharmacist refusals to fill prescriptions and to urge them to take action, PP/CA also organized a protest of nearly a hundred advocates in front of the pharmacy. The

rally drew attention to the issue of pharmacist refusals and sparked a public debate about the rights of women to receive basic health care in Illinois and around the country.

Pharmacist refusals are not limited to Illinois or any particular location. Planned Parenthood has received reports from across the nation of pharmacists refusing to fill women's prescriptions for both regular birth control and emergency contraception.

For more information on pharmacist refusals, including a state-by-state guide to major pharmacy chains and their policies, visit www.fillmypillsnow.org and www.plannedparenthood.org.

Woman's Conference

The Women's Business Development Center (WBDC) will hold its 19th annual Entrepreneurial Woman's Conference on Tuesday and Wednesday, Sept. 13th and 14th at Navy Pier, 600 E. Grand Ave. in Chicago. The two-day event will feature:

The Women's Forum Luncheon moderated by Terry Savage, syndicated columnist and author, featuring nationally recognized women entrepreneurs.

The Women's Business & Buyers Mart where women business owners get an unparalleled opportunity to market their products and services to corporate and government buyers. The Mart will feature over 150 corporate and government exhibitors seeking to do business with women business owners as vendors or suppliers.

The Hall of Fame Awards Luncheon honoring women in various stages of business growth, as well as advocates for women's economic development and supplier diversity.

Panel discussions and workshops addressing current issues and trends

affecting women-owned businesses.

Ask the Experts where women business owners receive direct answers to their business inquiries from industry experts in a roundtable setting.

Registration for the Conference is available online at www.wbdc.org or by calling (312) 853-3477, ext. 24. Tickets for Women Business Enterprises (WBEs) are \$175 and \$200 for all others before Aug. 31st; after Aug. 31st tickets become \$225 for everyone in advance and at the door. The fee includes access to all Conference events.

Individual tickets for the Women's Business & Buyers Mart, the Hall of Fame Awards Luncheon and/or the Women's Forum Luncheon are \$100 each.

Checks Are In The Mail

Attorney General Lisa Madigan joined officials and representatives from all 49 other states, Washington, D.C. and Puerto Rico in announcing that settlement checks are being sent this week to 76,000 consumers nationwide, including more than 3,500 Illinoisans, who purchased the prescription heart medication Cardizem CD between 1998 and 2004.

Madigan said 3,515 Illinois consumers will receive a total of \$1,167,684 to compensate for overpayment for Cardizem CD and its generic equivalents between 1998 and 2004. Nationwide, more than \$24 million will be distributed to compensate more than 76,000 individual consumers. The states' plan to distribute money to consumers was approved by U.S. District Court Judge Nancy Edmunds on May 31st, after the Supreme Court refused on May 23rd to review the settlement.

The settlement resulted from more than five years of litigation begun by private plaintiffs against Aventis Pharmaceuticals, Inc., Andrx Corporation and affiliated entities. The lawsuit alleged that Aventis and Andrx violated antitrust laws when they illegally agreed that Aventis would pay Andrx nearly \$90-million to stop Andrx from bringing its less expensive generic version of Cardizem CD to market. The delay in the availability of the generic form of Cardizem CD meant consumers, medical insurance companies and the government had to purchase the higher-priced brand name version of the drug for at least an extra year, the Attorneys General alleged.

Further details are available on the settlement administrator's web site: www.cardizemsettlement.com.

2nd Annual Ride For The Red Fundraiser

The American Red Cross of Greater Chicago invites local motorcyclists and their families to Ride for the Red on Sept. 10th at 9 a.m. at LaBagh Woods (Foster and Cicero, Chicago).

Ride for the Red participants can bring their bikes to enjoy a ride, a family picnic, and a chance to win a 2005 customized 5th Horseman Chopper by Windwalkers, all while benefiting the lifesaving programs of the Greater Chicago Red Cross.

"We're excited to offer Chicagoland riders and their families a unique way to support the local Red Cross," said Karen Crumback, volunteer chairperson for Ride for the Red. "We're especially thrilled to offer a one-of-a-kind raffle this year. If you've always wanted to own a customized Chopper, now is your chance to fulfill that dream and support a great cause."

Raffle tickets can be pre-purchased for \$100 now until Sept. 10th by calling (312) 729-6120 or visiting www.rideforthered.com. The Chicago Red Cross will raffle the grand prize of a 2005 rare, Windwalkers customized 5th Horseman Chopper with 110 Rev tech engine - a \$45,000 value! Only 500 raffle tickets will be sold, and the winner will be announced at the Ride for the Red picnic on Sept. 10th.

Ride for the Red event tickets are \$20 in advance and \$25 on the day of the ride. Children under 16 are free when accompanied by an adult. Registration opens at 9 a.m. and the engines rev up for the ride at 10 a.m. The picnic begins at noon and includes food, music, beverages and a raffle. To find out more details or to register, visit www.rideforthered.com or call (312) 729-6120.

Surgical Packets

The Dept. of Financial and Professional Regulation (IDFPR) announced on July 25th that registration packets for surgical assistants and surgical technologists are now available in Illinois. Registration of surgical specialists will increase the quality of health care for Illinois citizens, meeting Gov. Blagojevich's goal of providing high quality health care to all Illinoisans. Knowing that surgical staff are registered and have met national accreditation standards will improve the success rate of treatments and increase patient confidence.

The Department estimates that about 200 surgical assistants and 800-1000 surgical technologists working in hospitals and clinics across the state will apply for registration. Registration of these two health-related specialties is available only to surgical technologists and assistants who have completed programs that are recognized by one of several national accreditation organizations.

The application packets contain detailed instructions and requirements and are now available to be downloaded and printed at

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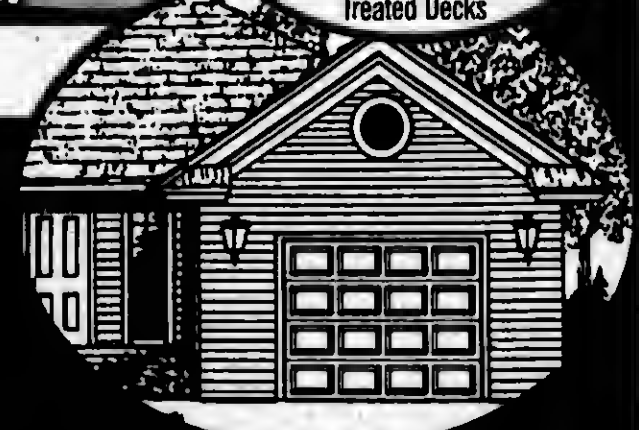
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Veterans And Soldiers News

By Lori Taylor Ph: 708.388.2425

I would like to share this with you. It is the story behind the song "Taps."

Reportedly, it all began in 1862 during the Civil War, when Union Army Captain Robert Ellicombe was with his men near Harrison's Landing in Virginia. The Confederate Army was on the other side of the narrow strip of land. During the night, Captain Ellicombe heard moans of a soldier who lay severely wounded on the field. Not knowing if it was a Union or Confederate soldier, the Captain decided to risk his life and bring the stricken man back for medical attention.

Crawling on his stomach through the gunfire, the Captain reached the stricken soldier and began pulling him toward his encampment. When the Captain finally reached his own lines, he discovered it was actually a Confederate soldier, but the soldier was dead.

The Captain lit a lantern and suddenly caught his breath and went numb with shock. In the dim light, he saw the face of the soldier. It was his own son. The boy had been studying music in the South when the war broke out. Without telling his father, the boy enlisted in the Confederate Army. The following morning, heartbroken, the father asked permission of his superiors to give his son a full military burial despite his enemy status.

His request was only partially granted. The Captain had asked if he could have a group of Army band members play a funeral dirge for his son at the funeral. The request was turned down since the soldier was a Confederate. But out of respect for the father, they did say they could give him only one musician. The Captain chose a bugler. He asked the bugler to play a series of musical notes he had found on a piece of paper in the pocket of the dead youth's uniform. This was granted. The haunting melody, we now know as "Taps" used at military funerals, was born with these words.

Day is done,
Gone the sun,
From the lakes,
From the hills,
From the sky,
All is well,
Safely rest,
God is nigh.

Fading light,
Dims the sight,
And a star,
Gems the sky,
Gleaming bright,
From afar,
Drawing nigh,
Falls the night.

Thanks and praise,
For our days,
'Neath the sun,
'Neath the stars,
'Neath the sky,
As we go,
This we know,
God is nigh.

Hometown-Murray VFW Post 9773 is having a GI breakfast on Sunday, July 31st from 8 a.m. to noon at the "Mess Hall," 9092 Main St. in Hometown. The menu includes scrambled eggs, bacon, sausage, pancakes, toast and the Soldier's Blue Plate Special SOS (chipped beef on toast), coffee and juice. The cost is \$4 per person. Donations benefit the veterans, the military and their families, and the community. For more information, call (708) 422-9800.

Orland Park Police Sgt. Patrick Duggan and his neighbor, Illinois Army National Guard Staff Sgt. Philip Bresnahan, recently made a flag exchange. Duggan sent an Orland Park Police Department flag to Bresnahan who flew the flag over his base in Balad, Iraq. The members of Bresnahan's unit, the 3625th Maintenance Company, all signed the flag and returned it to Orland Park with an American flag they had also flown over the base, with certificates of authenticity. The signed flag is on display in the lobby of the Frederick T. Owens Village Hall right next to the village's Hometown Heroes Board. The Heroes Board was created in April 2003 and shows the photos, local information and military service of area residents currently serving in the military. To post a photo of a loved one on the Heroes Board currently serving in the military, call the village Media Relations Office at (708) 403-6145.

The U-505 Submarine is now on display at the Museum of Science and Industry, 57th and Lake Shore Drive. The exhibit contains nearly 200 artifacts, including an authentic German Enigma machine, a T5 acoustic torpedo, historic film footage, photographs, radio transmissions, and audio narratives from the veterans who made the capture. The exhibit includes much more and will captivate adults and kids. It is included in the general admission of the museum. An optional, ticketed onboard tour of the U-505 is \$5 per guest. For quick entry into the museum, purchase tickets on line at www.msi.chicago.org or call (773) 684-1414 for advance reservations or more information.

I hope you enjoy reading this column as much as I enjoy writing it. Good bye for this week and God bless you and your loved ones and God bless America!

Governor Signs Veterans Benefits Bills

Building on his commitment to continuously help Illinois' veterans and members of the Armed Forces, Governor Rod R. Blagojevich signed into law several bills on July 23rd that will give Illinois soldiers, veterans and their families important relief when it comes to property taxes, will eliminate certain state fees, and will make it easier for men and women in active service to keep their children in the same school district when they are called up.

Governor Blagojevich, who also attended the Department of Defense World War II 60th Anniversary Commemoration held July 23rd at Navy Pier, signed into law House Bill 270 which increases property tax exemptions for disabled veterans and their spouses; House Bill 551 which gives national guardsmen and reservists a 180-day extension to file their property taxes; House Bill 544 which eliminates the initial fees for the Gold Star plates; House Bill 2550 which waives camping, hunting and fishing fees for Illinois residents who are members of the Armed Forces and are returning from active duty; and House Bill 156, which allows called-up soldiers to keep their children in their same school district and not have to pay out-of-district tuition.

The World War II 60th Anniversary Commemoration is a series of nationwide memorial events recognizing the 16 million Americans who were called to service during World War II for their extraordinary sacrifice. Past events have been held in Boston, San Diego and Washington, D.C. Some 987,000 Illinoisans served during World War II, of which 22,000 perished in combat.

HB 270, which takes effect immediately, increases the property tax exemption for disabled veterans and their spouses from \$58,000 to \$70,000. The original exemption was created to give property tax relief to veterans who have had federal state grants to rehab their homes to accommodate for their disabilities.

A property tax exemption decreases the assessed value of property, which results in a reduction in property tax owed to the county of residence. So far this year, more than 350 veterans are receiving the current benefit, while a dozen more are in the application process.

HB 551, sponsored by State Rep. William B. Black (R-Danville) and State Sen. Dale A. Righter (R-Mattoon), gives national guardsmen and reservists who are Illinois residents extra time to pay property taxes incurred while on active duty. Returning soldiers will now have an additional 180 days from the time they return to pay their property taxes without a penalty. The legislation becomes effective immediately.

Currently, the law did not require Illinois residency or include national guardsmen and only gave them a 30-day extension to pay delinquent property tax bills without incurring a penalty.

HB 544, which becomes effective Jan. 1, removes the \$15 initial issuance fee for Gold Star license plates, which are issued to parents who have lost a child that was in the service.

The new law reduces the total fee from \$93 to \$78. Since most drivers have already renewed their current

Gold Star Plates for the upcoming year, the fee elimination will begin in 2007 and has minimum impact on state coffers.

HB 2550 provides that Illinois residents, who are members of the Armed Forces, the Illinois National Guard, or the U.S. Armed Forces Reserves and have returned from service, will be allowed to camp, fish and hunt in the state without paying a fee.

Under previous rules, all veterans had to pay \$19.25 for a Sportsmen's License, which includes hunting and fishing, and on average \$20 per day to camp at a state park.

Veterans will also receive a free State Habitat Stamp, which is worth \$5.50. Funds from the normal purchase of these stamps are used for national area development.

Both houses of the state's legislature unanimously approved HB 2550, which takes effect immediately.

HB 156, which becomes effective immediately, provides that children of soldiers who have been called up to service, can stay in their same school district without having to pay out-of-district tuition if they are forced to live with a relative who lives outside the district.

Under the new law, a child's residence would not change for enrollment purposes, even if they are temporarily living out of the district. This exception would apply only for the duration of the parent or guardian's military service obligation.

VFW Aux. State President



Ruth Ann Smit (center) state president of the Ladies Auxiliary to the Veterans of Foreign Wars, Department of Illinois, will conduct her second Council of Administration meeting on July 30th in Effingham, IL. The first council meeting was held following her installation on June 25th in Peoria. Ruth is a resident of Chicago Ridge and a member of the Alsip VFW Auxiliary 450.

Glenn Grossman (left) past National President of the VFW Ladies Auxiliary of Beverly and a member of McDonald Linn Chicago Ridge VFW Auxiliary 177 was the installing officer. Lori Taylor (right) Past President of Midlothian and a member of Midlothian VFW Auxiliary 2580, also editor of the Messenger Newspapers, was Mistress of Ceremonies.

President Smit has two special projects. Her special cancer project is a Wreath of Hope. District presidents will sell ribbons for \$1 to be placed on a wire wreath. There will be a different color for each type of cancer. The object is for each president to fill her wreath. Proceeds will go to the Cancer Aid and Research Program. The second project is the Illinois Patriotic Art Endowment fund to raise funds to make it possible for the Department of Illinois Ladies Auxiliary to have a perpetual endowment fund for the Young Patriotic Art Program awards.

Letter To The Editor

Letter to the Editor,
Governor Blagojevich claimed he is taking the high moral ground by using my tax dollars to fund stem cell experiments on the tiniest of humans, embryos. This man needs to retake Ethics 101.

Just as gruesome is the fact that in order to conduct these experiments that dissect tiny embryos for their stem cells, researchers equally want the ability to clone humans. And taxpayer funding of human cloning is in Blagojevich's executive order. This is right out of a sci-fi horror movie.

I certainly do not want my hard earned tax dollars to pay for the destruction of millions of pre-born human babies and for cloning them. No way!

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Mortgage Company, Inc.
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Services, Inc., Plaintiff,
vs. Chris Dorsey, et al., Defendants.
No. 04Ch-20473.

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

Fisher & Fisher
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(It is advised that interested parties consult with their own attorneys before bidding at mortgage foreclosure sales.)

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered on April 11, 2005, in the amount of \$46,586.45, Kallen Financial & Capital Services, Inc. as Selling Official will at 11:30 a.m. on August 22, 2005, at 175 W. Washington Street, Chicago, IL, sell the following described real property to the highest bidder at auction for cash: C/K/A: 3810 Lincoln Ln., Robbins, IL 60472.

The improvements on the property consist of a wood-frame single-family dwelling with no garage. The property will NOT be open for inspection.

Sale terms: property offered "as is," with no express or implied warranties; sale subject to general real estate taxes, special taxes, special assessments, and superior liens, if any; 10% of successful bid to be paid at conclusion of auction and balance by noon the next business day, both by cashier's checks; and no refunds. After confirmation of the sale by the court, the successful bidder will receive a Selling Official's Deed.

For information, contact the Sales Officer at the office of the Plaintiff's attorneys, Fisher & Fisher, 120 N. LaSalle Street, Chicago, IL, (312) 372-4784, between 1:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. Monday through Friday; however, under Illinois law the Sales Officer is not required to provide information in addition to that contained in this notice. 151950C

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department - Chancery Division. Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Citimortgage, Inc., Plaintiff, vs. Randall S. Iverson, et al., Defendant, No. 05Ch-419.

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on March 22, 2005, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Friday, August 19, 2005, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 W. Madison St., Suite 718A, Chicago, IL, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described mortgaged real estate:

Commonly known as: 13940 S. Long Ave., Crestwood, IL 60445.

The improvement on the property consists of a single family residence.

Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, by certified funds. No refunds.

The judgment amount was \$180,787.36.

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For information call Mr. Ira T. Nevel at Plaintiff's Attorney, Law Offices of Ira T. Nevel, 175 N. Franklin St., Chicago, IL 60606. 312/357-1125. 144315C

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C/A: 5525 La Palm Dr., Oak Forest, IL 60452.

The improvements on the property consist of a brick/wood frame single-family dwelling with attached garage. The property will NOT be open for inspection.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department - Chancery Division. Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., Plaintiff, vs. Nettye V. Hill a/k/a Nettye V. Hill-Murphy a/k/a Nettye Veronica Murphy, et al., Defendants. No. 04Ch-5379.

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on May 18, 2005, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Monday, August 22, 2005, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 W. Madison St., Suite 718A, Chicago, IL, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described property:

Commonly known as: 6854 W. Lode Dr., #2-A, Worth, IL 60482.

The improvement on the property consists of a condominium residence.

Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, by certified funds. No refunds.

The judgment amount was \$79,622.41.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department - Chancery Division. The Provident Bank, Plaintiff, vs. David J. Katsibubas, et al., Defendants. No. 03Ch-5464.

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on May 24, 2005 Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Thursday, August 25, 2005 at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 W. Madison Street, Suite 718A, Chicago, IL, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described mortgaged real estate:

Commonly known as: 11428 S. Normandy Ave., Worth, IL 60482.

The mortgaged real estate is improved with a single family residence.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department - Chancery Division. Bank of America, N.A., Successor to NationsBanc Corporation Assignee of GN Mortgage Corporation, Plaintiff, vs. Brian J. Coleman, et al., Defendants. No. 04Ch-4616.

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on May 19, 2005, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Tuesday, August 23, 2005, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 W. Madison St., Suite 718A, Chicago, IL, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described property:

Commonly known as: 14938 San Francisco Ave., Posen, IL 60469.

The improvement on the property consists of a single family residence with separate 2 car garage.

Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, by certified funds. No refunds.

The judgment amount was \$75,451.63.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department - Chancery Division. M & T Trust Company, as Trustee, in Trust for the holders of Securitization Series 1996-4, Plaintiff, vs. Unknown Heirs of Legates of Ethel Knox, et al., Defendants. No. 04Ch-20527.

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on March 29, 2005, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Thursday, August 25, 2005, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 W. Madison St., Suite 718A, Chicago, IL, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described mortgaged real estate:

Commonly known as: 14001 Lydia, Robbins, IL 60472.

The improvement on the property consists of a single family residence.

Sale terms: Bidders must present, at the time of sale, a cashier's or certified check for 10% of the successful bid amount. The balance of the successful bid shall be paid within 24 hours, by similar funds.

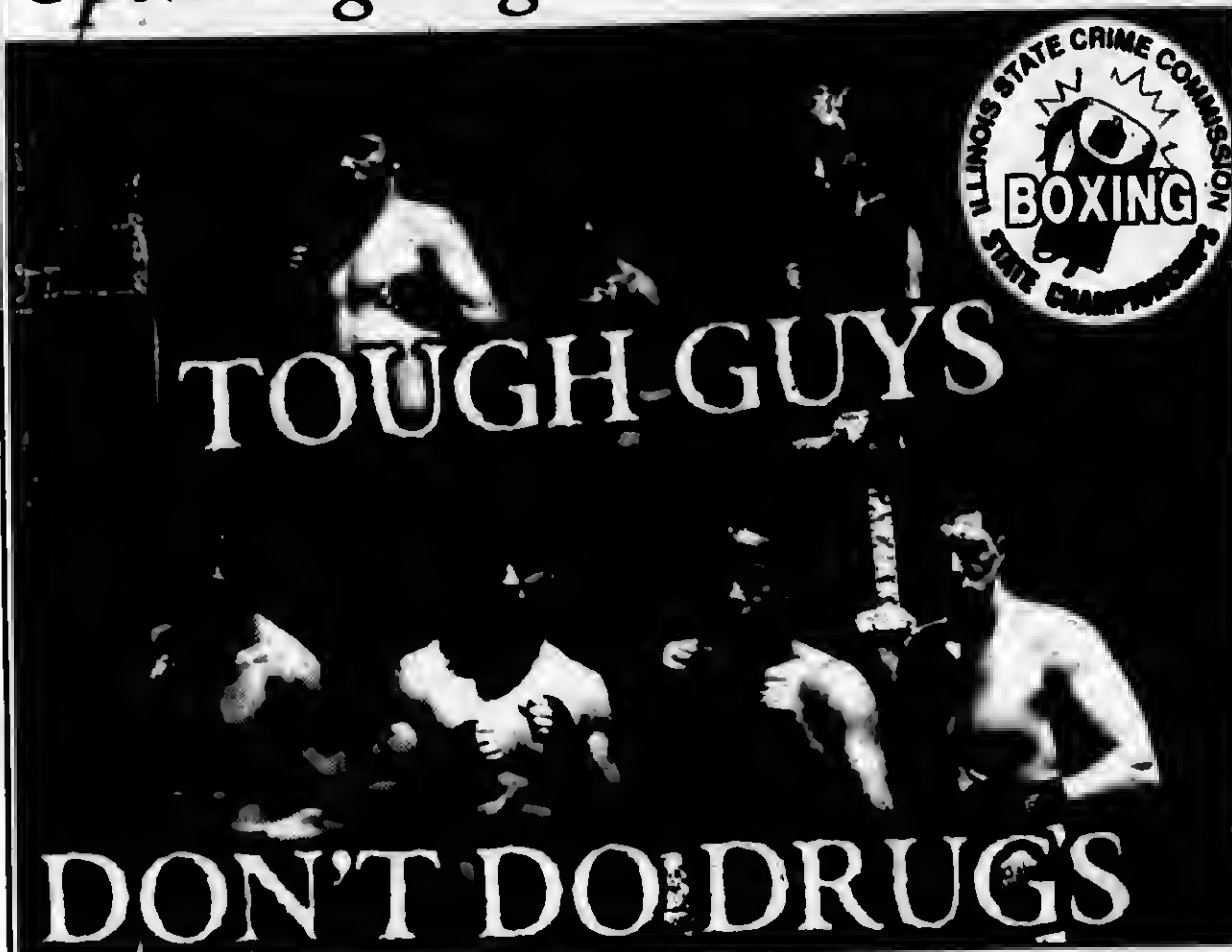
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For information call Mr. David C. Kluever at Plaintiff's Attorney, Kluever & Platt, L.L.C., 65 E. Wacker Place, Chicago, IL 60601. (312) 236-0077. 143683C

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Operating Engineers vs. Teamsters



On Friday night, Aug. 5th, one of the most outstanding amateur boxing exhibitions in recent memory will be introduced to the Chicagoland region. The International Brotherhood of Operating Engineers Hall - Local #150 will serve as host as the top amateurs from Cook County will face-off against the best of DuPage County. It's the Operating Engineers vs. the Teamsters ... a rock-um, sock-um series of bouts sure to satisfy the most ardent boxing fans.

According to promoter Jerry Elsner, "our slogan 'Tough Guys Don't Do Drugs™' is designed to capture the attention of young athletes, of all colors and economic circumstances, who wish to channel their energies into a positive, competitive direction." He continued, "With the assistance of a number of interested patrons, including former Senator Patrick O'Malley (of Palos Park), several disadvantaged youngsters are being introduced to a sport that rewards both their individual efforts and offers a club atmosphere where they can grow and interact with their peers. Incidentally, all profits from this evening will be used to build a youth center. Everybody's a winner!"

The International Brotherhood of Operating Engineers Hall is located at Joliet Road and LaGrange Road in Countryside. The doors open at 6 p.m. with contests to begin after 6:30 p.m. In addition to the fight action, the evening highlights will include: prize drawings and raffles, a beer wagon, ice cold drinks and a bevy of beauties serving them. DJ's will provide music both inside and outside the Engineers Hall. There will even be a 350 gallon dunk tank for interested participants. For more information and tickets call (630) 778-9191.

Sugar Creek Exhibit Opens This Weekend

A Sugar Creek Exhibit Opening, featuring new exhibits that interpret the "green" components of the Forest Preserve District of Will County's Sugar Creek Administration Center, will be Saturday, July 30th, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. This special program is free of charge and open to all ages.

The new exhibits are mounted both inside and outside of the building. Two tours, at 10 a.m. and 12 noon, will introduce visitors to the exhibits and the many energy-saving features and abundant use of recycled material that make the administration center a model of "green" architecture. From solar panels on the roof to carpeting made from plastic bottles, the building points the way to possibilities existing today to limit the impact on the environment of construction and day-to-day operation.

In addition to the tours, the Exhibit Opening will feature Jeff Green, of Renewable Energy, who will provide information on incorporating green technologies into your home, and raffle prizes, sample green products, and energy efficiency kits that will be awarded to

History Demonstration

The Isle a la Cache Brigade will bring insight into what life was like here in the Illinois Territory during the mid-18th century during a "Living History Demonstration." Sponsored by the Forest Preserve District of Will County, this family program will be Sunday, Aug. 21st from 12 noon to 2 p.m., at Isle a la Cache Museum in Romeoville. The "Living History Demonstration" is free of charge and open to all ages.

The brigade will demonstrate skills used in the 18th century fur trade. At any given program, you may find potters, musket shooters, cooks, seamstresses, or craftsmen sharing their talents. The brigade was made up of reenactors who represent voyageurs, Courier Debois, French women, Metis, and Natives. Come and share this slice of history.

For additional information, call the Forest Preserve District of Will County at (815) 727-8700, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., weekdays.

lucky winners. Refreshments will be available.

At the Exhibit Opening, district staff will collect Personal Digital Assistants (PDA's), cell phones, and pagers for recycling. These electronic devices will be refurbished or scrapped for parts, therefore keeping their toxic components from ending up in a landfill. These items will be sent to CollectiveGoods, which will make a cash donation to the Sierra Club for these items.

The Sugar Creek Administration Center is located at 17540 W. Laraway Road, one mile east of Route 53, in Joliet.

For information, call (815) 727-8700, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Workers' Picketing Rights

Building on his longstanding commitment to protect workers' rights and improve conditions for hard-working men and women across the state, Gov. Rod R. Blagojevich recently signed legislation that broadens picketing rights for labor unions and other workers involved in labor disputes with their employers.

House Bill 1480 allows people involved in labor disputes to picket, post temporary signs, park vehicles and set up tents or other temporary shelter areas for the picketers on public right-of-ways without having to require a permit. Currently, cities which are often employers with whom unions might have labor disputes sometimes use public safety issues to suppress a union's right to picket during a dispute.

Rep. Brandon Phelps (D-Harrisburg) and Sen. Debbie DeFrancesco Halvorson (D-Chicago Heights) sponsored HB 1480, which allows for picketing in public right-of-ways. A public right-of-way is defined as a portion of a highway or street next to a roadway for accommodating stopped vehicles or for emergency use, that portion of a street between the curb lines, or the lateral lines of a roadway and the adjacent property lines.

Southwest Area Obituaries

Henry J. Riemersma

Services will be held Friday, July 29th at 10:30 a.m. at Homburg-Klein Evergreen Funeral Home, Evergreen, for Henry J. Riemersma, 74.

He is survived by his brother James (Dale); nieces, Christine (Kevin) Malloy and Jamie (Ronald) Anderson; and five great-nieces & nephews.

Russell A. Kopecky

Services were held Wednesday at the Palos-Gaidas Funeral Home, Palos Hills with interment at Woodlawn Cemetery, for Russell A. Kopecky, 58. He was a member of the Cicero Public Works for many years.

He is survived by his father Emil and his sister Arlene (Terry) Richard.

Donald J. Wratney

Services were held Tuesday at the Chapel Hill Gardens South Funeral Home, Oak Lawn, with entombment at Evergreen Cemetery, for Donald J. Wratney, 69. He was a member of the Worth Lions Club.

He is survived by his wife Ruth; his children the Rev. Donald (Suzanne), Debra (Charlie) Parchem; 7 grandchildren; and his brother Tony (Lee) Wratney.

Virginia A. Kelly

Mass was said Wednesday, at St. Albert The Great Church, Burbank, with private interment, for Virginia A. Kelly, 70.

She is survived by her children, Nancy (Wilhelm) Hoffman, Deborah (Thomas) Ward and Joseph (Lee) Kelly; 6 grandchildren and her sister Gwen (Chuck) Jackson.

Petronella Allsot

Services were held Wednesday, at the Trinity Lutheran church, Oak Lawn, with interment at St. Casimir Cemetery, for Petronella "Pat" Allsot.

She is survived by her children Agnes (Jack) Losa, John (Kathy) Allsot, Pete Allsot & Dolores (Donald) Wittlieb; and many grand children and great grand children.

Richard Harlan Sadler

Mass was said Monday at St. Alexander Church, Palos Heights, with private interment, for Richard Harlan Sadler, 79, of Palos Heights.

He is survived by his wife Joan B.; his children Dawn Sadler, Gaye (Joe) Johnson, Scott (Irene) Sadler and Guy Sadler; and 6 grandchildren.

Edward J. Skriba

Mass was said Tuesday at St. Michael Church, Orland Park, with entombment at Queen of Heaven Cemetery, for Edward

J. Skriba, 83, a disabled World War II Air Force Veteran. He was the CEO of the S. J. Skriba & Co. Insurance Agency, an affiliate of National Security Savings & Loan Assn. He was also a retired pilot for the Palm Springs CA Police Department.

He is survived by his wife, Grace A.; his sister, Rose Demko; & many nieces & nephews.

Ellen C. Shackel

Services were held Monday at the St. Paul Lutheran Church, Oak Lawn, with interment at Evergreen Cemetery, for Ellen C. Shackel, 84, of Evergreen Park.

She is survived by her stepchildren, Greg, Paul (Vaneta) and Neal (Nancy) Shackel; eight grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

Julie A. Sutton-Osgood

Mass was said Monday, at St. Bede the Venerable Church, Chicago, with private interment, for Julie A. Sutton-Osgood, 28 of Tinley Park. She was a graduate of Reavis High School & the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign.

She is survived by her husband, Jason; her mother Mary Kay Bonds; her stepfather, David Bonds; her father Richard Sutton; her stepchildren, Chase and Isabella Osgood; her sister, Jennifer (Bill) Vrabel; Her brothers, John Vetsch, Ryan Bonds and Justin Sutton; her stepsister, Nicole (Mike) Herbert; and her grandmother, June.

Phillip B. Gearhart

Services were held Monday at the Zion Lutheran Church, Tinley Park, for Phillip B. "Red" Gearhart, 72.

He is survived by his wife, Judith; his children Phillip (Jennifer), Nannette (Bruce) Robert, Nadine (Robert) Basten and Robin Gearhart; eight grandchildren; and his brother Thomas (Lucille).

Brian T. Ennenbach

Memorial Services were held Monday at the Lawn Funeral Home, Orland Park, for Brian T. Ennenbach, 33.

He is survived by his mother, Kathleen; his brother, Craig Ennenbach and his grandmother, Florence.

Anna R. Cleary

Mass was said Monday at St. Catherine of Alexandria Church, Oak Lawn, for Anna R. Cleary, 96, a pioneer for the Chicago Association of Retarded Children and the Special Olympics.

She is survived by her children, Ellen Cooney, Georgene (Victor) Kasput, Mary Peut, William and John; 16 grandchildren; and 27 great-grandchildren.

Dominic C. Szymanski

Mass was said Tuesday at Our Lady of the Ridge Church, Chicago Ridge, with interment at Chapel Hill Gardens South Cemetery, for Dominic C. Szymanski, 87.

He is survived by his son, Richard "Ski" (Patricia); 2 grandchildren; and 3 great-grandchildren.

George H. McKeown

Services were held Tuesday, at the Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd, Palos Heights, with interment at the Orland Memorial Park Cemetery, for George H. McKeown, Jr., 71.

He is survived by his wife Evelyn "Jane"; his children, Michael (Sharon), James (Georgia), Thomas (Wenona), Robert (Linda), and Stephen (Anne); his stepchildren, Nancy Heidrick, Carl and Eric (Laura) Jurgenson; 19 grandchildren and his brothers Denis (Margaret) and Thomas (Barbara) McKeown; and his sister Patricia Kennedy.

Charles F. Leuver, Jr.

Mass was said Wednesday at Our Lady of the Ridge Church, Chicago Ridge, with interment at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, for Charles F. "Mick" Leuver, Jr., 63.

He is survived by his wife Donna; his children, Dennis (Deanine), Natalie (Leo) Sabo, Charles (Nancy) Charlotte (Eric) Kessler and Susan Leuver; 8 grandchildren; his mother Frances; and his sisters, Kathy (Norman) Woods and Judy (Patrick) Gleason.

William Bougis

Mass was said Tuesday at the SS Constantine & Helen Greek Orthodox Church, Palos Hills, with interment at Evergreen Cemetery, for William "Bogie" Bougis, 75. He was a member of the Clearing American Legion Post #600, Loyal Order of Moose and Teamsters Local 710.

He is survived by his sisters, Nancy Orthman and Matina (Raymond) Jauregui.

Michael E. Verburg

Services were held Tuesday at the Schmaedeke Funeral Home, Worth, with a private interment for Michael E. Verburg, 66.

He is survived by his mother, Kathryn Hanrahan; his sister, Janet Alwin & his brother, Gary Verburg.

Maryrose Weinberger

Mass was said Tuesday at St. Julie Church, Tinley Park, with interment at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, for Maryrose Weinberger, 77.

She is survived by her children, Roberta (Howard) Reid, Tom (Kathy), Louis & Edward Weinberger; 7 grandchildren and 3 great grandchildren.

Alicemay Miles

Mass was said Saturday at St. Julie Billhart Church, Tinley Park, with interment at Queen of Heaven Cemetery, for Alicemay Miles, 78. She was an outstanding teacher for 27 years at Hammond School.

She is survived by her children Kathleen (Bill) Wolf, Neil J. (Lorna), Mary Ellen (Rick) O'Rourke, Jeanne (Rich) Barth, Lynda Miles (Dan Sackett) & Robert (Vicky); 22 grandchildren; 2 great grandchildren; and her sisters Rosemary Witt and Dolores Werra.

Ralph G. Donegan

Mass was said Tuesday at Sacred Heart Church, Palos Hills, with interment at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, for Ralph G. Donegan, 95. He was the retired Deputy Regional Director of the U.S. Postal Service, Midwest Region. He was also a long-time member of the Knights of Columbus Madonna Council No. 1135.

He is survived by his children, Phillip (Molly), Patricia Donegan, Kathleen (Thomas) Tierney, Thomas (Mary Jane) and Mary (Thomas) Bono; 8 grandchildren; 8 great grandchildren; his sisters, Edith Walsh Lois and Lucille Donegan and Dorothy Burklow; and his brother, Vincent.

Pamela A. Krueger

Services were held Thursday, July 21st, at the Krueger Funeral Home, Blue Island, with interment at Mt. Greenwood Cemetery, for Pamela A. Krueger, 77; a lifelong resident of Blue Island.

She is survived by her husband, Chris Sr.; her children Chris Jr. (Celia), Kelle Kysiak & Clay (Christine); 4 grandchildren and her sister, Carley Watson and her brother, Harry (Donna).

Josephine P. Kurza-Casale

Mass was said Saturday, at St. Albert The Great church, Burbank, with interment at St. Casimir Cemetery, for Josephine P. Kurza-Casale.

She is survived by her husband, Lawrence Casale; her children, Ronald, A. Sr. (Dolores) & Christine Kurza; five grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; and her sisters, Mary Gentile, Pat Minarik and Julia McLean.

Helen E. Gage

Mass was said Saturday at St. Damian Church, Oak Forest, with interment at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, for Helen E. Gage.

She is survived by her husband, Donald Gage; her children, Deborah (Jerry) Smollen, Laura Tuttle, Donald Jr. (Christine) Gage & Mary Beth (Tim) Nugent; 8 grandchildren;

and her sisters, Virginia Pendergast and Barbara Popp.

Jane Martensen

Services were held Monday at the Kosary Funeral Home, Evergreen Park, with interment at Fairmount Willow Hills Cemetery for Jane Martensen, 88. She was a long time member and entertainer

of the Tarkington Park Senior Club, the Fraternal Order of Eagles and many other senior clubs throughout the southwest side.

She is survived by her children Laura (David) Kalafut, Nancy Granstaff, and John (Donna) Martensen; three grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

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White Awards Adult Literacy Grants

Secretary of State and State Librarian Jesse White has announced the release of nearly \$6.6 million in fiscal year 2006 literacy grants for 176 local literacy projects located throughout Illinois.

"These grants give our literacy providers some of the important financial resources they need to help students enhance their reading, writing, math and language skills," White said. "This year more than 30,000 adults students will be served by Secretary of State Adult Volunteer Literacy tutoring projects. Our partnership with literacy providers and volunteer tutors gives students the tools that will help them achieve their personal and professional goals."

Locally, Prairie State College in Chicago Heights received an Adult/Volunteer Literacy Grant in the amount of \$62,000.

Moraine Valley Community College in Palos Hills was awarded an Adult/Volunteer Literacy Grant in the sum of \$55,000.

South Suburban College in South Holland earned one Adult/Volunteer Literacy Grant and eight Workplace Skills Enhancement grants totaling \$143,928.

Adult/Volunteer Literacy Grants provide training for volunteers who tutor adults over age 16 in basic reading, math, writing or language skills. Individual grants are awarded to libraries, community colleges, school districts, community-based organizations, volunteer organizations and correctional facilities. Almost \$4.5 million is being awarded statewide this year.

Workplace Skills Enhancement Grants provide on-site instructional services to employees of Illinois businesses

to enable them to enhance their basic reading, math, writing or language skills, maintain their employment and increase their eligibility for promotion. Individual grants are awarded to businesses and educational providers who operate in partnership to advance the employees' learning. More than \$557,000 is being awarded this year for this type of grant.

Family Literacy Grants provide instructional services to parents and children to enhance their basic reading, math, writing or language skills both together and separately. Participation by the entire family increases the benefits of the instruction. Individual grants are awarded to a partnership of educational agencies, including an adult literacy provider, a child-at-risk organization and a public library. More than \$1.5 million is being awarded in fiscal year 2006 for grants of this kind.

White is encouraging citizens interested in assisting Illinois literacy efforts to become a volunteer tutor. Persons may contact the Illinois Adult Learning Hotline at 1-800-321-9511 for information about becoming a tutor. For more information about the Secretary of State's literacy efforts, log on to www.cyberdriveillinois.com.



Queen Of Peace Hosts Camp

Queen of Peace High School is in the midst of the annual series of summer athletic camps for students in grades 3-12. Sports offered include: golf, tennis, basketball, volleyball, softball, soccer, cross-country, and track and field. Coaches and Peace students serve as leaders for the camps, working in groups and one-on-one with students to sharpen their skills in their particular sport. Athletic Director Darlene Graf notes this year's camps are already going very well and is especially anxious to see what the incoming frosh have to offer.

Maureen Foley (right), a recent graduate of St. Catherine Grammar School, is one such student who will start school in the fall as a Peace frosh. She came to participate in the Peace cross-country camp. Foley notes that she has always enjoyed running in the summer, but has never been part of a cross-country team because, like most grammar schools, St. Catherine's does not offer the sport. "I just like running," Foley commented as she smiled, drinking water after finishing a mile run with Peace sophomore Annette Nowacki (pictured left).

Foley notes that she was confident about choosing Peace for her high school. She was impressed by the Open House, and her two older sisters both graduated from Peace. She notes: "I already knew it was a great school."

Lewis University Raises Funds For McFaul Scholarship

Lewis University's College of Education is asking for \$100 from 100 people. That's what it will take to reach its campaign goal of \$10,000 for the Dr. Shirley A. McFaul Education Scholarship, benefiting elementary education majors at the university. With a campaign deadline of Dec. 15th, this goal will allow the scholarship to be awarded for the very first time in the 2005-06 academic year.

Established in 2002, the scholarship was created shortly after the death of beloved Lewis education professor Shirley McFaul. Dr. McFaul, 59, died in May of 2002 from leukemia, leaving faculty, staff and students deeply saddened by the loss of such an enthusiastic and tirelessly dedicated educator, mentor and friend.

A Naperville resident, Dr. McFaul joined the Lewis faculty in 1985 and served as chair of the Dept. of Education (now College of Education) from 1986-89. She was coordinator of Elementary Education from 1989-92 and director of Elementary Education from 1993 until her untimely death. It is estimated that during her tenure at Lewis, she influenced more than 700 future grade school teachers. When multiplied by the 25-30 children taught by each of those teachers every school year, Dr. McFaul's impact quickly grows exponentially.

The names of all those who contribute to the current scholarship campaign will be added to a bulletin board display, located just outside the College of Education on the third floor of the Learning Resource Center on the Lewis main campus in Romeoville. The 100 contributors also will be entered in a drawing for a variety of prizes.

For more information or to make a contribution, contact Lewis University's Office of Development at (815) 836-5244.

Veterans' Health Care

U.S. Sen. Dick Durbin (D-IL) requested an investigation on July 26th by the Government Accountability Office (GAO) into the process used by the U.S. Dept. of Veterans Affairs (VA) to estimate the number of patients expected to seek health care services when making their annual budget determinations. Durbin was joined in his request by Sens. Daniel Akaka (D-HI), Ranking Democrat on the Senate Veterans' Affairs Committee, Patty Murray (D-WA) and Ken Salazar (D-CO).

Last month, the Senate passed emergency supplemental funding for the VA to fix a shortfall of more than \$1 billion for fiscal year 2005. One of the primary reasons for the shortfall was the VA's significant underestimation of the number of recently returned veterans from the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan who would seek health care from the VA.

In a letter to the GAO, the Senators noted that for the current fiscal year, VA had forecasted an annual growth in demand for health care of 2.3 percent. In April of 2005, the agency discovered that growth has actually reached 5.2 percent. The VA's budget had assumed 23,553 veterans of the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan would come to the VA system for care. The most recent estimate of patients who fought in Iraq or Afghanistan is 103,000. Overall, the VA has underestimated the number of veterans seeking health care in three of the last four years.

A review of the Department's most recent budget submissions reveals that in three out of the past four years, the VA has significantly underestimated the number of patients in four areas: acute hospital care, medical visits, inpatient hospital care for dependents and survivors, and dependent and survivor outpatient care.

In their letter, the Senators specifically asked the GAO to investigate VA's processes for developing patient estimates to determine if there are systemic problems in the Department's methodology or if the estimates are subject to inappropriate political pressure to conform to the Bush Administration's budgetary limits and policies.

The Senators also requested that GAO make recommendations for how to improve the VA's budgeting process so veterans can receive the care they deserve and members of Congress are not supervised by budget shortfalls in the future.

Gigantic Dust Cloud

It might sound like the occurrence and the only beginning of a science fiction movie, but particles from a sandstorm in the Sahara Desert last week were swooped two miles up into the atmosphere and have formed into a gargantuan dust cloud.

In fact, its estimated size is almost equal to that of the 48 adjacent United States.

The phenomenon is made possible by a tropical wave, which is a type of weather system.

This seemingly ominous mass is traveling west & passing over Florida at approximately 60 miles per hour even as we speak (or read).

Not to worry, though. This is a fairly common

threat it poses is slight. Individuals who have respiratory conditions and dwell under its path (South Florida to South Texas) are advised to take extra precautions than normal.

Otherwise, the massive dust cloud is expected to have only a scenic effect. Sunrise and sunset will beautifully play off the countless drifting sand particles and the normal colors will be enhanced.

Barring another freakish weather system, the cloud will stay south and the visual display will probably be visible to South Floridians, South Texans and folks in Mexico only.

Winners In Literacy And Art Competitions

Chinatsu Ikeda, a Moraine Valley international student from Osaka, Japan, living in Hickory Hills, and Stacey Bell of Markham earned national recognition for their submissions to the League for Innovation's 2004-05 National Student Art and Literary Competition. Ikeda's oil on canvas painting entitled, "Chinatsu Eating" earned "Honorable Mention" in the competition, while Bell's short story, "Money Jar," earned third place.

Moraine Valley submissions to the League for Innovation in the Community Art and Literary competitions were announced earlier this spring when several student poets, essayists, authors, and artists were recognized at the college's Board of Trustees meeting in May. From a pool of approximately 85 Moraine Valley students, 14 earned Moraine Valley recognition for their submissions, which were then forwarded to the national competition.

Other entries in Literary Competition included: Poetry, first place, "Mr. Potato Head," by Joseph Maher of Orland Park; second place, "Glengarry Glen, Lost" by Mary Testa of Darien and third place, "Wool Underwear," by Gabriella Mufic of Orland Park.

Personal Essay, first place, "Of Mice and Me," by Robert Moir of Chicago Ridge; second place, "Big Mack" by Nancy Craig of Orland Park and third place, "The Journey Home" by William Lewis of Burbank.

Short Story, second place, "The Boys Who Found Hope Floating" by Mary Fleming of Crestwood and third place, "The Final Challenge" by Jason Zeber of Orland Park.

Other entries in Art Competition: Adobe Photoshop, "The Vectors Made Me Do It" by Daniel Niemeier of Palos Hills; Fiber-based Photos on a Bedframe, "A Lot of One Thing" by Patricia Stell of Oak Lawn; Pastel, "That Was Now, This is Then" by Lionel Sapkus of Burbank, and Mixed Media, "Incredibly-Bull" by Sandra Montoya of Oak Lawn.

The winners were awarded cash prizes of \$100 for first place, \$50 for second place and \$25 for third place. The first place winners' entries were submitted to the League for Innovation in the Community College Student Art and Literary Competition at the national level. The League for Innovation is an international consortium serving community colleges with strategic directives for best practices. Moraine Valley is a charter League member.

In other news, several Moraine Valley students were selected to compete in the Skyway Conference Art Competition earlier this year. Students representing Moraine Valley in the competition included Sandra Montoya, Ken Beckwith of Chicago, who entered a pen on paper piece entitled Little Faces in the Carpet; and Jessica Miller of Oak Lawn, who entered a charcoal on paper piece entitled Standards.

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"Moonlight Canoe," a family program for persons at least 10 years of age, will be on Friday, Aug. 19th at 8 p.m. at Monee Reservoir. This Forest Preserve District of Will County program requires registration by Aug. 12th and a fee of \$7 per person.

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Gov. Rod R. Blagojevich moved to protect homebuyers from predatory lending in Cook County's at-risk communities and reduce the incidence of foreclosures by signing into law a bill that provides borrowers with critical information on home loans and helps state regulators and law enforcement track and crack down on dishonest lenders.

Joined by House Speaker Michael J. Madigan (D-Chicago) and State Sen. Martin A. Sandoval (D-Chicago), Gov. Blagojevich signed into law House Bill 4050, which will allow the state to develop a pilot program designed to increase homebuyers' knowledge about the loans they are considering and to reduce the number of foreclosures resulting from overly expensive home loans.

The law directs the state's Dept. of Financial and Professional Regulation to create a database for mort-

gage loan applications in a pilot area in Cook County. The communities most affected by high foreclosure rates will be among those designated as 'pilot' regions for the new program.

The database will collect information on all mortgage loans, including refinances and home equity loans issued by mortgage companies and brokers in the pilot regions of Cook County. Under the program, mortgage companies and brokers must enter information about the borrower and the borrower's loan into the Internet-based database. This database will be able to automatically analyze the details of each loan and determine if the loan agreement meets credit-counseling standards set by the Department.

If the review determines that a loan has potentially abusive characteristics, the borrower must attend HUD-certified credit counseling paid for by the lender. The

credit counselor must enter a recommendation about the loan and the borrower into the database. Before the mortgage is closed, the title company must also enter further information into the database. The database will then produce a certificate of compliance that will either say that all the information is consistent with previous information, or that there is inconsistent information which may indicate there is a problem with the loan. When the mortgage is closed, the certificate of compliance must be recorded with the mortgage. The information recorded in the database will be kept strictly confidential and stored on a secure platform controlled exclusively by IDFP.

HB 4050 becomes effective on Jan. 1st, 2006. IDFP has one month after that to designate the pilot areas for this program. The pilot program lasts for four years.

Residents On McAuley Honor Rolls

Oak Lawn residents were among students named to the A and B honor rolls during the fourth quarter of the school year at Mother McAuley Liberal Arts High School, Chicago.

On the A Honor Roll were Kathryn Adamonis, Lauren Adamonis, Julie Adams, Jeanette Aparicio, Rozana Asfour, Kathleen Balling, Ashley Barry, Anna Beyer, Kathleen Beyer, Madeline Bilanzic, Anne Boyce, Katelynn Bragg, Michelle Bruno, Erica Bruno, Shannon Burke, Patricia Casey, Stacey Chibe, Bridget Corcoran, Jessica Corrie, Margaret Curran, Rose DeFrancesco, Jillian Devlin, Jessica Doherty, Colleen Duffy, Stephanie Episcopo, Danielle Fleckenstein, Laura Frigo, Jessica Garcia, Michelle Garner, Lauren Garvey, Francesca Gattuso, Allison Giermak, Meghan Gorman, Bridget Greenfield, Kerry Griffin, Caitlin Hanno, Emily Hawrysz, Colleen Henahan, Angela Hrypich, Stephanie Kaput, Katelyn Karakas, Michelle Karakas, Erin Kelly, Laura Kinahan, Erin Knightly, Frances Kobiernicki, Mary Kochan, Ashley Konicki, Karen Kowalesik, Theresa Lavelle, Catherine Martin, Rosemary Maslanka, Jacqueline McGill, Rachel McIlvain, Lindsey McNeill, Amanda Meyer, Katherine Mulcahy and Kathleen Murphy.

Also are Megan Needham, Kathleen Needham, Carolyn Nevin, Stella Nichols, Rana Nino, Kimberly O'Byrne, Kathleen O'Connell, Meghan O'Donnell, Sunny Passaglia, Alison Patzin, Christina Pham, Noreen Philbin, Maria Piech, Monica Prado, Katelyn Quinn, Patricia Radecka, Eileen Reilly, Kristen Sandberg, Brooke Sebek, Julie Sedlacek, Mary Sheehy, Hilary Sterk, Stephanie Sterk, Loretta Stumpf, Rana Tadros, Jenna Tisoncik, Jacqueline Turner, Bridget Tuzik, Christina Tyrakowski, Kristine Valen, Sarah VanDeKerchove, Kathleen Walsh,

Maura Walsh, Michelle Weyforth, Kelly Wright and Jacqueline Yerkes.

On the B Honor Roll are Jennifer Aguiar, Janice Alvarado, Rebecca Artz, Lena Asfour, Erin Barry, Lauren Bertucci, Margaret Black, Amanda Boekeloo, Michelle Bujan, Katie Burke, Colleen Callahan, Sheila Casey, Shannon Conroy, Gina Cosentino, Erin Costello, Carolyn Cozzolino, Lisa Crisanti, Nicole Crowley, Carly Cullinan, Stephanie Cummings, Claudia DeLaMora, Nicole Denton, Erin Doody, Siobhan Duffy, Michelle Dyer, Karen Dyra, Kristina Dziedzic, Sarah Eble, Mary Fitzgerald, Brigitte Fleckenstein, Jacquelin Gallagher, Megan Ganley, Jasmine Garcia, Caitlyn Giermak, Lauren Haberkorn, Megan Harrigan, Sara Hernandez, Alexandra Howard, Alexandria Hughes, Sheila Hurley, Teagan Jackiw, Lauren Johnson, Sarah Kelly, Julie Kirsits, Jacqueline Kudia, Sheri Latronico, KaRee Leser, Laura Lopez, Christine Lucas, Mary Lynch, Kelly Malone, Caitlin Mann, Lauren Mancke, Christina Morlock, Claire Murphy Caitlin Murphy and Kelly Murray.

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Chicago Air And Water Show

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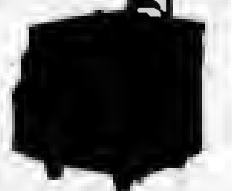
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There will be cocktails at 6 p.m. & dinner at 7 p.m. Afterward, City Lights Orchestra will provide the entertainment.

Ticket prices are \$50 per person. Cash bar. For reservations, call Elise Farrell at (708) 857-7218; Nancy Ficard at (708) 425-6209; or Mary Anne Gaynor at (708) 636-6435.



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Eight Are Injured When Truck Strikes Van

While attempting a left-hand turn onto Central Avenue in Oak Lawn, Sirieyh Hammad's van was struck by a truck. The 25-year-old Chicago Ridge woman and seven other passengers, including five children, were injured, but not seriously.

Unfortunately for Hammad, the truck had the green light and, therefore, the right-of-way, when she tried to complete the left turn in front of it.

Hammad will appear in court on August 31st in Bridgeview on charges of failing to yield and failure to ensure that passengers were properly restrained.

Cum Laude Graduate

Jennifer Marie Campbell of Hometown is among spring 2005 graduates of Illinois State University, Normal.

She received a Bachelor of Science degree in Education. She graduated with cum laude honors.

Astronomy Program

"Perseids - A Heavenly Display of Shooting Stars," a free family program sponsored by the Forest Preserve District of Will County, will be Friday, Aug. 12, 9 p.m., at Plum Creek Nature Center, in Beecher. The program, designed for persons at least 12 years of age, requires registration by Aug. 10.

If you've never seen a shooting star or if you would like to see one again, then this is the event for you. Perseids, named for the constellation Perseus, from which the meteors appear to radiate, are the favorite of meteor shower watches. August is much more suitable to extended outdoor viewing than are November and December when other meteor showers are visible. Our backyard astronomers will be on hand to answer questions and introduce you to other heavenly phenomena.

Plum Creek Nature Center is located at Goodenow Grove Forest Preserve, 1.25 miles east of the intersection of Routes 1 and 394 on Goodenow Road, south of Crete.

For registration and information, call (815) 727-8700, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday.

New Laws To Reduce Nursing Shortages

Delivering on a promise made during his State of the State address last February, Governor Rod R. Blagojevich July 28th signed into law six bills that will help reduce the nursing shortage in Illinois and mean better access to health care across the state. This announcement comes on the heels of several administrative actions by the Blagojevich administration to help reduce the nursing shortage, including streamlining the licensing process for nurses, adding funding to the Nurses Education Scholarship Program, and increasing funding for training nurses and other health care professionals.

At Chicago's Mercy Hospital, the Governor signed Senate Bill 1842, which establishes a groundbreaking nursing externship pilot program for Puerto Rico nurses; Senate Bill 2064, which eliminated the pre-test exam for foreign nurses; and Senate Bill 201, which will increase patient safety and reduce the risk of errors by eliminating mandatory overtime for nurses.

SB 1842 establishes a first-in-the-nation externship program for registered nurses licensed under the laws of another state or territory of the United States who wish to practice in Illinois and are preparing to take the National Council Licensure Examination (NCLEX). The law will allow these nurses, primarily from Puerto Rico, to work under the direct supervision of a registered professional nurse licensed in Illinois while they are enrolled in a course which prepares them for the state exam and acclimates them to nursing and health care delivery in our state. In conjunction with SB 2064, it will increase diversity within the nursing profession and prepare nurses educated in a U.S. territory for practice in Illinois. The law, which becomes effective immediately, was sponsored by State Representative Cynthia Soto (D-Chicago) and State Senator Miguel del Valle (D-Chicago).

SB 2064 will make Illinois more competitive in attracting new nurses. It clears the way for nurses trained outside of the U.S. to enter the work force faster. Under prior law, these nurses had to pass not only the standard national nurse licensure exam (NCLEX) but also sit for a special

test (CGFNS) to become licensed in Illinois. With the CGFNS test only offered four times a year, it was virtually impossible for hospitals in Illinois to successfully recruit foreign trained nurses. The new law will maintain nursing quality because foreign nurses will still have to pass the national exam but will speed up their entry into the workforce. The act sponsored by State Senator Susan Garrett (D-Lake Forest) and State Representative Susana A. Mendoza (D-Chicago) become effective immediately.

SB 201 will also be critical in attracting more nurses to Illinois, and will greatly protect patient safety by reducing the risk for medical errors when staff has worked too many hours. The bill, which eliminates mandatory overtime for nurses, provides that hospitals may mandate a nurse to work overtime only in an unforeseen emergency circumstance. If they must do so, a nurse may not work more than four hours beyond her/his regularly scheduled work shift. In addition, a nurse may not be punished for refusing to work overtime, and if a nurse works 12 hours there must be an eight-hour rest period before working again. The bill represents a compromise between the Illinois Nurses Association and the Illinois Hospital Association. State Representative Angelo Saviano (R-Elmhurst Park) and State Senator Donne E. Trotter (D-Chicago) co-sponsored SB 201.

"Back To School Business Week"

The Spartan Educational Foundation is a 501C3 organization comprised of members from the business, governmental and educational sectors.

The foundation, now in its second year of operation, will hold a special event entitled "Back To School Business Week." This is an opportunity for local businesses to display their products and services during school registration on August 9th and 10th.

Proceeds will go to raise money for scholarship funds for Oak Lawn Community High School District 229 students.

Any businessmen who wish to have a booth at the registration must submit their application by August 1st.

If you have questions or would like an application, please call Dr. Briscoe at (708) 741-5601.

GED Classes Scheduled

GED classes will begin again at Worth Township, 11601 S. Pulaski Rd., starting Monday, Aug. 22nd until Oct. 12th. The course will be held Mondays and Wednesdays from 6 to 9 p.m. Register at the first class.

For more information call Moraine Valley Community College at (708) 974-5641.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

AUGUST 5 - Friday - Worth Township Senior Citizens Org. Picnic, Worth Township Center, 11601 Pulaski Rd., Lunch 12 Noon.

AUGUST 6 - Saturday - District 11 "Trustee Is In," Municipal Center, 9446 Raymond, 9 a.m. to noon.

AUGUST 8 - Monday - AARP Meeting, VFW Hall, 9514 52nd Ave., 1 p.m.

AUGUST 8 - Monday - OL Park Board Meeting, 4625 W. 110th St., 7:30 p.m.

AUGUST 8 - Monday - Business Development Commission Meeting, 9446 S. Raymond, 7:30 p.m.

AUGUST 9 - Tuesday - Worth Township Committee Board Meeting, 11601 S. Pulaski, 7:30 p.m.

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AUGUST 9 - Tuesday - Village Hall open to 8 p.m.

AUGUST 9 - Tuesday - VFW 5220 Meeting, 9514 S. 52nd Ave., 8 p.m.

AUGUST 10 - Wednesday - Fire & Police Commission Meeting, 9446 S. Raymond, Conference Room B, 6:30 p.m.

AUGUST 11 - Thursday - Quality Control Meeting, 9446 S. Raymond, 7:30 p.m.

AUGUST 11 - Thursday - Athletic Club Auxiliary Meeting, VFW Hall, 9514 S. 52nd Ave., 8 p.m.

Chicago Welcomes First Annual International Rowing Regatta

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LEGAL NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that a Public Hearing is being held on Monday, August 22, 2005 at the Crestwood Village Hall, 13840 South Cicero Avenue, Crestwood, Illinois at 7:30 P.M.

The purpose of this meeting is to consider a request to permit:

a front façade of 38 feet which occupies 5 percent of the building (Best Buy Stores, L.P.)

Said property is commonly known as 13101 So. Cicero Avenue

The said property is legally described as:

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THAT PART OF LOT 23 IN MATHIEU'S SUBDIVISION IN THE NORTHWEST 1/4 OF THE SOUTHWEST 1/4 OF SECTION 34, TOWNSHIP 37 NORTH, RANGE 13 EAST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED OCTOBER 22, 1957 AS DOCUMENT NUMBER 14173824- IN COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS, DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

COMMENCING AT A POINT ON THE NORTHERLY LINE OF SAID LOT 23, 194.26 FEET SOUTHEASTERLY OF THE NORTHWEST CORNER THEREOF; THENCE CONTINUING SOUTHEASTERLY ALONG THE NORTHERLY LINE OF SAID LOT 23, 278.35 FEET; THENCE SOUTHWESTERLY ALONG A LINE WHICH FORMS AN ANGLE OF 100 DEGREES AS MEASURED FROM NORTHWEST TO THE WEST TO SOUTHWEST FROM THE LAST DESCRIBED COURSE, 269.75 FEET TO THE NORTHERLY LINE OF ROUTE 83, ALSO BEING THE SOUTHERLY LINE OF LOT 23, AFORESAID; THENCE NORTHWESTERLY ALONG THE NORTHERN LINE OF ROUTE 83, 225.78 FEET; THENCE NORTHEASTERLY ALONG A LINE WHICH FORMS AN ANGLE OF 83 DEGREES 11 MINUTES 29 SECONDS AS MEASURED FROM NORTHWEST TO NORTHEAST FROM THE LAST DESCRIBED COURSE, 143.39 FEET; THENCE NORTHWESTERLY ALONG A LINE WHICH FORMS AN ANGLE OF 120 DEGREES 08 MINUTES 58 SECONDS AS MEASURED FROM SOUTHWEST TO WEST TO NORTHWEST FROM THE LAST COURSE 100 FEET; THENCE NORTH ALONG A LINE PARALLEL TO THE WEST LINE OF SAID LOT 23, 41.40 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, EAST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, IN COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS

PARCEL 2

A TRACT OF LAND, DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

BEGINNING AT A POINT MARKED BY AN IRON ROD LOCATED 298.41 FEET SOUTH OF THE EAST AND WEST CENTER LINE OF SECTION 34, TOWNSHIP 37 NORTH, RANGE 13 EAST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN (KNOWN AS WORTH TOWNSHIP, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS) AND 33 FEET EAST OF THE WEST LINE OF SAID SECTION (WHICH IS THE CENTER LINE OF CICERO AVENUE) ON THE EASTERLY RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF CICERO AVENUE, THENCE 17 FEET EASTERLY AT 90 DEGREES TO SAID RIGHT OF WAY LINE TO A POINT MARKED BY AN IRON ROD; THENCE 12 DEGREES 22 MINUTES 25 SECONDS TO THE RIGHT FROM THE PROLONGATION OF THE LAST COURSE 152 FEET TO A POINT MARKED BY AN IRON ROD; THENCE 49 DEGREES 39 MINUTES 30 SECONDS TO THE RIGHT FROM THE PROLONGATION OF THE LAST COURSE 100 FEET TO A POINT MARKED BY AN IRON ROD; THENCE 99 DEGREES 51 MINUTES 02 SECONDS TO THE RIGHT FROM THE PROLONGATION OF THE LAST COURSE 143.39 FEET TO A POINT MARKED BY AN IRON ROD WHICH POINT IS THE NORTHERLY RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF AND 50 FEET AT RIGHT ANGLES TO THE CENTER LINE OF CALUMET SAG ROAD (ILLINOIS STATE ROUTE 83); THENCE 96 DEGREES 48 MINUTES 31 SECONDS TO THE RIGHT FROM THE PROLONGATION OF THE LAST COURSE ALONG SAID RIGHT OF WAY, 79.03 FEET TO A POINT MARKED BY A CROSS AT WHICH POINT THE LAST DESCRIBED COURSE BECOMES TANGENT TO A CURVE TO THE RIGHT HAVING A RADIUS OF 200 FEET; THENCE NORTHWESTERLY ALONG THE ARC OF THE CURVE 178.57 FEET TO A POINT MARKED BY A CROSS AT WHICH POINT THE CURVE BECOMES TANGENT TO THE EASTERLY RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF CHICAGO AVENUE AND 33 FEET AT RIGHT ANGLES FROM THE CENTER LINE OF SAID CICERO AVENUE; THENCE NORTHERLY PARALLEL TO THE CENTER LINE OF CICERO AVENUE, 37.16 FEET TO THE PLACE OF BEGINNING, THE ABOVE PART OF LOT 23 IN MATHIEU'S SUBDIVISION IN SECTION 34, TOWNSHIP 37 NORTH, RANGE 13 EAST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, (EXCEPT THAT PART WITHIN THE WEST 50 FEET OF SECTION 34), IN COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS

PARCEL 3:

THAT PART OF LOT 23 IN MATHIEU'S SUBDIVISION IN THE NORTHWEST 1/4 OF THE SOUTHWEST 1/4 OF SECTION 34, TOWNSHIP 37

Chief Judge Evans Appoints Jesús Reyes

Cook County Chief Judge Timothy C. Evans announced he has appointed Jesús Reyes, A.M., A.C.S.W., L.C.S.W., as Acting Chief Probation Officer of the Circuit Court of Cook County's Adult Probation Dept. effective immediately. Reyes currently is the Director of the Circuit Court's Social Service Dept., the court's probation department for misdemeanor defendants, and will continue to serve in that position.

Reyes has served as Director of the Social Service Dept. since August 1999, having initially served as the Director of the Circuit Court's Children's Advocacy Rooms where he developed a first-of-its-kind court-based clinic to assess children and families for the effects of domestic violence. Prior to working for the court system, Reyes compiled a diverse background in social services, both clinical and administrative. His past positions include serving as a member of the University of Illinois at Chicago's Dept. of Psychiatry's multidisciplinary Parenting Assessment Team, and as Assistant Dean for Enrollment and Placement at the School of Social Service Administration of the University of Chicago.

A licensed clinical social worker in Illinois and Indiana, Reyes is a graduate of the School of Social Service Admin

istration of the University of Chicago.

Reyes also is the author of The Applicant's Handbook to Master's of Social Work Programs, the definitive work of its genre now in its tenth year.

Reyes replaces Veronica S. Ballard, who retired on July 31st.



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PARCEL 4:

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FEET TO A POINT OF BEGINNING, SAID POINT OF BEGINNING BEING THE INTERSECTION OF NORTH LINE OF SAID LOT 23 WITH THE NORTH WALL OF AN EXISTING TWO STORY FRAME BUILDING COMMONLY KNOWN AS 13101 SOUTH CICERO AVENUE. THENCE NORTH 89 DEGREES 10 MINUTES 56 SECONDS EAST ALONG SAID NORTH WALL FOR A DISTANCE OF 18.47 FEET TO THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF AFORESAID FRAME BUILDING; THENCE SOUTH 0 DEGREES 49 MINUTES 04 SECONDS EAST ALONG THE EAST WALL OF AFORESAID FRAME BUILDING, SAID WALL EXTENDED SOUTH, FOR A DISTANCE OF 11.07 FEET TO A POINT ON THE NORTH LINE OF SAID LOT 23; THENCE NORTH 59 DEGREES 53 MINUTES 12 SECONDS WEST ALONG THE NORTH LINE OF SAID LOT 23 FOR A DISTANCE OF 21.53 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; ALL IN COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS.

The request for variation is being made by Timothy Palmquist, Best Buy Stores, L.P., 7601 Penn Avenue South, Richfield, MN 55423

All interested parties or persons are invited to attend and will be heard.

Respectfully,

Daniel J. Taczynski
Chairman
Zoning Board of Appeals

Water Restrictions In The Future

Once upon a time, the Chicagoland area had an apparent inexhaustible supply of water.

After all, droughts, which occurred nearly twice a decade in the early 1900's, became more and more rare as the century progressed and, year after year, our rainfalls doubled those of many other areas of the country.

Secondly, Chicago's use of Lake Michigan, one of the largest fresh water sources on the planet, was completely free of any quantity restrictions.

Thirdly, suburbs mostly fended for themselves, using well water drawn from aquifers over 500 feet below ground level. Aquifers are geological formations of permeable rock below the earth's surface, which contain and conduct ground water.

However, times have changed. There will come a time in the future, according to experts, where 2005-type water restrictions will be the norm rather than the exception. Why?

Unfortunately, statistically speaking, we are overdue to endure droughts such as this year's and the ones from the early 1900's on a more consistent basis; it's simply law of averages.

Further, other states on Lake Michigan's shores have successfully pressured the federal government into plac-

ing limits on how much of its water we can tap for Illinois.

Finally, along about 1970, water drawn from deep aquifers dwindled and took on a foul taste. And while there are still plenty of aquifers, most of them are too shallow - too close to the earth's surface to be untarnished by pollution or unaffected by weather conditions. Plus, it is still not known how reliable aquifers are or how well they can be harnessed.

Other than water restrictions, there are no immediate solutions. The idea of increasing the cost of water is likely to have about the same effect on water consumption as increasing the cost of gasoline had on driving - virtually none!

Therefore, barring a miracle or a technological breakthrough, some predict that, within two decades, water restrictions will become an ongoing way of life.

Woman's Wish Came True To Fly

Eighty-seven-year-old Marjorie Busch called it "the best day of her life" when she visited Lewis University in Romeville on Friday, July 29 to fly in a Cessna 182RG with Lewis' Chief of Pilot Training Keith McGill. A resident of ManorCare Health Services in Hinsdale, Busch, formerly of Westchester, boarded the airplane and took to the skies again as she did when she was a 20-year-old.

In the 1940s, Busch and her sister took flying lessons at Morton High School in Cicero. Marjorie earned her pilot's license and stayed with her hobby for a few years. Unfortunately, she was not able to fly as often as she wished because she could not always afford the \$4.50 per session.

Through ManorCare's Heart's Desire Program - a program which makes it possible for ManorCare's residents to relive a past experience or to try something they have always wanted to do - Busch got her wish to fly again with Lewis' Flight Department donating the flight.

According to McGill, Busch took the controls for about half of the flight which lasted about 25 minutes, and even took some turns in the process. "I wasn't nervous at all and I feel fine," said Marjorie, shortly after touching down at the Lewis University Airport. "Some of the feelings came back from when I first flew, and everything looked beautiful from up there."

Busch estimates having logged close to 1,000 hours of flying time in the 1940s. Following her flight at Lewis, she and representatives from ManorCare went out to lunch to celebrate.

REAL ID Act

Secretary of State Jesse White appointed his Inspector General Jim Burns to chair a committee that will recommend changes Illinois should make to comply with a new federal law that orders every state to require, verify and store specific identification documents before issuing driver's licenses.

Although Illinois already meets many of the identification and security requirements, the Secretary of State's office will need to make some procedural and legislative changes to comply with various components of the law. Those changes include verifying all identification documents presented by applicants with the original issuing agencies and then scanning and storing the documents electronically.

States were given three years to comply with the REAL ID Act, which was signed into law May 11. Driver's licenses from states that do not meet the new federal standards by the deadline could not be used for federal purposes, such as boarding an airplane or entering certain federal buildings.

Federal rules that have yet to be released will shed more light on certain aspects of the law and help states get a better handle on the total operational impact and cost. For instance the law isn't clear as to how states will have to verify identification documents with issuing agencies. Because there isn't currently a network in place to verify birth certificates with every county or jurisdiction that issues them, they may have to be checked manually before driver's licenses could be issued. It's also unclear at this point if current drivers would be subject to all the new identification requirements.

Although states face many logistical hurdles to implement the changes, the biggest obstacle may be the cost. White said it's too early to put a price tag on Illinois' changes, but he said the federal government should reimburse states for their expenses.

Gov. Blagojevich Vetoes Three Gun Bills

In a move supported by police forces and municipalities across Illinois, Governor Rod R. Blagojevich vetoed three bills on July 31st that would have weakened protection designed to prevent criminals from purchasing and carrying guns, and destroyed a valuable police database. Governor Blagojevich's vetoes built on Friday's action that closed the gun-show loophole.

Governor Blagojevich vetoed Senate Bill 57, Senate Bill 2104, and House Bill 240, all bills backed by the National Rifle Association.

Senate Bill 57, if not vetoed, would have closed the gun-show loophole, but also required the destruction of the Illinois State Police's vital firearm purchases database. This database is used by the Illinois State Police to investigate gun crimes and prepare for raids on possible gun traffickers. Governor Blagojevich pushed for and helped pass Senate Bill 1333, which cleanly closes the gun-show loophole without impacting the database. The governor signed SB 1333 on Friday.

If it had not been vetoed, HB 340 would have eliminated the waiting-period for gun owners trading in firearms. This would have allowed an individual to trade-in a hunting rifle or small caliber handgun for a military-style assault weapon, without delay.

Senate Bill 2104 would have overridden local laws concerning transporting firearms. The veto of SB 2104 allows many towns and cities across Illinois, including Chicago, that have stricter firearms laws to keep their communities safe by enforcing laws that they deem appropriate.

Bioterrorism Summit

The recent terrorist attacks in London is a reminder that tragedy can strike anytime and anywhere. The Illinois Department of Public Health wants to ensure emergency personnel, hospitals, emergency response agencies, local public health departments and others are prepared, if and when, disaster hits the state.

To that end, the Department and the Illinois Public Health Association (IPHA) joined forces to co-sponsor a three-day Bioterrorism Summit 2005 - "Staying Strong and Vigilant in the Heartland" in St. Charles. It was designed to give participants the opportunity to share ideas and learn how to best prepare for natural disasters, environmental health accidents, terrorist attacks or disease outbreaks.

More than 700 participants from the Department, Illinois Emergency Management Agency, local health departments, police and fire departments, and hospital personnel throughout the state attended the fourth annual summit, which was paid for by a grant from the U.S. Centers for Diseases Control and Prevention (CDC).

State To Create Database Of Medical Professionals

Governor Rod R. Blagojevich signed key disaster preparedness legislation on July 22nd that will give state agencies the critical information they need to better coordinate public safety efforts in the event of a major disaster. House Bill 3819, sponsored by Sen. Mattie Hunter (D-Chicago) and Rep. Roger Jenisch (R-Bloomington), requires the Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) to create a database of all the licensed medical professionals in the state.

The Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation (IDFPR) will provide information on medical professionals to IDPH, which will be used to contact health care professionals to assist in a bioterrorist attack or massive public health emergency. The registry will include all active-status health care professionals who could be contacted to volunteer their medical skills during emergencies.

The law goes into effect immediately.

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Lipinski Opposes Central American Free Trade Agreement

On July 27th, Rep. Dan Lipinski voted against the Central American Free Trade Agreement (CAFTA) citing concerns about the loss of American jobs, poor labor standards, and lax environmental protections. The U.S. House of Representatives approved CAFTA on a 217-215 vote.

"Despite promises by proponents of various trade agreements such as the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) and the Chinese Permanent Normal Trade Relations (PNTR) pact, these deals have not produced American job growth," said Rep. Lipinski. "In fact, since entering NAFTA, the U.S. has lost nearly 2.5 million manufacturing jobs, including 47,000 here in Illinois alone."

CAFTA would implement a trade agreement between the United States, the Dominican Republic, and five Central American nations: Costa Rica, Honduras, Nicaragua, El Salvador and Guatemala. CAFTA would likely exacerbate our already record trade deficit. Last year, the United States had an unprecedented \$617 billion global trade deficit. The U.S. already runs a trade deficit of \$2 billion with the six CAFTA nations, and CAFTA most certainly has the potential to increase that. In addition, CAFTA does not require these countries to improve their environmental laws to meet any minimum standards, which are critical to improving water systems and protecting public health in these trading countries.

"Undoubtedly, trade is an important component of our national economy and I am a strong proponent of fair trade laws," Congressman Lipinski said. "I believe we should negotiate these trade deals to better protect American jobs, the environment, and fair-labor standards, and to encourage stronger economic growth."

CCAGW Urges Senate to Permanently Repeal Death Tax

On behalf of its more than one million members and supporters, the Council for Citizens Against Government Waste (CCAGW) on July 27th urged the Senate to permanently repeal the estate tax. Senate Majority Leader Bill Frist (R-Tenn.) has signaled his intentions to push a vote on the issue before the end of the week. The House of Representatives has already passed the Death Tax Repeal Permanency Act of 2005 (H.R. 8). After working for months, a group of senators has failed to agree on a compromise bill that keeps the estate tax in place at a lower rate.

Prior to the temporary repeal of the death tax in 2001, families who inherited an estate with a value of \$650,000 or more were subject to a 55 percent tax. The tax cut package gradually reduced estate tax rates and increased the exemption. However, these changes will disappear and the death tax will return in full force in 2011. Without passage of H.R. 8, Americans who own a home and have invested some of their earnings in the stock market for their retirement could see a large portion of their estate disappear.

A study conducted in 2001 by Douglas Holtz-Eakin and Donald Marples shows that eliminating the estate tax would correspond to increased household savings of between \$800 and \$3,000 annually. A recent report by the American Council for Capital Formation concluded that U.S. estate tax rates are among the highest in the world. The top U.S. federal marginal death tax rate is higher than that of all other countries surveyed except for Japan and Korea. The lowest tax rate in the U.S. - at 45 percent - is also nearly twice as high as the average top foreign tax rates.

Homecare Bill Signed Into Law

Governor Rod Blagojevich (D-IL) has signed SB 159, a homecare bill, into law. This bill was initiated by the National Private Duty Association, who worked in partnership with the Illinois HomeCare Council and Life Services Network to lobby for support for the bill. The bill was also supported by AARP, Illinois Hospital Association (IHA), Alzheimer's Association - Greater Illinois Chapter, and others.

SB 159 will provide safeguards for home care consumers and workers. This bill was originally sponsored in the Senate by Sen. Maggie Crotty (D-Oak Forest) and Rep. Sidney Mathias (R-Arlington Heights). The bill in total was co-sponsored by 49 senators and representatives.

The bill creates a licensure program for home services and home nursing agencies under the Illinois Department of Public Health. Home Services Agencies provide services directly, or as a placement agency, for the purpose of placing individuals as workers providing specified services for consumers in their personal residence. The services being provided include: assistance with activities of daily living; housekeeping; personal laundry; and, companionship.

The license will be based on a social model and will ensure consumer and worker protection through the requirement of criminal background checks and notifications of each parties' rights and responsibilities. It also requires workers to report elder abuse, neglect or financial exploitation. The council believes it will impact approximately 500 agencies in Illinois which are not currently required to be licensed to provide non-medical care of this type. Licensure will go into effect Sept. 1, 2008. In putting these changes into place, it is ensuring consumer protection and quality of care.

SCORE Workshop

Attend a half-day workshop on Tuesday, Aug. 9th, offered by SCORE, Counselors to America's Small Business. Learn how to find your prospects and keep them as customers. This workshop is the second of four required for a SCORE Workshop Completion Certificate, helpful when seeking a loan. Attendees should be in business or planning to start a business.

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All Points Southwest

By THOMAS E. GAVIN

Last week U.S. Senator Dick Durbin alerted All-Points that the U.S. House passed an energy bill which could have a major impact on the daily lives of most Americans. He further noted that the President is expected to sign this legislation. According to Senator Durbin, "Congress had an opportunity to pass a comprehensive energy policy, but we fell short of achieving this important goal. The legislation does not fully address the most critical energy issue facing Americans today: our growing dependence on foreign oil and the impact this dependence has on our economic security and national security."

"Thankfully, this bill contains a renewable standard that increases the use of domestically produced renewable fuels to 7.5 billion gallons by 2012. This will reduce oil consumption by 2 billion barrels cumulatively over the next 7 years. This change will be good for America's economy, good for our energy security, and good for Illinois farmers. More than 40% of the ethanol consumed in the U.S. annually is produced from corn grown in Illinois. Illinois farmers stand ready and eager to meet the new challenges in this bill. I believe the renewable fuels standard can lead to greater energy security for our nation."

Senator Durbin voted for the passage of this energy bill, even though he felt that a more comprehensive plan may have been initiated. He stated that "this is only the beginning, and not the end, of the energy debate in America."

Closer to home, State Senator Ed Maloney (D-18) recently announced that the Senate Higher Education Committee will hold a hearing to explore graduation rates from Illinois' public universities.

The Higher Education Committee is looking to fine-tune higher education policies in Illinois in order to increase graduation rates, leading to a brighter future for our young people, better and more abundant job opportunities, and a stronger Illinois economy.

The meeting will take place this Thursday, August 4th in Room 302 of the University of Illinois-Chicago's Student Center East Tower (formerly Chicago Circle Center), 750 South Halsted. The meeting starts at 9:30 a.m.

Subjects expected to be discussed include: admission criteria, graduation rates, and the relationship between the two.

Moraine Valley Community College's Economic Development Council for the Southwest Suburbs (EDCSS) is seeking nominations for its 11th annual Small Business Awards Program. The goal of this program is to recognize the valuable contribution small businesses and their advocates make to the economic development of Chicago's southwest suburbs.

Nominations are being accepted for awards in five categories: Small Business Person of the Year; Government Contractor of the Year (Federal, State or Local); Business Advocate of the Year; Entrepreneur of the Year; and the Training Excellence Award.

The deadline for submitting nominations is Thursday, Sept. 1st. All winners will be honored at a luncheon at Silver Lake Country Club in Orland Park on Wednesday, Oct. 26th.

For more information or to receive a nomination packet, call Carol Malina at (708) 974-5714 or e-mail malina@morainevalley.edu.

The Village of Orland Park has announced that their 2nd Annual "Taste of Orland Park" will be held this weekend, August 5th-7th. Eighteen Orland Park restaurants are participating, offering a variety of specialties and beverages. The Orland Park Village Center, 14700 South Ravinia Drive (1 block west of LaGrange Road/US 45) will be the center of community attention this Friday through Sunday.

The restaurants participating include: Café-Gaston, Connie's Pizza, 94 West, Fox's Orland Pub, El Famous Burrito, Kelly's Seafood & Chicken, Harrison's Restaurant & Brewery, R.C. Mulligan's, Oberweis Dairy, Mo's Chinese Kitchen, Orland Meat Market, Original Six Bar and Grill, Orland Wine & Spirits, Taj Majal, Deli & Catering, Papa Joe's, Sam Maguire's, Pizza Trio & Palermo's.

This year's event features more restau-

rants, food vendors having pop and water available at their booths, and a variety of wine, beer and specialty drinks.

Two stages will offer continuous live entertainment throughout the weekend with the main stage showcasing a number of Chicago-area bands playing all types of music. The community stage will feature children's entertainment, local organizations and a return performance of the Village of Orland Park Theatre Troupe's Adult Comedy Improv Team.

Orland Park's Chamber of Commerce and Lions Club will host Bingo inside the Civic Center and a Classic Car Show will be held at the Humphrey Center on Sunday from noon until 5 p.m. Additionally, on Sunday, Aug. 7th, Orland Park's best karaoke performer will be chosen at the final karaoke competition that will be held from 5 through 8:45 p.m. This year's winner will receive an \$800 travel voucher, compliments of Orland Square Travel.

Southwest area residents are eagerly awaiting the free annual "Concert Under the Stars" coming to Crestwood's Caesar Park, 141st & Kenton, on Sunday, Aug. 14th. Franz Benteler and the Royal Strings will entertain one-and-all, compliments of Crestwood Mayor Chester Stranczek.

Franz Benteler and the Royal Strings continue to weave their musical magic with a variety of classical, pop, show tunes and time-honored favorites. The musicians will mingle with the audience as they play for them.

Some seating is provided, however, those who wish to enjoy the evening a-la-Ravinia style are encouraged to bring blankets and folding chairs. Gates will open at 5 p.m. and the concert will commence at 7 p.m. sharp. Refreshments are available at a nominal cost. For more information, call the Biela Center at (708) 371-4860. This is always a memorable night.

The Chicago Southland region will host two major events later this year in a concerted effort to raise the profile of the region as an association and corporate meeting destination, according to Chicago Southland Convention & Visitors Bureau Senior Sales Executive Mary Patchin.

The Illinois Society of Association Executives chose the Chicago Southland for their Summer Education Session, Aug. 4th to 6th. Over 125 association meeting planners and suppliers from across the state will visit the Southland, with regional hotels and attractions participating in related events.

The Tinley Park Holiday Inn Select and Convention Center serves as the host hotel, with several meals at the Hilton Oak Lawn and the Holiday Inn Matteson. The group will also spend an afternoon in a Teambuilding Exercise at Iron Oaks Environmental Learning Center in Olympia Fields, and an evening of baseball at the Windy City ThunderBolts in Crestwood.

Oct. 25th brings the Hospitality Sales and Marketing Association International's (HSMAI) Meetings Quest show to the Tinley Park Convention Center. This trade show for meeting planners is one of eight annual shows produced across the U.S. by JT Dunn and HSMAI.

Approximately 200-250 meeting planners are expected for the show, with over 60 exhibitors from across the country coming to the Chicago Southland to discuss their future meetings and events with destinations, hotels and resorts.

Patchin also indicated other major industry trade shows and sporting events are in the works for the Chicago Southland, with the bureau Sales Team putting finishing touches on bids for shows and events. For more information call the CSVB at (708) 895-8200.

LEGAL NOTICE CRESTWOOD PLAN COMMISSION AUGUST 22, 2005 AT 8:00 P.M.

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NOTICE is hereby given that the Village of Crestwood Plan Commission will conduct a Public Hearing on Monday, August 22, 2005 at 8:00 P.M. in the Crestwood Village Hall, 13840 So. Cicero Avenue, Crestwood, IL upon the "Request for Special Use" filed by Timothy Palmquist, Best Buy Stores, L.P., 7601 Penn Avenue South, Richfield, MN 55423, seeking a special use to permit the installation of automotive accessories (such as radios & telephones) upon the property commonly known as 13101 So. Cicero Avenue, Crestwood, Illinois and legally described as:

PARCEL 1:

THAT PART OF LOT 23 IN MATHIEU'S SUBDIVISION IN THE NORTHWEST 1/4 OF THE SOUTHWEST 1/4 OF SECTION 34, TOWNSHIP 37 NORTH, RANGE 13 EAST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED OCTOBER 22, 1957 AS DOCUMENT NUMBER 14173824- IN COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS, DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

COMMENCING AT A POINT ON THE NORTHERLY LINE OF SAID LOT 23, 194.26 FEET SOUTHEASTERLY OF THE NORTHWEST CORNER THEREOF; THENCE CONTINUING SOUTHEASTERLY ALONG THE NORTHERLY LINE OF SAID LOT 23, 278.35 FEET; THENCE SOUTHWESTERLY ALONG A LINE WHICH FORMS AN ANGLE OF 100 DEGREES AS MEASURED FROM NORTHWEST TO THE WEST TO SOUTHWEST FROM THE LAST DESCRIBED COURSE, 269.75 FEET TO THE NORTHERLY LINE OF ROUTE 83, ALSO BEING THE SOUTHERLY LINE OF LOT 23, AFORESAID; THENCE NORTHWESTERLY ALONG THE NORTHERN LINE OF ROUTE 83, 225.78 FEET; THENCE NORTHEASTERLY ALONG A LINE WHICH FORMS AN ANGLE OF 83 DEGREES 11 MINUTES 29 SECONDS AS MEASURED FROM NORTHWEST TO NORTHEAST FROM THE LAST DESCRIBED COURSE, 143.39 FEET; THENCE NORTHWESTERLY ALONG A LINE WHICH FORMS AN ANGLE OF 120 DEGREES 08 MINUTES 58 SECONDS AS MEASURED FROM SOUTHWEST TO WEST TO NORTHWEST FROM THE LAST COURSE 100 FEET; THENCE NORTH ALONG A LINE PARALLEL TO THE WEST LINE OF SAID LOT 23, 41.40 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, EAST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, IN COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS

PARCEL 2:

A TRACT OF LAND, DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

BEGINNING AT A POINT MARKED BY AN IRON ROD LOCATED 298.41 FEET SOUTH OF THE EAST AND WEST CENTER LINE OF SECTION 34, TOWNSHIP 37 NORTH, RANGE 13 EAST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN (KNOWN AS WORTH TOWNSHIP, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS) AND 33 FEET EAST OF THE WEST LINE OF SAID SECTION (WHICH IS THE CENTER LINE OF CICERO AVENUE) ON THE EASTERLY RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF CICERO AVENUE, THENCE 17 FEET EASTERLY AT 90 DEGREES TO SAID RIGHT OF WAY LINE TO A POINT MARKED BY AN IRON ROD; THENCE 12 DEGREES 22 MINUTES 25 SECONDS TO THE RIGHT FROM THE PROLONGATION OF THE LAST COURSE 152 FEET TO A POINT MARKED BY AN IRON ROD; THENCE 49 DEGREES 39 MINUTES 30 SECONDS TO THE RIGHT FROM THE PROLONGATION OF THE LAST COURSE 100 FEET TO A POINT MARKED BY AN IRON ROD; THENCE 99 DEGREES 51 MINUTES 02 SECONDS TO THE RIGHT FROM THE PROLONGATION OF THE LAST COURSE 143.39 FEET TO A POINT MARKED BY AN IRON ROD WHICH POINT IS THE NORTHERLY RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF AND 50 FEET AT RIGHT ANGLES TO THE CENTER LINE OF CALUMET SAG ROAD, (ILLINOIS STATE ROUTE 83); THENCE 96 DEGREES 48 MINUTES 31 SECONDS TO THE RIGHT FROM THE PROLONGATION OF THE LAST COURSE ALONG SAID RIGHT OF WAY, 79.03 FEET TO A POINT MARKED BY A CROSS AT WHICH POINT THE LAST DESCRIBED COURSE BECOMES TANGENT TO A CURVE TO THE RIGHT HAVING A RADIUS OF 200 FEET; THENCE NORTHWESTERLY ALONG THE ARC OF THE CURVE 178.57 FEET TO A POINT MARKED BY A CROSS AT WHICH POINT THE CURVE BECOMES TANGENT TO THE EASTERLY RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF CHICAGO AVENUE AND 33 FEET AT RIGHT ANGLES FROM THE CENTER LINE OF SAID CICERO AVENUE; THENCE NORTHERLY PARALLEL TO THE CENTER LINE OF CICERO AVENUE, 37.16 FEET TO THE PLACE OF BEGINNING, THE ABOVE PART OF LOT 23 IN MATHIEU'S SUBDIVISION IN SECTION 34, TOWNSHIP 37 NORTH, RANGE 13 EAST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, (EXCEPT THAT PART WITHIN THE WEST 50 FEET OF SECTION 34), IN COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS

PARCEL 3:

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Emergency Loans for Disaster Areas

After visiting drought-damaged fields in Northern and Central Illinois, July 27th, Governor Rod R. Blagojevich congratulated the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) for designating all but one of Illinois' 102 counties as agricultural disaster areas. The Governor formally requested a disaster declaration from the federal government for Illinois counties hit hard by this summer's drought. The USDA's decision will allow farmers and ranchers to apply for federal assistance. The Governor applauded U.S. Agriculture Secretary Mike Johanns and the USDA for their quick response.

The announcement will make all qualified farm operators eligible for low-interest emergency (EM) loans provided by the Farm Service Agency (FSA). Farmers in eligible counties may apply for the loans up to eight months from the date of the declaration to cover part of their actual losses.

In addition to EM loans, USDA has made several other programs available to assist farmers and ranchers in recovering from damage by this year's drought including the Emergency Conservation Program, Federal Crop Insurance, and the Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program.

Cook and Will counties were among the 93 counties designated as primary disaster areas due to the drought.

Boost Use Of Biodiesel

In another aggressive effort to promote energy independence, Governor Rod R. Blagojevich on July 28th signed into law a measure to boost the use of biodiesel throughout Illinois. The law requires state government, county and local governments, school districts, universities and community colleges and mass transit agencies to fuel their diesel vehicles with 2 percent biodiesel, a renewable fuel typically made from soybeans.

This new law, the second bill the Governor has signed this summer to promote biodiesel, solidifies Illinois' status as the nation's leading biodiesel user. Early this summer, Gov. Blagojevich approved legislation that provides rebates for drivers using fuels with a minimum 20 percent biodiesel blend.

State facilities already use 2 percent biodiesel fuel in accordance with an executive order issued by the Governor in 2004. Local governments, community colleges and mass transit systems will now join the state in boosting biodiesel use.

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House Bill 112 is effective July 1, 2006.



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PARCEL 4:

THAT PART OF THE SOUTHWEST 1/4 OF SECTION 34, TOWNSHIP 37 NORTH, RANGE 13 EAST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: COMMENCING AT THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF LOT 23 IN MATHIEU'S SUBDIVISION OF PART OF SAID SOUTHWEST 1/4 OF SECTION 34; THENCE SOUTH 59 DEGREES 53 MINUTES 12 SECONDS EAST ALONG THE NORTH LINE OF SAID LOT 23, SAID NORTH LINE ALSO BEING THE SOUTH LINE OF THE METROPOLITAN SANITARY NORTH LINE OF SAID LOT 23 WITH THE NORTH WALL OF AN EXISTING TWO STORY FRAME BUILDING COMMONLY KNOWN AS 13101 SOUTH

CICERO AVENUE; THENCE NORTH 89 DEGREES 10 MINUTES 56 SECONDS EAST ALONG SAID NORTH WALL FOR A DISTANCE OF 18.47 FEET TO THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF AFORESAID FRAME BUILDING; THENCE SOUTH 0 DEGREES 49 MINUTES 04 SECONDS EAST ALONG THE EAST WALL OF AFORESAID FRAME BUILDING, SAID WALL EXTENDED SOUTH, FOR A DISTANCE OF 11.07 FEET TO A POINT ON THE NORTH LINE OF SAID LOT 23; THENCE NORTH 59 DEGREES 53 MINUTES 12 SECONDS WEST ALONG THE NORTH LINE OF SAID LOT 23 FOR A DISTANCE OF 21.53 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; ALL IN COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS.

At which time and place, interested persons may attend and will be afforded an opportunity to be heard during the Plan Commission's deliberations and considerations relating to the Plan Commission's proposed recommendation and advice to the Village Board as to the formal action to be taken upon the subject request for special use.

In addition, the Plan Commission will consider written comments pertaining to the subject "Special Use Request", which comments may be submitted at the Public Hearing of August 22, 2005 at 8:00 P.M. or submitted to the Crestwood Plan Commission by delivery to the office of the Village Clerk, directed to the Plan Commission, prior to the date and time of this Public Hearing.

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ENTERTAINMENT NEWS

Chicago To Welcome Its First Annual International Rowing Regatta

Chicago will welcome its first annual International Rowing Regatta to the city on Friday, Aug. 5th on the Main Branch of the Chicago River.

The Regatta is being organized by the Chicago River Rowing and Paddling Center, and will feature races by the United States National Rowing Team, and Gold Medalists from the 2004 Olympics in Athens, Greece. The teams will race against the backdrop of the Trump Tower site, the Wrigley Building, the Aon Building and other architectural sites along the river.

Rowers will race in pairings of eight and four person rowing shells between noon and 3 p.m. on Aug. 5th. Each race will begin at Wolf Point, just west of the Franklin Street Bridge, and conclude at the Centennial Fountain at McClurg St.

The athletes will be on hand the afternoon of Thursday,

Aug. 4th at Daley Plaza to discuss their sport, as well as at a fundraising reception that evening at the Union League Club. The day of the Regatta will include banners, hospitality tents and spectators lining both sides of the river. Thousands are anticipated to attend.

Proceeds from the Chicago International Rowing Regatta and reception will benefit the US National Rowing Team and the construction of a community boating center on the Main Branch of the Chicago River under the auspices of the Chicago River Rowing and Paddling Center.

For more information on the Regatta, visit www.chicagoregatta.com.

Illinois Railway Museum

This is to help you keep track of all of the events coming down the line for you at Illinois Railway Museum at 7000 Olson Road in Union, Illinois. So, de-rail yourself from the daily hum-drum and get on board.

On August 7th, you have a chance to see the largest display of antique motor vehicles in Illinois! There will be more than 500 antique autos, trucks, fire engines, motorcycles, military vehicles and buses on display at the Illinois Railway Museum.

Visitors can ride the Museum's vintage streetcars to various display areas, and ride the trains on the mainline as well. Vintage music will be provided by the West End Jazz Band as they stroll through the heart of the Museum.

One admission fee covers all train rides and vehicle displays. Adults are \$12; Children 5-11 and seniors over 62+ are \$10. Children under five are free.

On August 19th through the 21st, and also on the 27th and 28th children can enjoy a Day Out With Thomas. It's the 60th anniversary of the popular children's character, the little blue tank engine, Thomas.

You and your kids will have the opportunity to spend the day being entertained by storytelling, face painting, clowns and, of course, riding trains and streetcars.

Tickets, which are \$16 each for ages 2 through adult, entitle you to participate in all activities including a reserved time Thomas Ride. Dining and restroom facilities are available on site.

On September 3rd through the 5th, enjoy a last blast of summer vacation at the Museum. Ride the trains and streetcars, picnic under the trees or eat on the patio at the diner. On Monday, Labor Day, West End Jazz Band returns as the Jazz Trolley winds its way through the Museum.

Tickets are \$9 for adults and \$7 for children age 5-11 and seniors 62+. Children under 5 are free.

Parking is free for all of these events. For more information, call 1-800-BIG-RAIL.

BAPA Hosts Music Under The Stars

Live music by Rich Daniels and the City Lights Orchestra sets the tone for family fun under the summer sky on Sunday, Aug. 7th from 6 to 10 p.m. at Music Under the Stars, the Beverly Area Planning Association's annual summer family concert. The evening includes picnic foods and beverages, Original Rainbow Cones, and fireworks bursting among the stars on the grounds of Morgan Park Academy, 2153 W. 111th St.

Rich Daniels and the City Lights Orchestra take the stage at 7 p.m. to perform contemporary, popular, swing, big band and jazz. This popular band has played throughout the United States and abroad, and accompanied a variety of topnotch musicians and groups, including Garth Brooks, Louis Bellson, Mel Torme, Tony Bennett, Michael Bolton, Ray Charles, The Temptations and Manhattan Transfer. Specializing in the big band sound that gets the audience tapping their toes or heading for the dance floor, the City Lights Orchestra has a repertoire that spans generations.

John and Maria Bell of the Dance Gallery will be back to lead free lessons in ballroom and swing dancing. With their smooth dancing style and cordial instruction, the Bells make dancing under the stars fun and easy! Arrive promptly at 6 p.m. to take advantage of these free lessons!

Seating for Music Under the Stars is on the lawn of Morgan Park Academy, one of Chicago's oldest and most beautiful private school campuses. Bring blankets or chairs from home, or rent chairs for \$1 each. Groups of eight or more are invited to reserve a table in advance for \$90.

Picnic-style fare and beverages will be available for purchase from Calabria Imports, My Boy Jack's and Town Liquor, or pack a picnic basket. Original Rainbow Cone will be serving up Beverly/Morgan Park's favorite ice cream treats.

A fireworks display follows the concert. There is no rain date.

The donation for tickets is \$10 per person or \$20 per family (one or two adults with children) in advance; \$12 per person or \$22 per family at the door; or \$8 for seniors. Purchase advance tickets through BAPA, 10233 S. Wood St., (773) 233-3100, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday through Friday; at Town Liquors, 10000 S. Western, and County Fair Foods, 10800 S. Western, during business hours, or online at www.bapa.org.

Proceeds from this event benefit the Beverly Area Planning Association's community safety programs. Other BAPA program areas include housing historic preservation, school support, commercial development and marketing.

CLASS REUNIONS

Chicago Vocational High School class of 1981 is looking for classmates. Email cvs1981@aol.com.

Wentworth Elementary School class of June 1955 seeks alumni for a Sept. 9th reunion. Call Betty at (708) 478-1880 or Jim at (630) 789-6803.

Steinmetz High School class of 1950 will hold its reunion on Sept. 9th at 5 p.m. at Eaglewood Resort and Spa, 1401 Nordica, Itasca (\$60). Call (847) 825-2043 or (847) 823-0738.

CANCELLED - Gage Park High School Alumni Committee - January and June Classes of 1949, 1950 and 1951 - has regretfully cancelled the reunion scheduled for Sept. 24th. All reservations received will be refunded as soon as possible.

St. Clare de Montefalco School class of 1971 is seeking alumni. Contact class 1971reunion@yahoo.com.

Mendel High School - "All Year Reunion" honoring the class of 1955 on their 50th anniversary is planned for November. Contact Ron Dubin at RONHAWKS@AOL.COM.

St. Walter School - Golden Jubilee, All-School Reunion on Saturday, Sept. 24th, 4 p.m. Mass. Visit web site www.st.walter.com.

Kelly High School - All classes will hold a reunion dinner/dance on Oct. 8th at 6:30 p.m. at Drury Lane, 100 Oak Brook Terrace. Call (773) 523-3663.

Julian High School - 30th Anniversary Celebration on Oct. 28th and 29th. Call (773) 535-5170, ext. 300.

Mercy High School class of 1955 is looking for classmates for a reunion on Oct. 15th at noon at the Hilton, 9333 Cicero Ave. in Oak Lawn. Call (708) 385-3638.



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ENTERTAINMENT NEWS

Moraine Valley Foundation Seeks Sponsors For Golf Outing

The Moraine Valley Community College Foundation will host its 24th annual golf outing on Wednesday, Sept. 14, at the Silver Lake Country Club, 147th St. and 82nd Ave. in Orland Park. Proceeds from the event will help fund the Foundation's scholarship program, and other programs at the college.

The Foundation's annual golf outing provides many opportunities for community participation and support through various levels of sponsorship and underwriting. All sponsors will receive recognition on the course, in the clubhouse, and in the program. All donations are tax deductible to the extent allowed by law and will be acknowledged with an official gift receipt and letter.

Sponsorship opportunities include: Dinner Sponsor, sponsor the grilled steak and chicken shish kebab buffet dinner for all golfers, the company's name and logo will be prominently displayed in the banquet room during dinner; Associate Event Sponsor, promote company and logo prominently at the golf outing, distribute the company's promotional materials to each golfer; Golf Car Sponsor, promote company with a customized logo on all golf carts, company will be featured in the presentation prior to the dinner; T-Shirt Sponsor, promote company with a customized logo on cotton T-shirts for all the golfers; Hole and Foursome Sponsor, promote company with a customized sign at the tee box of company's hole for a foursome to golf; Hole in one Sponsor, sponsors big prizes on all par three holes; Photography Sponsor, promote company by sponsoring souvenir photographs of a foursome for each golfer; Hole Sponsor, promotes company with a customized sign at a tee box; and Prize Donor, contribute prizes, promotional items or gift certificates for the silent auction, or donate cash to purchase prizes and giveaways. Sponsorship opportunities will be available up to the date of the event, but in order for a company to be recognized in printed materials the foundation will need to be notified by Friday, Aug. 26th.

For more information about sponsorship, call the Foundation Office at (708) 974-5740. For news media inquiries, call Josh Reinhart, public relations generalist, at (708) 974-5742 or e-mail reinhart@morainevalley.edu.

Mendota's Annual Sweet Corn Festival

Mark your calendar for one of the Midwest's largest harvest festivals, Mendota's Annual Sweet Corn Festival on Aug. 11th, 12th, 13th and 14th. It promises fun and excitement for the entire family. Best of all, it will definitely fit your budget, it's jam packed with free entertainment!

The Mendota Area Chamber of Commerce, sponsor of the event, is gearing up to welcome over 60,000 visitors to their community.

The festivities begin Thursday evening, Aug. 11th at 6 p.m. Food booths serving a multitude of ethnic, regional and festival delights, along with merchandise and commercial booths, open at that time. Illinois Valley Rides with rides and games will be in full swing with the addition of "The Avalanche" to their lineup of thrills - it's Family Night at the carnival!

Friday's events will begin just prior to noon, it's "Kids Day" at the Fest, the midway will open and the carnival will offer an "armband special" from noon to 4 p.m. Illinois Valley Christian Fellowship will be providing a rest and cooling area throughout the weekend in the 800 block of Washington St.

Saturday's lineup of fun gets underway at 9 a.m. with the opening of the Crafters Market Place & Flea Market. Over 200 dealers in handmade crafts and unique merchandise are expected in Veterans' Park and the Elks Club parking lot/Jefferson Street show areas, these locations are 7 block apart downtown.

The Youth Parade, sponsored by the Mendota Optimist Club, will take place mid-morning and winds its way downtown to the AMCORE stage where the Mini Royalty Pageant, sponsored by Plano Molding Company of Mendota, will then take place.

The carnival, midway food and merchandise booths, as well as the First State Bank hospitality tent, open for the day at 10:30 a.m. on both Saturday and Sunday.

The Fest becomes a "Fiesta" on Saturday afternoon at 2:30 with the addition of a performance by "Zapopan Mariachi." Schimmer Pontiac-Buick-Chevrolet invites you to the AMCORE stage area to enjoy this exciting group.

Sunday is a very busy day and festivities begin early with a Fly-In, Drive-In breakfast at Grandpa's Farm Airport, where a country breakfast is served. The Crafters Market Place & Flea Market open for the day downtown at 9 a.m.

One of the highlights of this super day of fun will be the Festival Grand Parade at 1 p.m. as it streams down the tree-lined streets with over 100 units, including floats, bands, Shriners, and antique and classic vehicles.

So that you can take some of the memories of Mendota's Sweet Corn Fest home with you, fresh Del Monte Sweet Corn will be sold by the bag on Friday, Saturday and Sunday afternoons by the Mendota Chamber.

Don't miss the excitement, for the Festival offers a variety of entertainment events for the entire family. The events take place primarily in the downtown area, and with the exception of the beer garden, have neither admission fees nor parking fees.

For a listing of events and times, check out their web site at www.sweetcornfestival.com or for a free brochure, contact the Mendota Chamber at (815) 539-6508 or email them at mendotachamber@yahoo.com.

Pie In The Park

The second annual Pie In The Park and Old Fashioned Ice Cream Social will be held in the park in Bishop Hill, Illinois on Aug. 13 from 1 to 4 p.m.

A pie judging contest will be held and all pie bakers are encouraged to enter by submitting an entry form and two identical pies. One will be for the contest and the other will be for the silent auction to be held after the presentation of awards for the winning pies. A pie walk will be held, with live music provided by the Beanwalkers, who will also provide an afternoon of music during the Old Fashioned Ice Cream Social.

Homemade ice cream provided by The Red Oak Dining Room and homebaked pies will be served, along with coffee courtesy of the Colony Store. Cost is \$3 per person. A children's Chomparoo, pie eating contest, will begin at 3 p.m. And the popular pie throwing event will conclude the day's events; pies will be auctioned off for the pleasure of putting a pie in the face of some very brave volunteers. This is sure to be a good time, with good food, good music and good clean fun.

This event is sponsored by the Bishop Hill Guest & Commerce Association. All proceeds from this event will be used to promote Bishop Hill and the Bishop Hill web-site www.bishophill.com.

Antique Tool Show & Sale

A chance to see the hand tools that built America returns to Garfield Farm Museum in LaFox, Ill. on Sunday, Aug. 7th at the 13th annual Antique Tool Show & Sale from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. This is the only joint Midwestern show of the Early American Industries Assn. (EAIA) and the Mid-West Tool Collectors Assn. (MWTCA) open to the public. Members of both organizations will have 19th and 20th century tools on display and explain how the tools were used.

This annual show is a rare opportunity because it is open to the general public. Antique tool shows of this caliber are usually reserved only for members of collecting associations. If one has seen an old tool and been curious about what it was or used for, this is an opportunity to talk with experts. In addition, many of the collectors are the last American generation to have a close association with hand tools. Computer design and robotics have replaced many tool and die craftsmen that made this hi-tech age possible. "This show documents the passing of an era," said Jerome Johnson, museum director. "This is an opportunity to ask that retiring generation of tool workers what life was like."

The members of these two exceptional

organizations go to great lengths to research and understand the tools they collect. Their work not only preserves the actual tools for the future, but also preserves the associated skills and crafts. In the past, there have been over 40 participating collectors offering parts of their collection for sale often to pay for their latest prized acquisitions.

Visitors and novice collectors will find this a wonderful opportunity to experience the wide variety collection themes and learn the value of tools. Many visitors have come with an old tool from the barn or basement and left with a great wealth of knowledge. The museum will also be offering tours of the 1846 teamster inn and tavern beginning at 10 a.m. Regular Sunday tours of the museum will continue after 1 p.m. when the show concludes. Show admission for adults is \$5 and children 12 years and under is \$2.

Garfield Farm Museum is a 370-acre historically intact former 1840s prairie farmstead and teamster inn, which is being restored as an 1840s living history farm museum. The museum has had support from over 2,700 households from 37 states to save and preserve the site. Garfield Farm Museum is a 501-c-3 not-for-profit organization which greatly depends on individual memberships and donations to meet the operating and educational programming expenses.

For more information on how you can help preserve this wonderful link to our nation's past, contact Garfield Farm Museum at (630) 584-8485 or e-mail info@garfieldfarm.org.

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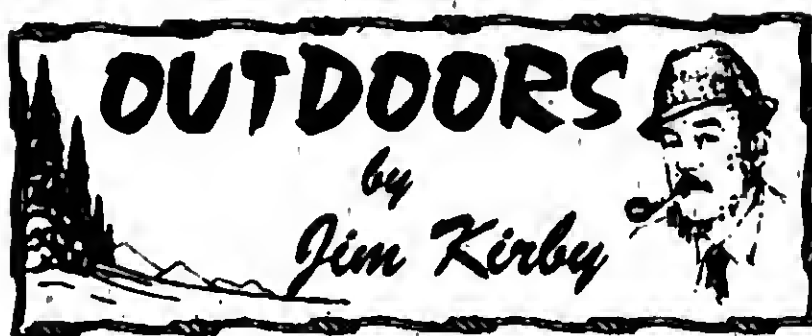
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The lights on boat trailers take a lot of abuse. They are exposed to the elements, regularly submerged in fresh and saltwater, and subjected to bad roads and rough boat ramps. It is not unusual for lenses to crack and break or for lights to burn out.

When replacing or repairing trailer lights, it is important for boat owners to remember that not all trailer lights are created equally - particularly when comparing standard incandescent lights to the newer light emitting diode (LED) lights that are available today.

ShoreLand'r, a leading manufacturer of boat trailers, has researched the advantages and disadvantages of both technologies and offers consumers these insights and suggestions when purchasing a new trailer or replacement lights for an existing trailer.

"ShoreLand'r is closely watching LED light technology and we're waiting for the DOT to establish specific standards for LEDs," says Butch Williams, ShoreLand'r sales representative. "Currently, the LED lights that match or exceed the quality and performance of incandescent lights are significantly more expensive."

The long life expectancy of an LED lamp means that better technology and greater care must be taken during the design and production of the lamp. This translates into a higher initial cost but lower replacement costs over the life of the trailer.

There are some distinct advantages to LED lights such as lower amperage draw, instant-on capability for quicker reaction time and the ability to integrate features like flash, strobe and synchronization without any external switching systems. However, the trailer experts at ShoreLand'r point out that the advancement from incandescent to LED diodes is a huge leap in technology that is similar to going from analog to digital. Adapting the application of LEDs to boat trailers will take more time and study to perfect.

"Boat owners will benefit from LED technology in the near future, but they should be very cautious about replacing their incandescent trailer lights until these issues are resolved," says Williams. For more information on trailer lights and the complete line of ShoreLand'r boat trailers, visit www.shorelandr.com or call 1-800-859-3028.

POWER OUTAGE KILLS 300,000 LAKE TROUT: A seven hour power outage at the federal fish hatchery in Warren, PA killed 300,000 lake trout that were ready to stock Lake Erie and Lake Ontario.

According to the USFW, a scheduled power outage for line repair was followed by a surge that blew out the hatchery's backup generator. The lake trout lived in concrete raceways that used pumps to circulate oxygenated water. About one-half of the 600,000 fish died, and stress could lead to more deaths. The yearlings were tagged and scheduled to stock Lakes Erie and Ontario early the following month.

The Warren hatchery was the sole supplier for lake trout for the lakes. In addition to the hatchery costs of the fish, the loss could have an impact on the recreational fishing industry. Lake trout are long-living fish that typically grow up to 20 lbs., so missing a year of them has long-term effects. (Credit to the Great Lakes Basin Report.)

PRODUCT WARNING AND RECALL NOTICE: Olin Corporation, through its Winchester Division, is recalling three lots of its Supreme 7mm Remington Magnum 150 Grain Ballistic Silvertip (BST) centerfire rifle ammunition (Symbol Number SBST7). Lot Numbers (last four characters): VL82 and VL92 AND VM10.

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Chi-Town Express Tryouts

The Chi-Town Express fast pitch softball organization will be holding tryouts for its 2005-06 season in early August. Chi-Town Express is one of the top organizations in the Midwest and plays against the best teams in the country each year.

Tryouts will be held for all age groups at Gower Middle School, 8100 S. Madison in Burr Ridge on the following dates: Saturday, Aug. 13th and Sunday, Aug. 14th, 10U from 8 to 10 a.m.; 12U, 10 a.m. to noon; 14U, Noon to 2 p.m.; 16U 2 to 4 p.m.; and 18U 4 to 6 p.m.

Players should arrive 20 minutes prior to scheduled start time to paperwork completion and warm-up. Obtain more information regarding Chi-Town Express at www.chitownexpress.com. Coach Mike Bavcevic can be emailed at coachmike@chitownexpress.com.

For the 2006 season Chi-Town will have teams at the following age groups: 10U, 12U Silver (11U), 12U Black, 14 U White (1st and 2nd year 14U players), 14 U Silver (Elite 1st year 14's), 14 U Black (Elite 2nd year 14's), 16 U Black (Elite 16's), 16 U Silver, and 18 U.

13th Annual Koi and Goldfish Show

The Midwest Pond and Koi Society is holding its 13th annual Koi and Goldfish Show on Aug. 26th, 27th and 28th at the Darien Sportsplex, 451 Plainfield Rd. in Darien. The event will be held from 6 to 9 p.m. on Aug. 26th, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Aug. 27th, and from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m. on Aug. 28th.

This is the largest Koi and Goldfish Show in the Midwest and one of the largest in the country. MPKS Club members and members of other Koi or Pond clubs will bring in their prize fish to be judged by nationally known judges of Koi and Goldfish. Pond and water gardeners, fish keepers and others who are interested in beautiful fish will enjoy this opportunity to see some of the most beautiful and exotic fish in the Midwest.

At the same time, the MPKS will host a Pond and Water Gardening Trade Show. Nationally known vendors and suppliers will offer products, services and live fish for sale. Typical items offered for sale are landscaping products and services, pond construction, pumps, pond supplies, live Koi and Goldfish, and aquatic plants.

Nationally known judges will conduct educational seminars on Sunday morning. The seminars will deal with areas of interest to fish enthusiasts.

Admission to the Koi and Goldfish/Trade Show is \$3 per

Explosion Tryouts

The Evergreen Park Explosion will be holding tryouts for their 12 and under and 16 and under teams for the 2006 season at Yukich Fields located at 90th & Kedzie.

The dates are: the 12u will be held on Aug. 12th from 6 to 7:30 p.m. and Aug. 13th from 10 a.m. to 12 noon; the 16u will be held on Aug. 20th and 21st from 10 a.m. to 12 noon.

If you have any questions,

Southwest Suburban Conference

The South-Inter Conference Association (SICA) will be disbanded after the 2005-06 school year and the "South Suburban Conference" will come into existence beginning 2006-07.

The new 11-team conference will consist of Tinley Park, Oak Forest, Oak Lawn, Argo, Bremen, Eisenhower, Evergreen Park, Hillcrest, Reavis, Richards and Shepard.

The reason for realignment was attributed to a supposed need for more "logical" conference boundary lines. However, some feel that it is partly a reaction to allegations of segregation against SICA received by the Illinois State Board of Education.

The Board is still following up on the accusations.

Women's Soccer Team Lands Scartozzi

Danielle Scartozzi, a junior midfielder from Calumet College in Whiting, Ind., has transferred to St. Xavier University in Chicago to continue her athletic and academic career as a member of the Cougar women's soccer program. Scartozzi, a native of Crete, played prep soccer at Crete-Monee High School before attending Calumet College.

Scartozzi is expected to continue play at the midfielder position this fall at SXU. She plans to pursue a degree in elementary education. She is the daughter of Tom and Dorrie Scartozzi.

contact Don Bachler (16 and under) at (708) 425-5268 or Tina Brettman (12 and under) at (708) 422-2754.



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YOUR SCALE: ANTICANCER ALLY

Next time you reach for your favorite dessert, remember: studies show that being overweight triggers high levels of the hormones leptin and estrogen. Too much of this can spur growth in abnormal cells and set the stage for cancer. Here are some new reasons to get on the weight loss bandwagon:

1. Adult leukemia has been found to almost double in overweight women compared with those of a healthy weight. A Minnesota Medical School study of over 37 thousand women has found.
2. Cancer of the esophagus was 3.7 times more likely among obese than normal weight people in a Vermont VA Medical Center review of nine studies including over 1,000 people with the disease.
3. Among 1,050 women, Stony Brook University researchers found that the very obese—over 232 pounds—were five times as likely to get colorectal cancer as healthy weight women.
4. Obese women had three times the risk of developing endometrial cancer over nine years as those at a healthy weight in a Dutch study of 62,600 women.

Ways to Decrease Your Appetite

Eating small amounts of healthy fat throughout the day can diminish your appetite according to University of California research. Fat signals your brain that you are full. Nuts, seeds, and olives are examples of healthy fats which can be used to replace carbs and saturated fats.

Another way to suppress appetite is by regular exercising. This tends to raise your endorphin levels in your brain and relaxes your nervous system. In turn you are less apt to reach for those high calorie snacks during the course of the day. What better opportunity than the summer months to get up and going on getting back into shape!

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Offer Water Exercise Programs

Waterford Estates, one of Chicagoland's finest retirement communities, proudly offers water exercise programs developed specifically for seniors, which provide a healthy balance of recreation and physical activity, promote cardiovascular fitness, reduce pain caused by arthritis and other conditions, improve flexibility and range of motion, and increase muscle strength and metabolism.

Water exercise has long been touted for its benefits, particularly among the senior population. The buoyancy of water provides a wonderful source of bodily support, thereby minimizing impact on feet, knees and hips. In chest-deep water, 90% of one's body weight remains supported, so that muscle pain associated with exercise is all but eliminated. Additionally, water exercise expends more energy than similar land-based exercise programs. For example, an older adult can burn 525 calories per hour of water exercise, compared to 240 calories on land. Best of all, no swimming skills are needed to enjoy the benefits of water exercise.

The indoor pool at Waterford Estates is maintained at a balmy 90 degrees, and ranges in depth from 3.5 to 5 feet deep, making it the perfect place for warm water exercise. Currently, classes are held weekly Monday through Friday, and are open to non-residents of Waterford Estates, as space allows.

For non-residents of Waterford Estates, there are several water exercise packages available. For a monthly

fee of \$35, you can attend up to 3 classes per week (these classes can be mixed between afternoon and evening time slots). For a monthly fee of \$24.50, you can attend up to 2 classes per week, however, these are only for the evening classes. If you want to pay as you go, a single class payment of \$4 will be required. Remember that advance registration is necessary for all classes.

For more information on Waterford Estates' outstanding water exercise program for seniors, call Diana Duda, Certified Arthritis/Aquatic Specialist, at (708) 755-8292. Waterford Estates is conveniently located at 17400 S. Kedzie Ave. in Hazel Crest.

Elder Abuse Awareness

Governor Blagojevich has proclaimed July as Elder Abuse Awareness Month in Illinois. The abuse, neglect and financial exploitation of the elderly is an extremely serious problem in our society. Over the past 12 months more than 8,600 reports of elder abuse were received through Illinois' elder abuse program.

Studies indicate that for every one reported case, 10 go unreported. This means that the vast majority of victims are suffering, often for years, because no one cares or knows to report the problem. Many victims suffer from multiple impairments, often involving Alzheimer or other forms of dementia, and most are subject to multiple types of abuse.

There is help for older persons who are being mistreated. If you suspect elder abuse, make a report to PLOWS Council on Aging at (708) 361-0219 or to the Senior HelpLine at (800) 252-8966 during regular business hours. On nights, weekends and holidays, reports are taken at (800) 279-0400. The identity of reporters is kept confidential and reporters are immune from criminal and civil liability.

PLOWS Council on Aging is a non-profit organization dedicated to assisting persons who are age 60 or older and who live in the townships of Palos, Lemont, Orland and Worth. PLOWS programs and services help clients to remain in their homes, living independently with dignity, in the community.

Food Service Certification Programs Are Being Offered

Safco Food Handlers Corp. is offering the Illinois State Food Service Sanitation Courses for certification and re-certification. Illinois requires a 15-hour (two-day) certification course; a 5-hour (one-day) re-certification course.

There is a course scheduled in Orland Park at Georgios Comfort Inn on Tuesday, Sept. 6th and 13th. Classes are also held in Alsip at the Baymont Inn & Suites on Tuesday, Aug. 9th and 16th and Monday, Sept. 26th and Oct. 3rd. The cost is \$150 for certification and \$75 for re-certification. The cost includes the instruction, course text and exam. To register, call (888) 793-5136.

First Two Human Cases Of West Nile Confirmed

A 55-year-old man from Kane County and a 55-year-old man from suburban Cook County are the first Illinois residents this year to be diagnosed with West Nile disease, Dr. Eric E. Whitaker, state public health director, announced.

Dr. Whitaker said the Kane County man became ill in mid-July and is hospitalized with West Nile encephalitis and the Cook County man, who reported some travel out-of-state, first experienced symptoms in late June and is hospitalized with West Nile disease.

West Nile virus is transmitted through the bite of a mosquito that has picked up the virus by feeding on an infected bird. Most people with the virus have no clinical symptoms of illness, but some may become ill three to 14 days after the bite of an infected mosquito.

Additional information about West Nile virus can be found on the Department's Web site at www.idph.state.il.us/envhealth/wnv.htm or people can call the West Nile Virus Hotline at (866) 369-9710 Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Government Practices Aimed At Pharmacies

Concerned Women for America (CWA) of Illinois applauds the efforts of Congressman Don Manzullo (R-IL), Chairman of the House Small Business Committee, who, presided over hearings regarding blatant and coercive government practices aimed at pharmacies.

On July 25th, Congressman Manzullo heard disturbing testimony about bullying tactics surfacing in various states, including Illinois, to force pharmacies to dispense the dangerous and controversial so-called "morning-after-pill" despite any moral, religious or other reservations. Governor Rod Blagojevich recently signed an Executive Order threatening Illinois pharmacies that resist dispensing the drug for any reason.

In addition, there are federal ploys in progress to punish pharmacies nationwide if they refuse to dispense the pills, regardless of any states' laws and efforts to protect them. Consequences of their refusal may include heavy fines and possible revoking of their license.

After the hearings, Chairman Manzullo summed up the concerns this way: "Pharmacists shouldn't be forced to choose between their business and their beliefs."

CWA of Illinois State Director, Kathy Valente, agreed, "Shutting down businesses for political reasons is a classic

example of tyranny. This kind of government arrogance threatens our constitutional liberties and must be stopped."

She added, "Governor Blagojevich is beholden to the people of Illinois, not the abortion lobby."

Offering one possible solution to this crisis, Congressman Manzullo suggested identifying pharmacies that would dispense the certain drugs & establish a directory for patient use.

Echinacea Findings

Echinacea, an herb that is processed into lozenges and pills to combat cold symptoms, has grown into a \$300 million industry.

Now, however, a team of researchers at Virginia School of Medicine has eschewed Echinacea as a genuine symptom reliever. In their study, the school subjected 399 people, otherwise in good health, to a cold virus.

The results were identical among those actually treated with Echinacea versus those treated with a placebo version.

These findings corroborate a similar study done in 2003 in which 407 children were tested. In this earlier study, Echinacea was even found to have mild side effects in a small percentage of patients.

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Birth Control Coverage

First Lady Patti Blagojevich launched a new website designed to help women learn how to have their birth control costs covered by their insurance companies. Mrs. Blagojevich also announced that seven leading contraceptives are now available through the state's I-Save Rx program at discounts of as much as 79% off the price currently charged at pharmacies in Illinois.

The web site, www.contraceptives.illinois.gov, provides information on which insurers now cover contraceptives. This new coverage, which was mandated by law when Governor Rod R. Blagojevich signed the Contraceptive Equity in Health Insurance Act in 2003, can help women save an average of \$400 per year on the cost of their contraceptives. The website provides links to the large insurance providers in Illinois, helping women better understand which contraceptives their particular plan covers. The site also includes a toll-free number (1-800-280-4149) and an online form where women can report to state regulators if their insurance company is not complying with the new law.

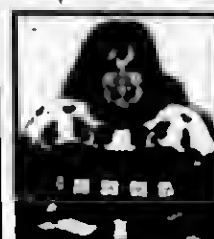
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Smith Village Exercise Programs

Summertime is often a great time to launch a new exercise regime, but this summer's extreme temperatures, the worst since 1988, demand some special considerations. Fortunately, even with the heat and humidity seniors can exercise, but it is more important than ever to address summer safety issues.

"It is never too late to start exercising," says Donna Boyle, nurse education coordinator at Smith Senior Living including Smith Village, the state-of-the-art senior living community now under construction in Chicago's Beverly neighborhood. "Exercise helps prevent heart disease, diabetes, osteoporosis and improve muscle mass. Seniors really thrive when they make an effort to stay active. This year, however, they need to be very cautious about the impact of sustained hot weather."

Walking is one of the best exercises for people over 65. Connective tissue like cartilage, ligaments and tendons become less elastic with age, so low impact exercise like walking, swimming, yoga and cycling are perfect for senior citizens.

Walking with good form can help improve speed, endurance and workout efficiency. When you walk make sure that your heel hits the ground first and you roll through to your toes, swing your arms, stand up straight and contract your stomach. Walk briskly, but be mindful of breathing. You should be able to talk and walk at the same time. If you find yourself out of breath, slow down or take a break.

Thirty minutes of brisk walking, three times a week, can help prevent chronic disease, according to Boyle. This is true even if a person doesn't walk 30 consecutive minutes, but takes several shorter walks through the course of the day. "We find that seniors living in continuing care retirement communities like ours get a boost of energy when they move in," says Boyle. "They take many little tiny walks through the course of the day, to visit a friend's apartment, to take a class or to get their hair done. They never have to go far, but because they are up and about, they quickly begin to see improved health."

"Two keys to safe summer exercise are water and sunscreen," says Boyle. "Even if you will only be outside for a little while you want to protect your skin with a sunscreen that has an SPF of at least 15."

When exercising in warm weather staying hydrated is key. Have a glass of water before you leave and carry a little bottle of water with you.

Even with water, very hot days can be dangerous. If the temperatures soar the best thing to do is look for indoor options. The new Smith Village will have an exercise room with all the equipment needed for a great indoor workout. However, if you do decide to head outdoors, it is best to go in the early morning or early evening when the

temperatures are milder. Then be sure to drink lots of water, wear light, loose clothing and stick close enough to home that you can head back if the heat is too much to handle. People over 65 are susceptible to heat exhaustion, which left untreated leads to heat stroke. If you experience thirst, fatigue or cramps you need to get out of the heat right away, get some water and rest, explains Boyle.

Strength training and exercises to promote flexibility can help maintain muscle mass and range of motion. "The best bet is to speak with a professional to get help in creating a strength and flexibility routine," says Boyle. Smith Village will provide a personal trainer to help residents get started in the fitness room and there will be regular exercise classes.

At Smith Village, a full slate of activities allows residents to pursue a variety of physical, intellectual, social and spiritual interests. Slated to open in early 2007, the \$65 million community is the largest development project in the history of Chicago's Beverly neighborhood.

Constructed by Smith Senior Living, a not-for-profit organization dedicated to serving the lifestyle, housing and healthcare needs of seniors for nearly 80 years, the new community will provide independent living, assisted living, memory support and skilled nursing care with large apartments and a host of amenities.

For more information about how Smith Village can help you stay engaged, call (773) 881-4950 or visit www.SmithVillage.org.

Announces \$1 Million In Budget To Fund Health Care

In an on-going effort to improve access to health care in Illinois, Gov. Rod R. Blagojevich announced on July 31st that the new state budget includes \$1 million for the implementation of the Health Care Justice Act. This funding will allow the Adequate Health Care Task Force, which held its first meeting on Monday, Aug. 1st, to begin working on a comprehensive health care access plan for Illinois.

Recent estimates indicated that nearly 14 percent of the Illinois population lack health insurance and many residents have experienced periods of time when health benefits were not affordable, available or adequate in covering all their health care needs. Disproportionately large numbers of working poor, minorities and young adults are often entirely without coverage.

The Health Care Justice Act, which was signed into law last year by Gov. Blagojevich, creates the 29-member Adequate Health Care Task Force, which is charged with developing a comprehensive health care access plan.

The task force's plan must provide all Illinois residents with access to a full-range of preventative, acute, and long-term health care services. The Act requires recommendations to be submitted to the General Assembly and strongly encourages enactment of a plan by Dec. 31, 2006. The plan is to be implemented by July 1, 2007.

Nursing Mothers Exempt From Jury Duty

In a continued effort to expand rights for new mothers, Governor Rod R. Blagojevich signed legislation on Aug. 1st that will allow nursing mothers to be automatically exempt from jury duty if they request it. Previously, judges could excuse jurors on a case-by-case basis, but there were no automatic exemptions. Last year, the governor signed the Right to Breastfeed Act, which allows women to nurse in both public and private places without fear of being asked to leave.

Senate Bill 517, sponsored by Rep. Paul Frochlich (R-Schaumburg) and Sen. Don Harmon (D-Oak Park), will provide additional support to the 70 percent of Illinois women with infants who breastfeed their newborn infants and 34 percent who continue to breastfeed after six months.

Breastfeeding is recognized as the optimal form of infant nutrition. According to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, breast milk is easy to digest and contains antibodies that can protect infants

from bacterial and viral infections. Infants who aren't breastfed will be more likely to develop asthma, allergies, and obesity in childhood. They are also likely to suffer more colds, flu, ear infections, and other respiratory illnesses.

Breastfeeding is also healthy for mothers, lowering the risk of breast and ovarian cancers and possibly the risk of osteoporosis and hip fractures after menopause. Nursing also helps mothers bond with their infants, making them feel secure, warm, and comforted.

Illinois is one of the leading states in enacting legislation to protect breastfeeding mothers. Prior legislation from 1995 excludes breastfeeding from being considered an act of public indecency and the Nursing Mothers in the Workplace Act from 2001 requires employers to provide adequate space and time for mothers to breastfeed at work.

SB 517 is effective Jan. 1, 2006.

Public Health Program Online

Benedictine University's Master of Public Health (M.P.H.) program is now accepting applications for online classes beginning in fall 2005.

The program prepares professionals for the rapidly changing world of health and health care in a format that is designed for the working adult.

The program features flexible Web-based courses and online collaboration with faculty and fellow students. Students become broadly educated in the core disciplines of public health, and investigate the current needs of the profession as well as emerging trends. Quality instruction is from leaders in their fields.

Students benefit from a short, four-day residency designed to connect the students and instructors. After coursework has been completed, students serve in a 6-credit internship that provides real-world experience in the public health arena.

Graduates from this program can be found in a wide variety of leadership roles in many different professional settings including hospitals, cardiac rehabilitation programs, agencies, schools, corporations and health clubs.

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Queen of Peace High School senior Megan Baker (pictured) of Beverly was named valedictorian of her senior class and is the first recipient of the Fra Angelico award. The Fra Angelico award was created for Baker because, as Principal Noian-Fitzgerald commented at the school's Senior Awards ceremony, "Our first recipient is unparalleled in having shared exceptional artistic expression with our entire community for more than four years." Fra Angelico was a Dominican artist known for his devotion to his community and his dedication to painting; Pope John Paul II named him patron of artists.



Baker is an accomplished pianist and singer who has lent her gifts at concerts, liturgies, talent shows and competitions. She has accompanied six musicals, participated in four IHSA Solo & Ensemble contests earning multiple perfect scores and has conducted music practices. She participated in the Southwest Symphony concerto contest and was selected for the IHSA jazz ensemble. In addition, she has written original choral and piano arrangements. Noian says of Baker, "Megan has elevated our fine arts program to a new level. Because she shared her artistry and love of music with us and made Queen of Peace a truly more beautiful place, we bestow the Fra Angelico award on her with great gratitude."

Beyond her fine arts work, Baker earned the valedictorian honors while taking many Advanced Placement classes. She is also a member of the National Honor Society, Spanish National Honor Society, the Peace Ambassadors, and is an officer with the Chamber Singers. Baker also completed the four-year St. Catherine of Siena Scholar program with a focus on music in education. She will attend Notre Dame University in the fall to pursue a degree in English.

Top Most Popular Baby Names

What's in a name? Is your name or your child's name a popular one, or an unusual one? And how does the popularity of American names change over time?

By visiting our website at www.socialsecurity.gov and going to the "Baby Names" webpage, you can find answers to these and many other questions.

For example, Jacob and Emily continue to reign as the most popular baby names in the United States, based on Social Security card applications for children born in 2004. Emily has been the top name for a girl since 1996. Jacob has been the most popular name for a boy since 1999.

The rest of the top 10 boys and girls names for 2004 are: Boys - Jacob, Michael, Joshua, Matthew, Ethan, Andrew, Daniel, William, Joseph and Christopher; Girls - Emily, Emma, Madison, Olivia, Hannah, Abigail, Isabella, Ashley, Samantha and Elizabeth.

Of course, many middle-aged parents or relatives might wonder why they never knew many Jacobs or Emilys when they were growing up. If you do just a little research on

our website, you would find the reason why. In 1970, for example, Jacob was number 255 on the popularity charts, and Emily was only slightly more popular at 173.

What else can you find at this webpage? Well, it also lists the 1,000 most popular baby names for 2004, as well as the most popular names in each state and the most popular names for twins. You can also find information for babies, children and parents on the Social Security website, as well as links to other government websites that offer valuable information about pregnancy, caring for newborns and programs and services for families.

For example, you'll find information on "enumeration at birth," the easiest way to obtain a Social Security number of a baby. This automatic, free service allows parents to apply for a Social Security card at the same time they fill out the birth certificate information at the hospital.

Whether you are choosing a popular baby name or applying for retirement, there's something for everyone at www.socialsecurity.gov.

Bulls Schedule Open Auditions

In preparation for the 2005-06 season, the Bulls have scheduled open auditions for three of its most popular on-court entertainment teams. The IncrediBulls, Matadors and BullsKidz will host separate auditions for qualified candidates during August and September.

The IncrediBulls, an entertainment troupe that performs at all home games, will host applicants at the United Center on Sunday, Aug. 14th beginning at 10 a.m. All interested male and female entertainers age 21 or older are encouraged to audition. The 2005-06 IncrediBulls team will continue its tradition of energizing Bulls home crowds by hosting fan contests, distributing prizes, leading cheers and working with other Bulls entertainers to generate excitement in the arena. Information is available at www.bulls.com or by calling (312) 455-4000.

After two incredibly popular seasons, the Matadors will host the first open auditions since the team initially formed in 2003 on Monday, Sept. 12th. Men over the age of 21 who are BIG Bulls fans with an even bigger sense of humor are invited to submit an application prior to Sept. 6th. Auditions for invited candidates will be held at the United Center on Sept. 12th beginning at 6 p.m. Applications are available online at www.bulls.com or by calling (630) 668-7915.

Craft Fair Planned

Trinity Lutheran Church, 9701 S. Brandt Ave. (two blocks west of Cicero Ave.) is pleased to announce its 19th Annual Craft Fair will be held on Saturday, Nov. 12th from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Crafters who are interested in applying for a space should contact the church office at (708) 422-0193 for an application. The cost to rent a space is \$25.

Fireside Theater

The Worth Township Seniors will have a day trip in November to the Fireside Theater in

Wisconsin for their spectacular Christmas program. The trip will be by deluxe motorcoach and include lunch & the show. Departure is at 8 a.m. and return around 7 p.m. The cost is \$82 and a deposit will be required when you register.

To register, call Jean at (708) 371-2900, ext. 28. Seating is limited so register as soon as possible.

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The BullsKidz debuted to enthusiastic applause from Bulls fans of all ages during the 2004-05 season. The kids' hip-hop dance team featuring boys and girls ages 6 to 12 years will audition new members on Monday, Sept. 19th at the United Center. BullsKidz hopefuls must submit an application prior to Thursday, Sept. 15th to be considered. Applications are available online at www.bulls.com or by calling (630) 668-7915.

Information on all Bulls open auditions including applications is available online at www.bulls.com or by calling the Bulls at (312) 455-4000.

Slovick Added to SXU Coaching Staff

St. Xavier University head football coach Mike Feminis is not just "beefing" up his team this off-season, he is also "beefing" up his coaching staff with the recent hiring of his mentor, Mike Slovic, as the Cougars' new Assistant Head Coach/Special Teams Coordinator. Prior to joining the Cougar coaching staff, Slovic served as the head football coach at Mid-States Football Assn. (MSFA) Midwest League rival University of St. Francis (Ill.) in Joliet for 11 seasons.

From 1986 until 1992, Slovic was the defensive coordinator for the Fighting Saints coaching Feminis, a former standout linebacker at USF, for four seasons (1986-89). Slovic became the Fighting Saints' head coach in 1993 and coached in all 198 games of the program's 19-year existence. In 1987 and 1991, the Fighting Saints were ranked among the NAIA's best in pass, rush and total defense.

St. Xavier opens its 2005 slate on Saturday, Sept. 3rd with a non-conference, home match-up against Northwestern Oklahoma State University. Game time is scheduled for 1 p.m. at SXU stadium.

LOCAL SCHOLARS

Oak Lawn residents are among students inducted into the 2004/2005 National Honor Roll.

Oak Lawn Community High School students are Abed Abdelqader, Brittany Cerevic, Linda E. Khalil and Barbara Ramirez.

Queen of Peace High School student is Angel Abudayyeh.

Our Lady of the Ridge student is Mary E. Albano.

Richards High School students are Dom Bartkus, Gerrik R. Birt, Lina Bourjas, Egle Bucinskaite, Jessica Castillo, Dimitrios Demizas, Colleen Francis, Jeff Kapitanek, Kevin Lee, Mohammad S. Manna, Stacy March, Ryan McMillin, Roberto Melendez Jr., Cyril Mira, Timothy Morrissey, Mante M. Petraviate, Bryan Roberts, Melissa Rogers, Justyna Ryzewska, Roseanne Segovia, Mentor Shala, Ashley M. Smith, Ashley C. Szykowny, Sonam Tanna, Nikolaos Tsapaliaris, Alyn R. White, Sarah Zahlmann and Vytaute Zukauskaitė.

Marist High School students are Patrick B. Condron, Kevin Joyce, Mario Manzo, Kyle C. Matkaitis and Michael Nelson.

St. Laurence High School students are Daniel Finn and Christopher Prohaska.

Brother Rice High School students are Tim Gabel and Matthew Gorman.

St. Rita High School student is Andrew Janik.

Chicago Christian High School is Leighanne Kaczmarck.

Richard Career Academy student is Janet Lamas.

Mount Assisi Academy student is Kathryn Rosenbaum.

Brittany Miller, Vanessa R. Pangikas and Kellee Vopelak also were named to the National Honor Roll.

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Saint Xavier University Hosts Golf Outing

Saint Xavier University will host its ninth annual golf classic on Monday, Aug. 8, at Water's Edge Golf Club in Worth. Registration begins at 10:30 a.m., followed by a barbecue lunch from 11 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. A golf clinic is offered from 11:45 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. as an option for sports enthusiasts who want to sharpen their skills. The shotgun start to 18 holes of golf with a cart begins at 12:30 p.m. The event concludes with a reception, dinner buffet, and awarding of prizes following golf.

Proceeds will benefit student scholarships. In addition to golf reservations, at a cost of \$250 each, contributors can support the event by being a hole sponsor, also at a cost of \$250. A sign, featuring the name of the business or organization, is placed on the tee or green. A special discounted package price of \$1,000 is available for a four-some and a hole sponsorship. Participants who wish to attend only part of the day's activities may choose lunch, at \$25, and dinner at \$30. Raffle tickets, featuring such prizes as golf bags, clubs, gift certificates, and more, are \$25 each, or five for \$100. Winners do not need to be

present.

Serving on the committee for the ninth annual golf classic are employees, alumni, board members, and other supporters. Members include Bob Hallberg, Jennifer Kenyeri, John Stachniak, Mary Clare Loftus, George Ferrell, Maureen Connor-Kelly, Laura Shallow, and Jeannette Boudos. Further information on the event can be obtained by calling (773) 298-3311.

The First Night Of The 27th Annual Chicago Jazz Festival

For the third consecutive year, Symphony Center hosts the First Night of the Chicago Jazz Festival. This year's concert celebrates the 70th anniversary of DownBeat magazine with a unique performance featuring three generations of jazz musicians: pianist John Medeski, Louis Hayes and the Cannonball Adderley Legacy Band, and The Zawinul Syndicate with Joe Zawinul.

The program begins with a rare solo piano set from John Medeski of Medeski Martin & Wood, who won "Best Electric Jazz Group" in DownBeat magazine's Critic's Poll in 2001 and 2002. Next up is Cannonball Adderley's drummer Louis Hayes with Vincent Herring on alto saxophone and Jeremy Pelt on trumpet, in a tribute to legendary saxophonist Cannonball Adderley. The concert closes with a performance by The Zawinul Syndicate with keyboardist Joe Zawinul. Zawinul, a former member of Cannonball Adderley's band and a perennial DownBeat award winner, makes his Symphony Center debut with this rare United States performance.

This concert is presented in collaboration with the Mayor's Office of Special Events and the Jazz Institute of Chicago, and DownBeat magazine as part of the 2005 Chicago Jazz Festival.

Tickets are \$13 to \$45 and may be purchased by calling PhoneCharge at (312) 294-3000 or (800) 223-7114, or by visiting either the CSO's Web site at www.cso.org or the Symphony Center Box Office at 220 S. Michigan Ave. Box office and PhoneCharge hours are Monday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Sunday, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. For group rates, call (312) 294-3040. Artists, programs, and ticket prices are subject to change.

Spiders Program

"Wonderful Web Spinners," a free, all-age family program sponsored by the Forest Preserve District of Will County, will be Sunday, Aug. 7, 2 p.m., at Plum Creek Nature Center in Beecher. Registration is required by Aug. 5.

To many people, spiders are considered insects, but they have eight legs rather than six, and have two body parts rather than three. Come and discover what makes a spider a spider and which spiders make Illinois their home.

Plum Creek Nature Center is located at Goodenow Grove Forest Preserve, 1.25 miles east of the intersection of Routes 1 and 394 on Goodenow Road, south of Crete.

For registration and information, call (815) 727-8700, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday.

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Tickets for all 2005-06 Chicago Symphony Orchestra and Symphony Center Presents concerts - now available only in subscription packages - will go on sale to single-ticket buyers beginning Friday, Aug. 12th. Tickets for CSO and Symphony Center Presents Piano, Orchestra, Chamber, Jazz, and Special concerts can be purchased by calling Phone Charge at (312) 294-3000; online at www.cso.org; or by visiting the box office at 220 S. Michigan Ave. from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Kayaking Workshop

"Kayak Kollege," an introduction to kayaking workshop sponsored by the Forest Preserve District of Will County, will be Saturday, Aug. 13, with two workshops offered, at 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. Registration by Aug. 6 and a fee of \$25 per person are required for these workshops for persons at least 10 years of age.

"Kayak Kollege" introduces participants to the fun of kayaking. The workshop will be led by an American Canoe Association certified instructor. Basic instruction and safety are covered on shore, after which participants will have plenty of time out on the waters of Monee Reservoir to try out new skills. All equipment is provided, including life jackets. Youngsters between 10 and 14 years of age must be accompanied by a paying adult.

For registration and information, call (815) 727-8700, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Monee Reservoir is located at Ridgeland Ave., west of Route 50 and south of Pauling Road, 2.0 miles south of Monee.

Park Lawn Players Return To The Stage

The Park Lawn Players returned to the stage for their second musical review, "Give My Regards to Broadway," a spectacular musical celebration held at Park Lawn School and Activity Center. The choir is made up of 29 individuals with developmental disabilities enrolled in various Park Lawn programs.

The stage was picture perfect as the curtain opened to a brightly lit city sky scene. The choir, directed by Park Lawn staff, Debbie Alba and Nikki Miller, Jill Tysko, performed to an audience of over 300. They enjoyed the music of some time honored classics such as "Singing in the Rain," "Put on a Happy Face" and "Yankee Doodle Dandy" to selections from today's hit musicals including "Dancing Queen" and "Hakuna Matata." The show concluded with a group sing-along of "Somewhere over the Rainbow."

The production raised over \$1500 for future Park Lawn Player productions. The group is already gearing up for a special performance at Park Lawn's 50th anniversary dinner-dance on Oct. 1st at DiNolfo's Banquets in Homer Glen.

Biggert Backs Private Property Rights Protection Act

U.S. Rep. Judy Biggert (R-IL-13) is pressing for legislation to restore the property rights threatened by the recent U.S. Supreme Court ruling in *Kelo v. City of New London*.

Introduced by House Judiciary Committee Chairman James Sensenbrenner (R-WI-5) and Ranking Member John Conyers (D-MI-14), the Private Property Rights Protection Act, H.R. 3135, would prevent the federal government or any authority of the federal government from using economic development as a justification for exercising its power of eminent domain. Biggert is an original co-sponsor of the legislation.

On June 23, the U.S. Supreme Court issued a 5-4 ruling in *Kelo v. City of New London* in which it held that the creation of a more lucrative tax base can justify the government's taking of private property from one small homeowner and giving it to a large corporation for a private research facility. The court held that "economic development" can be a "public use" under the Fifth Amendment's Takings Clause* justifying the government's taking of private property.

"How can we continue to encourage an ownership society when it suddenly becomes acceptable to take away homes and businesses that belong to hard-working, tax-paying Americans," asked Biggert. "This bill will right a wrong that serves to severely threaten homes, small businesses, and other private property throughout Illinois and across the nation."

The legislation also would prohibit any State or municipality from using economic development as a justification for exercising its power of eminent domain whenever federal funds would contribute in any way to:

Any project for which the State's or municipality's power of eminent domain is exercised; or

The exercise and enforcement of the eminent domain power over any such project.

"Protection of private property is at the core of democracy," Biggert said. "If Congress doesn't act, no one's home will be safe."

Biggert also joined her colleagues in expressing Congressional disapproval of the *Kelo v. City of New London* Supreme Court decision with House passage of H. Res. 340. Biggert, a co-sponsor of the resolution, joined the House in agreeing to H. Res. 340 by a vote of 365-33.

* The Fifth Amendment to the U.S. Constitution provides in part that, "nor shall private property be taken for public use, without just compensation."

Works By David Criner

It's a Snap, a decade of mixed media work by Chicago artist David Criner, will be on exhibit in the main gallery of the Beverly Arts Center (BAC), 2407 W. 111th St., Friday, July 15th through Sunday, Aug. 14th, with an opening reception Friday, July 15th from 6 to 9 p.m.

Criner teaches drawing and painting at North-eastern University and Harper College. His color-ful works are executed in mixed media on panels, and can be previewed at www.davidcriner.com.

The exhibit is free, and the Beverly Arts Center gallery is open from 8:30 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. Saturday, and 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday. For more information, call (773) 445-3838.

The BAC is the not-for-profit, regional arts facility for the south and southwest suburbs and City of Chicago. Access the web site at www.beverlyartscenter.org for information on upcoming performances, classes and exhibits, and to purchase tickets, member-ships and gift certificates online.

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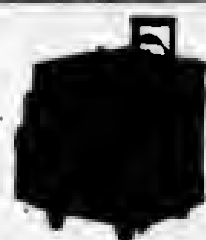
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Veterans And Soldiers News

By Lori Taylor

Ph: 708.388.2425

Congratulations to John Hansen, 2nd Lt. USAR Retired, who began his new job in Milwaukee, Wisconsin as a National Service Officer for the Disabled American Veterans Association on Aug. 1st. John is a past commander of DAV Chapter 84 in Worth and a current member of the New Lenox Chapter 103. He is also past 2nd District commander, and until recently was the chairman of the Eternal Flame Foundation at 111th and Harlem in Worth. He is also a past Golden Rodent of the DAV Trench Rats. In his new position it is necessary for him to transfer his DAV membership to Wisconsin and he recently turned over the Foundation chairmanship to the Marrs Meyer American Legion Post 991 in Worth. John graduated from Chicago State University in 1986 where he was commissioned a 2nd Lieutenant in the U.S. Army after successfully completing the Army ROTC (Reserve Officer Training Corps) program. He is a graduate of Marist High School in Chicago, Class of 1982. John is leaving his position as a teacher at the Job Corps in Chicago. He and his wife Annmarie will soon relocate to Greendale, Wisconsin, a short distance from his office in Milwaukee. John is my youngest son and I am very proud of him and his accomplishments!

We have also learned that Fred Radtke, who was on the Eternal Flame Foundation Committee, is in the hospital. May you be blessed with a speedy recovery, Fred! Fred is a past commander of DAV Chapter 84 and past commander of McDonald Linn Chicago Ridge VFW Post 177. He is currently the Golden Rodent of the DAV Trench Rats.

Many comrades and sisters of the VFW and Auxiliary attended the Council of Administration meetings in Effingham over the weekend and the Homecoming celebration for State VFW Commander Leon Barnes at the Effingham VFW Post. Barnes who is from the 5th District VFW presided at the VFW council meetings and Ruth Ann Smit of Chicago Ridge and member of Alsip VFW Auxiliary 450 conducted the Ladies Auxiliary Council of Administration meeting.

When I was at the St. Christopher Fiesta in Midlothian last week I met Buenaventura Albor, aka, Ben Albor, who is a veteran of the Korean Conflict. Ben recently had a medical mishap which has somewhat disabled him. While he was in the hospital Ben thought of an idea to contribute to the war against terrorism. He designed a beautiful 3-inch by 4-inch decal with the eagle and shield and a message honoring the men and women serving and making the ultimate sacrifice for our nation. Ben is a member of the Midlothian VFW Post 2580. If you are interested in knowing more about distributing the decals or want one for yourself, call him at (708) 489-5837.

Todd F. Gross graduated from the Army ROTC (Reserve Officers Training Corps) Leader Development and Assessment Course, also known as "Operation Warrior Forge," at Fort Lewis, Tacoma, Washington. He is the son of Susan Schwarz of Evergreen Park. Gross is a 2002 graduate of Evergreen Park High School and is currently attending Northern Illinois University at DeKalb.

Justin D. Priestman has been commissioned a second lieutenant in the U.S. Army after successfully completing the Army ROTC (Reserve Officer Training Corps) program and graduating with a bachelor's degree from Michigan Technological University, Houghton. He is the son of David and Virginia Priestman of Evergreen Park. Priestman is a 1998 graduate of Evergreen Park High School.

As America's veterans are getting older it is estimated that close to 10 million of this country's nearly 25 million military veterans are now in their senior years. For many, everyday activities such as reading a newspaper are becoming a challenge. Even younger veterans injured in the service may find they now need help with tasks they used to manage easily, such as turning the pages of a book or reading the print of the sports page. A free library service is available to help veterans with a physical handicap that makes it difficult to read. The program, known as Talking Books, loans members a wide selection of recorded books and magazines, Braille books and magazines, and music scores in Braille and large print. Applications to join the Talking Books program may be requested from your closest library. A searchable list of locations is available at the Web site, www.loc.gov/nls. The application requires the signature of an official source such as a doctor, caseworker or an NLS regional librarian in order to join the program. Once an application is completed, the playback equipment for the Talking Books program will be sent within three working days. An initial shipment of books and catalogs is usually sent within the following two working days. An NLS reader advocate may also follow up to better personalize the selection of materials. Materials are shipped and returned via the U.S. Postal Service at no cost. To learn more, call 1(888) NLS-READ (1-888-657-7323).

Local WW II Veteran Gets "Drafted"

Local WW II Army Air Corps veteran Robert DeKerf of Orland Park was called back into service to complete the painting of the "nose art" on the WW II vintage B-24 Liberator bomber "Witchcraft" at DuPage Airport in West Chicago. In 1944, T/Sgt. Robert DeKerf was a flight engineer with the 467th Bomb Group when he painted the "nose art" on the aircraft which was to fly a record total of 130 missions...all successful without the loss of a crewmember or turning back due to mechanical troubles.

That aircraft was affectionately known as "Witchcraft" by the many crews of the 467th, and the crewmembers who flew aboard knew the magic that made her the most famous B-24 that ever flew. The name "Witchcraft" came from the application of a "nose art" painting on the nose of the plane depicting a comical witch flying on a 50-caliber machine gun instead of a broom. These paintings were the only way a crew could personalize their ship and give it a special good luck charm that helped them make it back from each mission. That little painting that identified the famous plane made Bob DeKerf famous too...he was the artist!

Bob DeKerf was reunited with his plane and was voluntarily "drafted" to add a little more authenticity to the only B-24 flying in the world! Making his home in

Orland Park, DeKerf found out about the Collings Foundation's Wings of Freedom Tour that brings the B-24 Liberator and its sister ship, the B-17 Flying Fortress, to over 130 cities nationwide each year. Upon investigating, DeKerf found out that this B-24, the only one still flying in the world, had been repainted just this year as his old ship "Witchcraft!" Seeing pictures of the replica "nose art" on the bomber, he noted that there were some items left off the new artwork that were on the original. The Collings Foundation heard from Bob DeKerf and invited him out when the aircraft made a visit to DuPage Airport in West Chicago from July 29th through 31st to paint those corrections on the aircraft himself.

"We didn't even have time to let the paint dry," DeKerf noted as he reminisced about painting the image right before they took off on the final leg of the flight to England from Dakar. "The paint left little streaks down the side of the fuselage and made it look like she was flying. Everyone thought that was the way we meant to paint it!" DeKerf flew a total of 26 of the 130 missions on "Witchcraft" as flight engineer and remembered a time when the record-breaking plane almost didn't survive.

For more information, visit www.collingsfoundation.org

Flag Amendment Fixes Constitution

By Patrick H. Brady

As we near a Senate vote on the flag amendment, which passed the House for the 6th time June 22, the hysteria in the media runs wild. They fear it could pass and in their frenzy they distort the facts. From recent radio and TV interviews it is clear to me that many of them have not read the amendment and do not understand its purpose or impact. Tragically, they mislead their audience and are blatantly unfair to the truth. As an aside, many of those who fight for the right to desecrate the symbol of our country are outraged at the desecration of the symbol of many terrorists. Let's look at the truth.

Many in the media support flag desecration as free "expression." One need only think of the many types of expression to know why the Founders wisely eschewed that word. Some, in desperation to fit their objections into the First Amendment, use the word "speech" in contradiction of the dictionary and in defiance to reason.

Sixteen years ago 90 Senators voted for a statute to protect the flag after the Supreme Court, in *Texas v. Johnson*, took that right away. Those Senators could not

have so voted if they believed flag desecration was constitutionally protected speech. Three of four Americans, all 50 states and over 70 percent of the Congress agree that desecrating the flag is not speech.

Critics say the amendment protects the flag and changes the Bill of Rights. It does neither, and this is important to understand.

The flag amendment says: "The Congress shall have power to prohibit the physical desecration of the flag of the United States." An amendment, of itself, does not protect the flag. It simply takes control over the flag away from the courts and returns it to the people where it resided until 1989. Once the amendment is ratified, and only then, can a law be passed to protect the flag. This point is fundamental for those Senators who seek a statute to protect Old Glory. They can have a statute, but only after an amendment is ratified by the people.

As for changing the Bill of Rights, consider this. By judicial fiat, with a single vote from one Supreme Court Justice, flag desecration was inserted into the Bill of Rights. If you deny this then answer this question: If the Court had declared that flag burning was not speech,

would they then have amended the Bill of Rights?

One pundit feared the amendment would curtail the rights of those who hate us. There are no laws against hating, but there are laws against hateful conduct. Flag burning fits both roles. But this is about rights, the right of the people to protect their flag, the right of the majority to rule, the right of the people to define their Constitution. And beyond the flag, this issue spills over into the right to protect our children from pornography, the right to own property, to pray, to post the Ten Commandments, and to say the Pledge of Allegiance.

If we can recapture our flag, we will have begun a march to recapture our Constitution.

Retired U.S. Army Maj. Gen. Patrick H. Brady is a recipient of the Congressional Medal of Honor, credited with the medical evacuation of over 5,000 combat casualties while serving as a "Dustoff" helicopter pilot during the Vietnam War. He is Chairman of the Board of the Citizen's Flag Alliance, a coalition of more than 140 civic, fraternal, veterans, minority and business organizations representing some 20 million Americans determined to return to the people their right to protect Old Glory.

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Shell Pipeline Settlement

Attorney General Lisa Madigan announced that a Houston-based gasoline pipeline operator responsible for dumping contaminated soil at a Kane County landfill has agreed to pay more than \$100,000 in state penalties and donate \$50,000 to a local recycling program.

The settlement agreement, filed on July 22nd in Kane County Circuit Court, resolves a September 2004 lawsuit filed by Madigan's office against Shell Pipeline Company LP, a Delaware limited partnership.

According to the 2004 lawsuit against Shell Pipeline the company operated the North Line Pipeline, a gasoline pipeline that extends between St. Louis, Missouri and Chicago. In late 2003 and early 2004, the defendants discovered contaminated soil along a portion of the North Line. The soil was discovered during line integrity tests being conducted by Shell Pipeline pursuant to a federal and Washington State consent decree signed following a major pipeline explosion in Bellingham, Washington in 1999. Shell Pipeline did not initially disclose the existence of the federal consent order to the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA) or Madigan's office, which discovered the link to the federal consent order during its investigation into the disposal of the contaminated soil.

The contaminated soil, found in a rural agricultural area near Limestone Township, in Kankakee County, was left over from a 1988 gasoline release.

After the contaminated soil, which was regulated as a hazardous waste, was discovered, Shell Pipeline removed, transported and disposed of the soil at Settler's Hill Recycling and Disposal Facility in Geneva. However, the facility was not permitted to accept hazardous waste, and Shell Pipeline did not inform the facility that it was disposing of hazardous waste.

Madigan's 2004 lawsuit against Shell Pipeline charged the company with multiple violations of the Illinois Environmental Protection Act and the Illinois Pollution Control Board Land Pollution Control Regulations for improperly disposing of hazardous waste.

As part of the settlement, Shell Pipeline has agreed to pay \$105,000 to the Illinois Environmental Protection Trust Fund and donate \$50,000 to the Kane County Electronics Recycling Program. The donation is subject to acceptance by the Kane County Board.

Madigan said Kane County officials hired an independent contractor that has determined the risks outweighed the benefit of removing the soil from the landfill. Shell Pipeline has ensured the state that its hazardous and non-hazardous waste excavations are now in full compliance with all environmental laws and regulations. Shell Pipeline no longer operates the North Line Pipeline.

Require Gun Locks With Handgun Sales

In an effort to promote handgun safety for Illinoisans, Governor Rod R. Blagojevich signed legislation on July 30th requiring that all handguns that are sold by federally licensed firearms dealers in Illinois include a safety lock. Senate Bill 1832, sponsored by Rep. Deborah Graham (D-Oak Park) and Sen. Don Harmon (D-Oak Park), comes after the Governor signed legislation closing the gun show loophole on Friday. SB 1832 is effective Jan. 1.

The new law requires that any handgun sold or traded in the state of Illinois by a federally licensed firearms dealer must include a safety lock of some kind. This can be either an external device that attaches to the handgun with a key or combination lock or an integrated mechanical safety, disabling, or locking device that is built into the handgun. Either method is designed to prevent the handgun from being discharged without first deactivating the lock.

Approximately 40% of American households with children have a gun, which translates to 22 million children in 11 million homes across the United States. Of gun-owning households with children, one quarter only "occasionally" lock and store the bullets in a separate place from the

gun. This level of access to firearms led to more than 1,530 children killed from firearm accidents between 1996 and 2001. Gun safety locks may have prevented some of these deaths.

Violators of the new law will face penalties of up to six months in jail and a minimum fine of \$1,000. Second or subsequent violations lead to up to one year in jail.

Topinka Offers Identity Theft Protection Tips



Illinois State Treasurer Judy Baar Topinka and Citizens Equity First Credit Union (CEFCU) welcomed Frank Abagnale, the real life character behind the movie "Catch Me if You Can," in presenting a free informational program on "How to Protect Yourself from Identity Theft" at the CEFCU Center Stage on the Peoria RiverFront on Tuesday, July 19. Topinka (right) is pictured with Frank Abagnale (left) and Susan K. Yoder (center), Vice President Marketing, CEFCU.

Statistics from the Identity Theft Organization show during a 12 month period, nearly 7 million people became victims of Identity Theft. "Now if you were to get your calculators out, you'd realize that this means 799 people become targets of Identity Theft crimes every hour," said Topinka.

Identity theft is everywhere...on the internet, in malls, workplaces and in the home. "These thieves are getting smarter and smarter," said Topinka. "They've moved on from victimizing one person at a time to stealing databases with thousands, and sometimes even millions of individuals being exposed," she added.

For more information about the Treasurer's financial education and identity theft prevention programs, call (217) 557-0885 or by visiting the website at www.state.il.us/trea.

Blue Cap School Seeks Sponsors For Auction

Blue Cap is seeking donors and sponsors for its 17th annual Auction themed "The Roaring 20's" coming up on Friday, Nov. 4th at the DoubleTree Hotel-Alsip. Contributions will help Blue Cap in its mission of providing new opportunities for infants, children and adults with developmental disabilities. The organization's goal is raising \$150,000 to support its various programs and services. Sponsors can help by participating in one or more of the following ways:

Donate a new or collectible item valued at \$75 or more by Sept. 30th. Become an auction sponsor. Several sponsorship levels are available for a donation of \$500 or more. Place an advertisement in the program (page size is 5 7/8" X 8") by Sept. 30th: 1/2 page - \$100; 1/3 page - \$250; inside front or back cover - \$400; outside back cover - \$500. Plan to attend Auction 2005. Bring your friends to share a delicious meal, open bar, entertainment and the thrill of bidding on items in the live and silent auctions. Tickets are available for \$100 per person.

Blue Cap is an organization dedicated to the discovery, pursuit and achievement of personal growth and dignity for individuals of all ages having or at risk for developmental disabilities. Founded in 1967, Blue Cap serves the City of Chicago, plus the south suburban communities, and offers educational, vocational, therapeutic and residential services.

For further information, call (708) 389-8137.

Annual Painted Ladies Contest

Since we are now in mid-summer, the Chicago Paint & Coatings Assn. would like to remind you that there is still time to enter the 19th annual "Chicago's Finest Painted Ladies" competition. The "beauty contest" for homes, which began on Memorial Day, continues through Labor Day, Sept. 5th.

Home and business owners within 50 miles of Chicago who are busy beautifying their property are eligible to enter the contest. While repainting your home this summer, consider submitting your "labor of love" for this very special award! It will make all your hard work more worthwhile.

There may be those just starting their paint project. Local libraries have a number of books on how best to prepare your dwelling for repainting. Size and style are not a factor in the judge's decision. Single-family, multi-family, Victorian, Queen Anne or commercial buildings have been among the dwellings entered. The only measurement will be the craftsmanship and beauty of the paint application. In some neighborhoods, the imaginative use

of color has inspired other home or business owners to pay more attention to the details of painting by adding color.

It is hoped that 2005 will produce a bumper crop of entries. The contest covers an area within 50 miles of Chicago. Also, Chicago and the suburbs are divided into sections (North, Northwest, West, Southwest, South and Northern Indiana) as well as two categories (Professional and Non-Professional). When the contest concludes, winners are chosen from each category and section. These winners are then notified and invited to attend an awards ceremony to honor their achievement. A plaque featuring their "Painted Lady" is also presented as a commemorative prize. Chicagoland is the only area in the country conducting this competition.

You may receive an application by contacting the Chicago Paint & Coatings Association, 400 E. State Parkway, Suite 216, Schaumburg, IL 60173, or by phoning (847) 755-9850. To view past winners or obtain an entry/application form, visit the CPCA web site, www.chicagopaint.org.

Maloney Law Saves Schools From Frivolous Lawsuits

A bill sponsored by State Senator Ed Maloney (D-18) that will save Illinois schools from frivolous lawsuits regarding the transfer or dismissal of school principals has been signed into law.

Under Illinois law, any elementary or secondary school's principal that is being moved to another administrative position or to a teaching position is entitled to a timely written notice, an explanation of the facts surrounding the reclassification, and private public hearings on the reclassification.

Some law firms were interpreting the law to mean that principals being fired aren't entitled to the same rights as those who are being moved to other administrative positions or to teaching positions. Under that interpretation, districts would be able to dismiss principals just before the beginning of

a new school year without a means to challenge the decision other than suing the district.

"This bill ensures that any principal outside of Chicago whose administrative contract is not renewed - whether because they are being transferred or because they have been dismissed - will be reclassified according to the same procedures and with the same procedural rights," said Senator Maloney. "That's only fair, and I believe this change has been overdue for a long time."

The Illinois Principals' Association says that they have successfully argued many such cases in court, and they believe that the change made by Maloney's law will clarify the existing law's intent and prevent needless future lawsuits.

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COMMENCING AT A POINT ON THE NORTHERLY LINE OF SAID LOT 23, 194.26 FEET SOUTHEASTERLY OF THE NORTHWEST CORNER THEREOF; THENCE CONTINUING SOUTHEASTERLY ALONG THE NORTHERLY LINE OF SAID LOT 23, 278.35 FEET; THENCE SOUTHWESTERLY ALONG A LINE WHICH FORMS AN ANGLE OF 100 DEGREES AS MEASURED FROM NORTHWEST TO THE WEST TO SOUTHWEST FROM THE LAST DESCRIBED COURSE, 269.75 FEET TO THE NORTHERLY LINE OF ROUTE 83, ALSO BEING THE SOUTHERLY LINE OF LOT 23, AFORESAID; THENCE NORTHWESTERLY ALONG THE NORTHERN LINE OF ROUTE 83, 225.78 FEET; THENCE NORTHEASTERLY ALONG A LINE WHICH FORMS AN ANGLE OF 83 DEGREES 11 MINUTES 29 SECONDS AS MEASURED FROM NORTHWEST TO NORTHEAST FROM THE LAST DESCRIBED COURSE, 143.39 FEET; THENCE NORTHWESTERLY ALONG A LINE WHICH FORMS AN ANGLE OF 120 DEGREES 08 MINUTES 58 SECONDS AS MEASURED FROM SOUTHWEST TO WEST TO NORTHWEST FROM THE LAST COURSE 100 FEET; THENCE NORTH ALONG A LINE PARALLEL TO THE WEST LINE OF SAID LOT 23, 41.40 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, EAST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, IN COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS

PARCEL 2:

A TRACT OF LAND, DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

BEGINNING AT A POINT MARKED BY AN IRON ROD LOCATED 298.41 FEET SOUTH OF THE EAST AND WEST CENTER LINE OF SECTION 34, TOWNSHIP 37 NORTH, RANGE 13 EAST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN (KNOWN AS WORTH TOWNSHIP, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS) AND 33 FEET EAST OF THE WEST LINE OF SAID SECTION (WHICH IS THE CENTER LINE OF CICERO AVENUE) ON THE EASTERLY RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF CICERO AVENUE; THENCE 17 FEET EASTERLY AT 90 DEGREES TO SAID RIGHT OF WAY LINE TO A POINT MARKED BY AN IRON ROD; THENCE 12 DEGREES 22 MINUTES 25 SECONDS TO THE RIGHT FROM THE PROLONGATION OF THE LAST COURSE 152 FEET TO A POINT MARKED BY AN IRON ROD; THENCE 49 DEGREES 39 MINUTES 30 SECONDS TO THE RIGHT FROM THE PROLONGATION OF THE LAST COURSE 100 FEET TO A POINT MARKED BY AN IRON ROD; THENCE 99 DEGREES 51 MINUTES 02 SECONDS TO THE RIGHT FROM THE PROLONGATION OF THE LAST COURSE 143.39 FEET TO A POINT MARKED BY AN IRON ROD WHICH POINT IS THE NORTHERLY RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF AND 50 FEET AT RIGHT ANGLES TO THE CENTER LINE OF CALUMET SAG ROAD (ILLINOIS STATE ROUTE 83); THENCE 96 DEGREES 48 MINUTES 31 SECONDS TO THE RIGHT FROM THE PROLONGATION OF THE LAST COURSE ALONG SAID RIGHT OF WAY, 79.03 FEET TO A POINT MARKED BY A CROSS AT WHICH POINT THE LAST DESCRIBED COURSE BECOMES TANGENT TO A CURVE TO THE RIGHT HAVING A RADIUS OF 200 FEET; THENCE NORTHWESTERLY ALONG THE ARC OF THE CURVE 178.57 FEET TO A POINT MARKED BY A CROSS AT WHICH POINT THE CURVE BECOMES TANGENT TO THE EASTERLY RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF CHICAGO AVENUE AND 33 FEET AT RIGHT ANGLES FROM THE CENTER LINE OF SAID CICERO AVENUE; THENCE NORTHERLY PARALLEL TO THE CENTER LINE OF CICERO AVENUE, 37.16 FEET TO THE PLACE OF BEGINNING, THE ABOVE PART OF LOT 23 IN MATHIEU'S SUBDIVISION IN SECTION 34, TOWNSHIP 37 NORTH, RANGE 13 EAST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, (EXCEPT THAT PART WITHIN THE WEST 50 FEET OF SECTION 34), IN COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS

PARCEL 3.

THAT PART OF LOT 23 IN MATHIEU'S SUBDIVISION IN THE NORTHWEST 1/4 OF THE

Stiffer Penalties For Habitual Criminals

In his ongoing effort to help keep Illinois communities safe from gun violence, Gov. Rod R. Blagojevich on Aug. 2nd signed into law House Bill 1039, a bill that creates stiff new penalties for habitual criminals - identified as individuals who have been convicted of two or more violent crimes - who are caught with guns. This action by Gov. Blagojevich will help reduce gun violence by putting those who repeatedly endanger our neighborhoods in prison.

House Bill 1039, sponsored by Rep. James D. Brosnahan (D-Oak Lawn) and Sen. Martin A. Sandoval (D-Cicero), creates a new offense, "Armed Habitual Criminal." The bill states that a person with two or more past convictions for any of a list of specific violent crimes, including first degree murder, sexual assault of a child, arson, robbery, home invasion, and gunrunning, is in violation of this law if they receive, possess, sell or transfer a firearm.

Nationally, according to Bureau of Justice statistics, 18% of state prisoners and 15% of federal prisoners were armed when they committed the offense for which they were imprisoned. Among those who carried a firearm during the offense, about 8% of state and federal prisoners carried military-style, semi-automatic weapons. These firearms included the UZI, Tec-9, and MAC-10 handguns, and AR-15 and AK-47 rifles. Among inmates in prison for more serious offenses such as murder, rape, sexual attack, robbery and assault, 30% of state offenders and 35% of federal offenders carried a firearm while committing the crime.

Habitual criminals have a proven history of terrorizing our communities and a record of associating with others who have chosen a lifestyle of crime, which can include gang members, drug dealers and gun traffickers.

For these criminals, HB 1039 will serve as a deterrent to stay away from guns or receive prison sentences of 6 to 30 years, the equivalent of a Class X Felony. The bill also requires truth in sentencing, meaning the convicted offender must serve at least 85% of the sentence.

HB 1039, effective immediately, builds on the Governor's continuing effort to stop gun violence in Illinois.

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PARCEL 4:

THAT PART OF THE SOUTHWEST 1/4 OF SECTION 34, TOWNSHIP 37 NORTH, RANGE 13 EAST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: COMMENCING AT THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF LOT 23 IN MATHIEU'S SUBDIVISION OF PART OF SAID SOUTHWEST 1/4 OF SECTION 34; THENCE SOUTH 59 DEGREES 53 MINUTES 12 SECONDS EAST ALONG THE NORTH LINE OF SAID LOT 23, SAID NORTH LINE ALSO BEING THE SOUTH LINE OF THE METROPOLITAN SANITARY

DISTRICT PROPERTY, FOR A DISTANCE OF 104.22 FEET TO A POINT OF BEGINNING, SAID POINT OF BEGINNING BEING THE INTERSECTION OF NORTH LINE OF SAID LOT 23 WITH THE NORTH WALL OF AN EXISTING TWO STORY FRAME BUILDING COMMONLY KNOWN AS 13101 SOUTH CICERO AVENUE; THENCE NORTH 89 DEGREES 10 MINUTES 56 SECONDS EAST ALONG SAID NORTH WALL FOR A DISTANCE OF 18.47 FEET TO THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF AFORESAID FRAME BUILDING; THENCE SOUTH 0 DEGREES 49 MINUTES 04 SECONDS EAST ALONG THE EAST WALL OF AFORESAID FRAME BUILDING, SAID WALL EXTENDED SOUTH, FOR A DISTANCE OF 11.07 FEET TO A POINT ON THE NORTH LINE OF SAID LOT 23; THENCE NORTH 59 DEGREES 53 MINUTES 12 SECONDS WEST ALONG THE NORTH LINE OF SAID LOT 23 FOR A DISTANCE OF 21.53 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; ALL IN COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS.

The request for variation is being made by Timothy Palmquist, Best Buy Stores, L.P., 7601 Penn Avenue South, Richfield, MN 55423

All interested parties or persons are invited to attend and will be heard.

Respectfully,

Daniel J. Taczay
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Are You Eligible For Extra Help To Pay For Medicare Prescription Drug Costs?

By John Flynn
Social Security District Manager

Beginning in January 2006, Medicare will offer prescription drug plans to beneficiaries. But now is the time to see if you qualify for some extra financial help in paying for your monthly premiums, annual deductibles and prescription co-payments under the new program.

From late May through mid-August, Social Security is mailing letters to nearly 19 million people who are potentially eligible for this extra help. The letter includes an application and a return-addressed, postage-paid envelope.

If you receive a letter in the mail, please read the information carefully. The letter will explain the prescription drug program, and tell you how to apply for the extra help. Those who qualify for the extra help could save an average of \$2,100 per year.

Even if you do not get an application in the mail, you still might be eligible for help with prescription drug costs. See if you might qualify and apply online at Social Security's web site, www.socialsecurity.gov. You also can contact Social Security at 1(800) 772-1213, TTY 1(800) 325-0778, for more information or to apply over the telephone.

To qualify for the extra help, a person or married couple living together must have limited income and resources. You can qualify for this help as an individual if your total annual income is below \$14,355 and your resources are valued below \$10,000. The limits for a married couple living together are higher: \$19,245 in combined annual income and \$20,000 in resources. These resources can be slightly higher – an additional \$1,500 per person – if you will be using some of your money for burial expenses. Even if your income is higher, you still may be able to get some help if, for example, you or your spouse supports other family members who live with you, if you have earnings from work or if you live in Alaska or Hawaii.

There are also certain exclusions from both income and resources. For example, your home and cars are not counted as resources. So if you think you might be eligible, you should apply.

It is important to note that some beneficiaries will automatically qualify for the extra financial help. Anyone who has both Medicare and Medicaid, or Medicare and Supplemental Security Income, or anyone whose state pays his or her Medicare premiums, will not have to complete an eligibility application. But even if you automati-

cally qualify for extra help, you still need to enroll in a Medicare-approved prescription drug plan to obtain both coverage and the extra help.

For more information about getting extra help with Medicare prescription drug costs, call Social Security at 1(800) 772-1213, TTY 1(800) 325-0778, or visit www.socialsecurity.gov. To learn more about the Medicare prescription drug plans, call 1(800) 633-4227 or visit www.medicare.gov.

Nifty Thrifty Fashion Show

Beverly South Christian Women's Club cordially invites participation in its Nifty Thrifty Fashion Show luncheon on Thursday, Aug. 18th at 12 noon. The show will be held at the Lexington House banquet facility, 7717 W. 95th St., Hickory Hills.

Pam Putman will speak on "The Bottom Line" and how she got the pluses and minuses of her life to add up right. During the fashion show some audience members will model ensembles that were purchased on a shoestring budget. Gloria Brown, a public school teacher and outstanding vocalist, will entertain with song.

There will be a mini bake sale before the luncheon begins, with bargain prices on all items.

Cost of the luncheon is \$11. Free babysitting is provided on site for toddler to kindergarten-age children. Phone reservations to Marcella at (708) 458-1855 or Helen at (708) 598-8191 no later than Monday, Aug. 15th.

Fertility Dream Run

All walkers and runners are welcomed to help raise awareness about fertility issues that affect millions at the 2005 Fertility Dream 5K Race.

This is the second year for the this Fertility Centers of Illinois event, which will take place at Grant Park in downtown Chicago, Sunday, August 7th at 7:20 a.m.

All profits from the Fertility Dream will benefit the AFA's patient education outreach program.

Register via <http://tri-n-run.com/fd5k/Race.asp?RaceID=1>. The cost is \$40 per entrant.

Background Checks Now Required At Illinois Gun Shows

Taking an aggressive stand against gun violence, Gov. Rod R. Blagojevich, joined by Chicago Mayor Richard M. Daley, on July 29th signed legislation that closes the gun show loophole that allowed gun buyers to avoid comprehensive background checks. Senate Bill 1333, sponsored by Sen. John Cullerton (D-Chicago) and Rep. Harry Osterman (D-Chicago), requires gun sellers at firearm shows to request background checks for potential gun purchasers. The new law takes effect immediately.

SB 1333 requires gun sellers, who are not federally licensed firearms dealers, to request background checks from the Illinois State Police (ISP) before they can sell guns at gun shows. If ISP determines, after a background check is conducted, that the buyer is qualified to own a gun, the state police will issue an approval number that is valid for 30 days, during which time the sale must take place. Additionally, the seller must retain records of sales for at least ten years and make those records available to law enforcement agencies for criminal investigations.

In recent years, the U.S. Dept. of Justice, U.S. Dept. of Treasury, and the Bureau of Alcohol, Firearms, Tobacco and Explosives reported that between 2,000 and 5,000 gun shows take place annually – Illinois being among the top ten states for the most gun shows. A June 2000 federal study found that almost 26,000 guns recovered after crimes came from gun shows or flea markets. The federal reports also found in gun show investigations, felons are associated with selling or buying guns almost half the time.

Guns purchased at gun shows have been used in some of this country's notorious and deadly crimes – including the 1999 Columbine High School tragedy in Colorado. The two 17-year-old boys who shot 26 students, killing 13 of them before turning the guns on themselves, obtained two shotguns and an assault rifle from a friend who purchased them at gun shows from private sellers. The woman later stated that had she been required to undergo a background check at the gun show, she never would have purchased the guns for the boys.

The signing of SB 1333 builds on the governor's continuing effort to stop gun violence in Illinois.



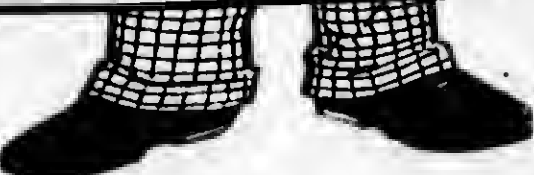
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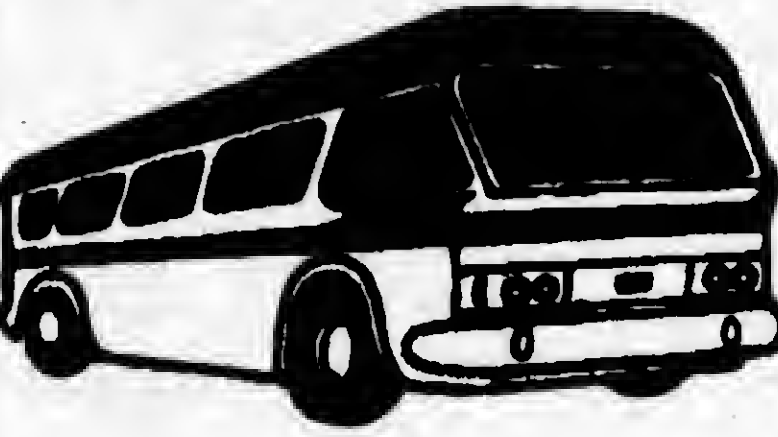


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Nevel at Plaintiff's Attorney, Law Offices of Ira T. Nevel, 175 N. Franklin St., Chicago, IL 60606. 312/357-1125. 144315C	IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division, Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., Plaintiff, vs. Nettye V. Hill a/k/a Nettye V. Hill-Murphy a/k/a Nettye Veronica Murphy, et al., Defendants. No. 04Ch-5379. PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on May 18, 2005, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Monday, August 22, 2005, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 W. Madison St., Suite 718A, Chicago, IL, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described property: Commonly known as: 6854 W. Lode Dr., #2-A, Worth, IL 60482. The improvement on the property consists of a condominium residence. Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, by certified funds. No refunds. The judgment amount was \$79,622.41. The property will NOT be open for inspection. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the premises after confirmation of the sale. For information: Visit our website at http://service.ally-pierce.com, between 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. only. Pierce & Associates, Plaintiff's Attorneys, One N. Dearborn St., Ste. 1300, Chicago, IL 60602. Tel. No. (312) 476-5500. PIERCE & ASSOCIATES File No. PA0402155. 143668C	IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division, Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as Nominee for Fifth Third Bank f/k/a Old Kent Mortgage Company, Plaintiff, vs. Michelle L. Beushausen, et al., Defendant. Case No. 02Ch-5990. PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on May 31, 2005, The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 a.m. on September 2, 2005, in its office at 33 N. Dearborn St., 10th Floor, Chicago, IL 60602-3100, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as: 3825 W. 123rd St., Alsip, IL 60803. The real estate is improved with a condominium. The judgment amount was \$63,721.00. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; the balance, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagee, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale. The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information. For information contact Plaintiff's Attorney: The Sales Clerk, COOILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 N. Frontage Road, Suite 100, Burr Ridge, IL 60527. (630) 794-9876 Ext. 1320. Please refer to file number 14-02-2699. NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act you are advised that Plaintiff's Attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. 142622C	IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division, National City Mortgage Company d/b/a Commonwealth United Mortgage Company, Plaintiff, vs. Everardo Espitia, et al., Defendants. No. 05Ch-1495. PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on May 9, 2005, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Thursday, September 2, 2005, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 W. Madison St., Suite 718A, Chicago, IL, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described property: Commonly known as: 4100 W. 101st St., Oak Lawn, IL 60453. The improvement on the property consists of a single family residence with a small shed at the end of the driveway. Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, by certified funds. No refunds. The judgment amount was \$198,434.92. The property will NOT be open for inspection. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the premises after confirmation of the sale. For information: Visit our website at http://service.ally-pierce.com, between 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. only. Pierce & Associates, Plaintiff's Attorneys, One N. Dearborn St., Ste. 1300, Chicago, IL 60602. Tel. No. (312) 476-5500. PIERCE & ASSOCIATES File No. PA0500438. 143006C	IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division, Washington Mutual Bank, FA, Plaintiff, vs. Ayana Modley, et al., Defendants. Case No. 05Ch-995. PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on March 10, 2005, The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 a.m. on August 30, 2005, in its office at 33 N. Dearborn St., 10th Floor, Chicago, IL 60602-3100, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as: 4592 W. 131st St., Unit 1N, Alsip, IL 60803. The real estate is improved with a condominium. The judgment amount was \$101,082.24. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; the balance, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagee, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale. The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information. For information contact Plaintiff's Attorney: The Sales Clerk, COOILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 N. Frontage Road, Suite 100, Burr Ridge, IL 60527. (630) 794-9876 Ext. 1320. Please refer to file number 14-05-521. NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act you are advised that Plaintiff's Attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. 142652C	IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division, The Provident Bank, Plaintiff, vs. David J. Katsibubas, et al., Defendants. No. 03Ch-5464. PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on May 24, 2005 Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Thursday, August 25, 2005 at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 W. Madison Street, Suite 718A, Chicago, IL, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described mortgaged real estate: Commonly known as: 11428 S. Normandy Ave., Worth, IL 60482. The mortgaged real estate is improved with a single family residence. Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance, by certified funds, within 24 hours. No refunds. The property will NOT be open for inspection. For information call Mr. Peter Vucha at Plaintiff's Attorney, Roesser & Vucha, 920 Davis Road, Elgin, IL 60123. (847) 888-1820. 143695C
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division, Washington Mutual Bank, FA, Successor in Interest to Homestead Lending, Inc., Plaintiff, vs. Stephanie A. Woods a/k/a Stephanie Woods a/k/a Stephanie Woods, et al., Defendants. Case No. 03Ch-5793. PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on May 22, 2003, The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 a.m. on August 29, 2005, in its office at 33 N. Dearborn St., 10th Floor, Chicago, IL 60602-3100, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as: 3833 W. 86th Place, Chicago, IL 60652. The real estate is improved with a single family residence. The judgment amount was \$96,088.47. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; the balance, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate, water bills, etc., and any prior mortgages of record and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to plaintiff and in "as is" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. Upon payment in full of the bid amount, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale. The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information. For information contact Plaintiff's Attorney: The sales clerk, SHAPIRO & KREISMAN, 4201 Lake Cook Road, Northbrook, IL 60062, (847) 498-9990, between the hours of 1:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. only. Please refer to file number 03-80120. NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act you are advised that Plaintiff's Attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. 142863C	IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division, Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., Plaintiff, vs. Allen J. Thrasher a/k/a Allan Thrasher, et al., Defendants. Case No. 03Ch-18547. PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on February 17, 2004, The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 a.m. on August 29, 2005, in its office at 33 N. Dearborn St., 10th Floor, Chicago, IL 60602-3100, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as: 3326 W. 84th Place, Chicago, IL 60652. The real estate is improved with a single family residence. The judgment amount was \$133,576.31. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; the balance, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate, water bills, etc., and any prior mortgages of record and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to plaintiff and in "as is" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. Upon payment in full of the bid amount, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale. The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information. For information contact Plaintiff's Attorney: The sales clerk, SHAPIRO & KREISMAN, 4201 Lake Cook Road, Northbrook, IL 60062, (847) 498-9990, between the hours of 1:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. only. Please refer to file number 03-11100. NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act you are advised that Plaintiff's Attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. 142866C	IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division, Bank of America, N.A., Successor to Nationsbank Corporation Assignee of GN Mortgage Corporation, Plaintiff, vs. Brian J. Coleman, et al., Defendants. No. 04Ch-4616. PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on May 19, 2005, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Tuesday, August 23, 2005, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 W. Madison St., Suite 718A, Chicago, IL, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described property: Commonly known as: 1493B San Francisco Ave., Posen, IL 60469. The improvement on the property consists of a single family residence with separate 2 car garage. Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, by certified funds. No refunds. The judgment amount was \$75,451.63. The property will NOT be open for inspection. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the premises after confirmation of the sale. For information: Visit our website at http://service.ally-pierce.com, between 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. only. Pierce & Associates, Plaintiff's Attorneys, One N. Dearborn St., Ste. 1300, Chicago, IL 60602. Tel. No. (312) 476-5500. PIERCE & ASSOCIATES File No. PA0408138. 143722C	IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division, ABN AMRO Mortgage Group, Inc., Plaintiff, vs. Ziyad Suleiman, et al., Defendant. Case No. 03Ch-17684. PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on March 16, 2005, The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 a.m. on August 30, 2005, in its office at 33 N. Dearborn St., 10th Floor, Chicago, IL 60602-3100, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as: 7915 Central Ave., Burbank, IL 60459. The real estate is improved with a single family residence. The judgment amount was \$115,352.06. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; the balance, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagee, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale. The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information. For information contact Plaintiff's Attorney: The Sales Clerk, COOILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 N. Frontage Road, Suite 100, Burr Ridge, IL 60527. (630) 794-9876 Ext. 1320. Please refer to file number 14-04-A657. NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act you are advised that Plaintiff's Attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. 142678C	IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division, Chase Manhattan Mortgage Corporation, Plaintiff, vs. Marc R. Moad, et al., Defendants. No. 04Ch-21667. PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on 5/11/05, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Wednesday, August 31, 2005, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 W. Madison St., Suite 718A, Chicago, IL, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described property: Commonly known as: 4119 Southwest Highway, Hometown, IL 60456. The improvement on the property consists of a single family residence with separate one car garage. Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, by certified funds. No refunds. The judgment amount was \$111,754.51. The property will NOT be open for inspection. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the premises after confirmation of the sale. For information: Visit our website at http://service.ally-pierce.com, between 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. only. Pierce & Associates, Plaintiff's Attorneys, One N. Dearborn St., Ste. 1300, Chicago, IL 60602. Tel. No. (312) 476-5500. PIERCE & ASSOCIATES File No. PA0410246. 142990C	IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division, The Bank of New York, Trust u/a dated 12/1/01 (EOCC Trust 2001-2), Plaintiff, vs. Edward J. Bradshaw, et al., Defendants. Case No. 02Ch-12328. PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on September 15, 2003, The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 a.m. on September 1, 2005, in its office at 33 N. Dearborn St., 10th Floor, Chicago, IL 60602-3100, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as: 14749 Sunset Ct., Oak Forest, IL 60452. The real estate is improved with a single family house 2 stories yellow/red frame/wood, brick and stucco with attached 2 car garage. The judgment amount was \$181,610.00. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; the balance, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale. The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information. For information: Visit our website at http://service.ally-pierce.com, between the hours of 3 and 5 p.m. only. PIERCE & ASSOCIATES, Plaintiff's Attorneys, One N. Dearborn St., Ste. 1300, Chicago, IL 60602, (312) 476-5500. Please refer to file number PA0205474. NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act you are advised that Plaintiff's Attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. 142637C

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REAL ESTATE

Houses For Sale

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division, Chase Manhattan Mortgage Corporation, Plaintiff, vs. Yolanda Y. McElroy 1/k/a Yolanda Y. Hardy, et al., Defendants. No. 04Ch-20969

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

Fisher & Fisher
file #62488

(It is advised that interested parties consult with their own attorneys before bidding at mortgage foreclosure sales.)

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered on May 2, 2005 in the amount of \$114,525.83, Kallen Financial & Capital Services, Inc. as Selling Official will at 11:30 a.m. on September 14, 2005 at 175 W. Washington Street, Chicago, IL, sell the following described real property to the highest bidder at auction for cash:

C/K/A: 7716 S. Sawyer Ave., Chicago, IL 60652.

The improvements on the property consist of a masonry one-story single-family dwelling with separate garage. The property will NOT be open for inspection.

Sale terms: property offered "as is," with no express or implied warranties; sale subject to general real estate taxes, special taxes, special assessments, and superior liens, if any, 10% of successful bid to be paid at conclusion of auction and balance by noon the next business day, both by cashier's checks; and no refunds. After confirmation of the sale by the court, the successful bidder will receive a Selling Official's Deed.

For information, contact the Sales Officer at the office of the Plaintiff's attorneys, Fisher & Fisher, 120 N. LaSalle Street, Chicago, IL (312) 372-4784, between 1:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. Monday through Friday; however, under Illinois law the Sales Officer is not required to provide information in addition to that contained in this notice. 149665C

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division, Bank One, N.A., as Trustee, Plaintiff, vs. Dedrick Shannon, et al., Defendant. Case No. 04Ch-109.

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on March 18, 2005, The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 a.m. on August 29, 2005, in its office at 33 N. Dearborn St., 10th Floor, Chicago, IL 60602-3100, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

Commonly known as: 13350 S. Hamlin Ave., Robbins, IL 60472.

The real estate is improved with a single family residence.

The judgment amount was \$34,627.23.

Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; the balance, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.

The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information.

For information contact Plaintiff's Attorney: Kropik, Papuga & Shaw, 120 S. LaSalle St., Suite 1327, Chicago, IL 60603, (312) 236-6405. Please refer to file number 34385.

Pursuant to Sec. 15-1507(c)(7) of the Illinois Code of Civil Procedure, no information other than the information contained in this notice will be provided.

NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act you are advised that Plaintiff's Attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. 142375C

REAL ESTATE

Houses For Sale

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division, Ameriquest Mortgage Company, Plaintiff, vs. Cynthia M. Uddah a/k/a Cynthia Uddah, Defendant. Case No. 05Ch-1025.

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on March 16, 2005, The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 a.m. on August 30, 2005, in its office at 33 N. Dearborn St., 10th Floor, Chicago, IL 60602-3100, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

Commonly known as: 9113 S. Utica, Evergreen Park, IL 60805.

The real estate is improved with a single family residence.

The judgment amount was \$174,518.21.

Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; the balance, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.

The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information.

For information contact Plaintiff's Attorney: Dawn K. Krones, Law Offices of Ira T. Nevel, 175 N. Franklin Street, Suite 201, Chicago, IL 60606. (312) 357-1125. Please refer calls to Dawn K. Krones.

NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act you are advised that Plaintiff's Attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. 142549C

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division, Countrywide Home Loans, Inc., Plaintiff, vs. Geraldine Phipps, a/k/a Geraldine Phipps Wells, et al., Defendants. Case No. 01Ch-714.

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on July 23, 2003, The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 a.m. on August 25, 2005, in its office at 33 N. Dearborn St., 10th Floor, Chicago, IL 60602-3100, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

Commonly known as: 2812 W. 84th Pl., Chicago, IL 60652.

The real estate is improved with a single family one story brick (red) residence with two car garage detached.

The judgment amount was \$106,123.70.

Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; the balance, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.

The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information.

For information: Visit our website at <http://service.atty-pierce.com>, between the hours of 3 and 5 pm only. PIERCE & ASSOCIATES, Plaintiff's Attorneys, One N. Dearborn St., Ste. 1300, Chicago, IL 60602, (312) 476-5500. Please refer to file number PA0088369.

NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act you are advised that Plaintiff's Attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. 142903C

REAL ESTATE

Houses For Sale

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division, M & T Trust Company, as Trustee, in Trust for the holders of Securitization Series 1996-4, Plaintiff, vs. Unknown Heirs of Legatees of Ethel Knox, et al., Defendants. No. 04Ch-20527.

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on March 29, 2005, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Thursday, August 25, 2005, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 W. Madison St., Suite 718A, Chicago, IL, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described mortgaged real estate:

Commonly known as: 14001 Lydia, Robbins, IL 60472.

The improvement on the property consists of a single family residence.

Sale terms: Bidders must present, at the time of sale, a cashier's or certified check for 10% of the successful bid amount. The balance of the successful bid shall be paid within 24 hours, by similar funds.

The property will NOT be open for inspection.

For information call Mr. David C. Kluever at Plaintiff's Attorney, Kluever & Platt, L.L.C., 65 E. Wacker Place, Chicago, IL 60601. (312) 236-0077. 143683C

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division, Wachovia Bank, N.A., assignee of Rock Financial Corporation, Plaintiff, vs. John Lucas, et al., Defendants. Case No. 05Ch-1021.

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on March 22, 2005, The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 a.m. on August 30, 2005, in its office at 33 N. Dearborn St., 10th Floor, Chicago, IL 60602-3100, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

Commonly known as: 15545 S. Natalie Dr., Oak Forest, IL 60452.

The real estate is improved with a single family residence.

The judgment amount was \$49,635.50.

Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; the balance, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.

The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information.

For information contact Plaintiff's Attorney: Dawn K. Krones, Law Offices of Ira T. Nevel, 175 N. Franklin Street, Suite 201, Chicago, IL 60606. (312) 357-1125. Please refer calls to Dawn K. Krones.

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Seeks Donations For Rummage Sale

Blue Cap School is preparing for its first annual "Bargain Hunters Bonanza" coming up on Saturday, Sept. 10th in Blue Island. It's a one-day-only rummage sale from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Blue Cap Instructional Center, 1962 Broadway. Blue Cap is currently looking for donations of new or gently used items to sell. The deadline for making donations is Aug. 19th. For more information or to volunteer to help, contact Jill Hart at (708) 389-8137, ext. 303, or at jillh@blue-cap.org. All proceeds will benefit Blue Cap.

Learn Lifesaving Skills

Join the American Red Cross of Greater Chicago's Together We Prepare campaign and help make your family and community safer. The campaign is designed to educate Chicago and suburban residents about the five basic steps necessary to be prepared for an emergency: creating a family disaster plan, assembling a disaster supplies kit, learning a lifesaving skill, donating blood regularly and volunteering to keep your community safe.

The Red Cross offers the following opportunity to "get trained" at the Chicago South Side American Red Cross Community Facility, 1550 W. 88th St. For more information about complete course schedules or prerequisite information, visit www.chicagoredcross.org. To register for courses, call 1(800) 337-2338.

The Infant and Child CPR course is designed for childcare providers, teachers, parents and others who care for children, and teaches participants how to recognize and care for breathing and cardiac emergencies in infants and children up to 8 years of age. Participants take home a refresher skills card as well as information about preventing injuries. The class will be held on Friday, Aug. 5th from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. The fee is \$45.

Standard first aid/AED with infant and child CPR will take place on Monday, Aug. 15th from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. In addition to CPR, this course also includes training in using an automated external defibrillator (AED) on a victim of sudden cardiac arrest. Fees are \$75 for Adult CPR, Standard First Aid and AED; \$125 for Adult CPR, First Aid, AED, Infant/Child CPR.

Queen Contest

Renato Turano, Chairman of the annual Columbus Day Parade and Jo Ann Serpico, President of the Joint Civic Committee of Italian Americans, are excited about the upcoming Columbus Day Parade Queen Contest to be held on Sunday, Sept. 11th at 8 a.m. in the Empire Room of the Palmer House, 17 E. Monroe St., Chicago.

The Committee is urging young ladies of Italian heritage, single, between the ages of 18 and 23 to enter this pageant and be part of the exciting activities of the day. The Columbus Day Parade will be held on Monday, Oct. 10th, beginning with a 9 a.m. mass at the Shrine of Our Lady of Pompeii, 1224 W. Lexington St., Chicago. The parade kicks off at 12:30 p.m. from Columbus and Balbo Drive.

The lucky young lady will receive a cash prize of \$1,000, air flight for two (main cabin), compliments of American Airlines to anywhere in the United States and a weekend stay at the prestigious Hilton Chicago — plus being escorted to all the activities by a limo — courtesy of Robert Syracuse, Fox Valley Limo Service located in Willowbrook.

Applications are available by calling the offices of the Joint Civic Committee of Italian Americans at (708) 450-9050. There is no entry fee — nor is this a talent scout event.

Contestants must be residents of Chicago or its metropolitan area. Chairman of the Queen Contest is Marilyn Fredricks, noted choreographer.

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Southwest Area Obituaries

Lorraine E. Miller

Mass was said Wednesday, at St. Terrence Church, Alsip, with entombment at Resurrection Cemetery for Lorraine E. Miller, 79.

She is survived by her daughter, Rosemary (Martin) Hoak & her sister Rosemary Memenga.

Elaine M. Lavery

Mass was said Monday at St. Anthony Church, Frankfort, with interment at Good Shepherd Cemetery, for Elaine M. Lavery, formerly of Orland Park, now of Frankfort. She was a member of the Midlothian Country Club for over 30 years.

She is survived by her husband, Doug; her daughter, Sheryl (Hon. Jim) Ryan; and two grandchildren.

Carol Ciecierski

Mass was said Tuesday, at St. Michael Church, Orland Park, for Carol Ciecierski, 67. She was a member of the Harvey P.L.A.V. Post #39 and the Alsip V.F.W. Ladies Auxiliary.

She is survived by her children, Karen (Gene) Everett, Steven (Leslee) Ciecierski, Cheryl (Michael) O'Connor; five grandchildren; and her sisters, Leverage (Alec) McCracken, Delores Ahrens and Sonny Smith.

Stephanie A. Opyd

Mass was said on Monday at St. Damian Church, Oak Forest, with interment at Holy Cross Cemetery, for Stephanie A. Opyd. She was a retired employee of Federal Sign & Signal Co. She was 82.

She is survived by her children, Judi (Richard) Kijewski, Michael (Judy) and Bettie (John) Schaefer; seven grandchildren; eight great grandchildren; her sisters, Helen Groski, Lottie Bielen, Leona Kittell, Betty (Florian) Romatowski; and her brothers, Felix (Winnic) Grochmal and Stanley Gorchmal.

Mary "Loretta" Ryan

Mass was said Tuesday, at St. Germaine Church, Oak Lawn, with interment at St. Mary cemetery, for Mary "Loretta" Ryan, 83.

She is survived by her children, William, Debbie, Patrick and Lisette Ryan; three grandchildren; four great grandchildren; her brother, James (Pat) O'Leary & her sister Margaret Michelson.

Jennie Sokol

Mass was said Tuesday at St. Christina Church, Mt. Greenwood, for Jennie Sokol, 90.

She is survived by her children, Mary (Robert) Mugnaini, Jennie (Stan) Borski, John (Mary) Sokol; eight grandchildren; three great grandchildren; her sisters, Helen Miynarski, Lillian Peters, Mary, Florence, Anne; and her brothers, Phillip and Freddie Drahos.

Jan M. Brady

Mass was said Saturday at St. Damian Church, Oak Forest, with interment at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, for Jan M. Brady, 59. She was the daughter of Frank J. Brady, former 15th Ward Alderman from Chicago.

She is survived by her sisters, Pat (Bob) Bedonoian, Sharon (Norm) Hynes and Mary Terese (Michael) Wodziak, and her brother Robert Brady.

Therese Flannery

Mass was said on Saturday at Sacred Heart Church, Palos Hills, with interment at St. Mary Cemetery, for Therese "Terry" Flannery.

She is survived by her sister, Lenore (Joseph) O'Connor and her brother Joseph F. Kattany.

Richard J. Hays

Mass was said Monday at St. Bede the Venerable Church, Chicago, with interment at St. Mary Cemetery, for Richard J. Hays. He was a World War II Naval Veteran.

He is survived by his wife, Betty; his children, Kenneth (Karen) Hays, Judi (John) Egan, Richard (Patty) Hays; six grandchildren and one great grandchild; his sisters, Catherine Malloy, & Teresa; and his brother, Robert (Helen) Hays.

John R. Wanda

Mass was said Tuesday, at St. Bernadette Church, Evergreen Park, with interment at Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery, for John R. Wanda. He was a veteran of the Korean War and Captain of the Evergreen Park Fire Department.

He is survived by his wife Dorothy; his children John (Donna), Jacqueline (Billy) McCutcheon and David (Laurie); nine grandchildren; and one great grandchild.

Marjorie Jane Reilly

Mass was said Monday at St. Gerald Church, Oak Lawn, with interment at St. Mary Cemetery, for Marjorie Jane Reilly, 87.

She is survived by her children Dennis (Maureen), Maureen (Robert) Horrell, Kathleen (David) Batty, and Robert Emmett Jr.; 13 grandchildren; and 11 great grandchildren.

Richard C. Martin

Mass was said Monday at Our Lady of Loretto Church, Hometown, with a private interment, for Richard C. Martin, 76.

He is survived by his wife, Nance; his children, Susan Ponziano and Richard C. Martin; and three grandchildren.

Ann T. McIntyre

Mass was said Tuesday at Most Holy Redeemer Church, Evergreen Park, with entombment at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, for Ann T. McIntyre, a native of Ireland.

She is survived by her children Patricia (James) Hogan, Kathleen (James) Rynne, Marybeth (Randall) Waterlander and James (Peggy) McIntyre; 12 grandchildren; one great grandchild and her sisters Mary Orphanos and Bridget Quinn.

Joseph J. Caruso

Mass was said Monday at St. Terrence Church, Alsip, with interment at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, for Joseph J. Caruso, 90. He was a member of the American Grain Millers local #27. He was retired from Cargill.

He is survived by his wife Frances M.; his children Dolores Porter, Dorothy (William) Coleman, Mary Lenza, Joseph, Samuel and Charles (Carol) Caruso; 16 grandchildren and 35 great grandchildren; His sisters, Anna, Jenny, Josephine, Angie, Dorothy, Margaret, Rose; his brothers Frank, Tony, Frances and Samuel.

Patrick J. Devlin

Mass was said Tuesday at St. Christina Church, Mt. Greenwood, with interment at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, for Patrick J. Devlin, 51. He was a long time employee of Securitas.

He is survived by his mother, Annie Philip; his sisters Eileen, Peggy Casey, Bridget (Daniel) Sullivan; and his brothers David, James (Cynthia) and Matthew (Yvonne).

Peter F. Brouwer

Services were held Tuesday at the Hope Christian Reformed Church, Oak Forest, for Peter F. Brouwer, 63. He was a U.S. Navy Veteran.

He is survived by his children, Chad, Eric and Kent; his brothers John, Martin, Richard; and his sisters Kathy Erick and Nancy Vanderwoude.

William H. Febel

Mass was said Tuesday at St. Alexander Church, Palos Heights, with interment at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, for William H. Febel, 46, of Palos Heights. He was a member of Bricklayer Local #21.

He is survived by his father, Charles J.; his brothers Charles (Laura), Bob (Chris), Joe (Maureen); and his sisters Kim (Rob) Figliulo and Carol (Ron) Bedore.

Jean F. Finn

Mass was said Monday at St. Walter Church, Beverly, with interment at St. Mary

Cemetery, for Jean F. Finn, 90. She was a member of TOPS. She is survived by her children, Diane (Philip) Reger, Michael (Mary), Donna (John) Haut, Patrick (Jacqueline), John (Victoria) and Jim (Charlene); 21 grandchildren; and five great grandchildren.

Valerie D. Fitzgerald

Mass was said Monday, at Sacred Heart Church, Palos Hills, with interment at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, for Valerie D. Fitzgerald, 44. She was an administrative aid of Teamsters Central Region Freight Div. I.B.T.

She is survived by her husband, Robert M.; her children, Meghan, Brian and Shannon; her mother, Monica; her brother Thomas (Diane) Coffey; & her sisters, Patricia (Joseph) Heerlein, Susan (Michael) Szumlas, and Kathleen (Kevin) Ward.

Elizabeth Flynn

Mass was said on Monday at St. John Fischer Church, Chicago, for Elizabeth "Bette" Flynn.

She is survived by her children, Marybeth (William) Funk, Tom (Jeanette), Mark (Barb), Nancy, Barbara (Larry) Zwicky, Eileen and Virginia (Kevin) Bollinger; 14 grandchildren; and her sisters Theresc Linehan and Jean (Ray) Bauer.

Mary Sibyl Dunn

Mass was said Tuesday, at St. Catherine of Alexandria Church, Oak Lawn, with interment at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, for Mary Sibyl Dunn. She is a former teacher & Assistant Principal of the Chicago Public Schools. She was also a retired associate Professor at Chicago State University.

She is survived by her sisters Annita (Tom) Coughlin and her brother Robert (Joyce) Dunn.

Anne Wagner

Services were held Monday, at Good Shepherd Cemetery, Orland Park, for Anne Wagner, 34, formerly of Orland Park.

She is survived by her husband Marc Trimuschat; her parents Albert and Arlene Wagner; her brother Peter Wagner.

Ronald T. Pevitts Sr.

Services were held Saturday at the Lawn Funeral Home, Orland Park, with private interment for Ronald T. Pevitts Sr. He was an Army Veteran and retired from the Chicago Police Department

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after 36 years. He was a member of the Masonic Providence Lodge #711. He is survived by his children Ronald T. Pevitts Jr. and Lynn (Peter) McCutcheon; two grandchildren; his mother, Teresa; and his brothers George J. and Lawrence A. (Judy) Pevitts; and his sister Teresa A.

Marikay Corrigan

Mass was said Monday, at St. Catherine of Alexandria Church, Oak Lawn, with interment at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, for Marikay Corrigan, 74.

She is survived by her children, Mark, Michael, Jim and Patrick (Molly Hart); and 11 grandchildren.

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Carol Palmer Wardlaw Receives \$25,000 And Named "Super Star" Among Community Health Nurses In The Chicagoland Area

Imagine being a nurse working in an inner-city high school health center serving more than 1,200 students and dealing with puberty and chronic illness, eating disorders and obesity, STDs and teen pregnancy, depression and self-esteem issues – all before the lunch bell rings! This is what 54-year-old Carol Palmer Wardlaw, MSN, BSN, does every day as the manager and family nurse practitioner at Huginnie Crane Adolescent Health Center located inside the Crane Technical Preparatory Common School on the city's West side. Wardlaw was recently chosen as winner of the 2005 VNA Foundation Super Star in Community Nursing Award and recipient of a \$25,000 unrestricted cash award to recognize her significant contributions to community and public health nursing in Chicago.

Wardlaw has a great passion for serving adolescents in the predominately African American neighborhood in which she serves. In fact, for the vast majority of her patients at the Huginnie Crane Adolescent Health Center, administered by Rush University College of Nursing and run in collaboration with the Cook County Ambulatory and Community Health Network, Wardlaw is their first contact and often their only available access to health care. The students Wardlaw serves come to the center with complaints ranging from everyday headaches and stomach pains to more serious medical issues such as appendicitis and unplanned pregnancy. Wardlaw is known for relating to and respecting the students she serves and has become a trusted authority within the school. Through Wardlaw's dedication and commitment to helping battle teen pregnancy at Crane, her center has seen a rapid decline in teen pregnancies, down from 60 in 1994 to only nine in 2005. In addition, Wardlaw is also very committed to the prevention of sexually transmitted diseases (STDs), and has witnessed a steady decline of chlamydia from 16% of the center's patients to 12% over the past four years.

Never one to sit idle, Carol Palmer Wardlaw has also been instrumental in the organization and development of the Illinois Coalition for School Health Centers and has played a major role in recruiting members and establishing this organization throughout the state. The Coalition's mission is to improve the physical and mental health status of Illinois' youth by providing access to quality health care through the development, stabilization and expansion of school-based and linked health centers. Wardlaw's efforts have not gone unnoticed. This May, she received the first-ever "Advocate of the Year" award from the ICSHC for her advocacy work to promote the need for and benefits from school health centers. She is also active in supporting the National Assembly for School Health Care and has helped to train school health center staff throughout the country.

Wardlaw also takes very seriously her position as a role model to health practitioner students and, since 1996, has served as a Practitioner/Teacher for Rush University College of Nursing in Chicago.

Growing up with her parents and three siblings in downstate rural Pembroke Township, Wardlaw always knew she wanted to become a nurse. Her earliest memory of caring for "patients" was extracting splinters from her siblings' fingers and diagnosing and treating the occasional playground scrapes and bumps. When Wardlaw was 19, she read a newspaper article about Cook County School of Nursing and wrote the school to inquire about the profession.

The school urged young Wardlaw to enroll and shortly thereafter she was accepted and began earning her nursing diploma. Upon graduating the school's three-year program, Wardlaw started her first job as a staff nurse at Mt. Sinai Hospital where she also served as the hospital's diabetes educator. In that position, she helped newly diagnosed patients cope with and manage their diabetes thus beginning her long career as a patient educator and advocate.

After eight years at Mt. Sinai, Wardlaw went back to school to pursue a Bachelors of Nursing at DePaul University. There she met a professor who suggested she pursue nurse practitioner training at the University of Wisconsin at Oshkosh. Upon receiving her Master's degree, Wardlaw worked for more than a decade as a family nurse practitioner at Winfield Moody Community Health Center in the Cabrini Green neighborhood offering prenatal, well women and family planning care to predominately African American and Hispanic women. A colleague at Winfield Moody recommended Wardlaw to the medical director at Huginnie Crane Adolescent Health Center in 1993, where she has been employer ever since.

Letter To The Editor

The United States Supreme Court made a judgment to throw out the Ten Commandments in a courthouse in 2005!

The God of Israel won't be mocked. The reason that most of the United States is in a drought and earthquakes are happening in 2005 is the wrath and judgment of the God of Israel against the United States. The God of Israel made the United States Supreme Court and out of their ignorance of the law, not allowing God's Ten Commandments in the courthouses will destroy the moral law of the land! In the next two years if the United States Supreme Court rules in favor of man instead of God, the United States people will suffer the most since the birth of our nation. There will be financial, physical, spiritual, moral and natural disasters suffered in the United States, valley of dry bones land! The God of Israel is warning us in the weather changes and birth pangs of planet earth's natural disasters,

moaning and groaning for the Supreme Court's stupidity!

May the God of Israel have mercy on the United States of America!
s/s George Culley
Pinckneyville, IL

OAK LAWN POLICE CALLS

On July 15th Shulonda Webber, 25, of Chicago was arrested and charged with battery after a traffic accident. After the accident at 95th and Melvina, Webber confronted the other driver, then punched him in the nose. Webber was also issued traffic citations.

On July 15th Alan Campbell, 38, of Chicago was arrested and charged with violation of the sex offender registration laws after a traffic stop near 101st and Central. Campbell had not updated his registration when he moved. He was also charged with traffic violations.

On July 17th Adrian Vasquez, 17, of Evergreen Park was arrested and charged with underage consumption of alcohol after officers responded to a report of teenagers running into traffic at near 100th and Pulaski. Vasquez confronted police as they were questioning another young man. After refusing to cooperate with police who had noted the strong odor of alcohol on him, Vasquez was arrested.

On July 17th Joseph Gutierrez, 20, of Chicago and Jessica Amaya, 21, of Burbank were arrested and charged with burglary. A neighbor noticed the two removing stereo equipment from a car parked outside of an apartment building in the 10400 block of Mason and notified police. Before the officers arrived two fled the lot followed by the neighbor, who updated police as to their location.

On July 18th Timothy Sebonia, 51, of Burbank was arrested and charged with public drunkenness after officers discovered him sleeping behind the tennis courts in Centennial Park.

On July 18th Kurt Paczkowski, 40, of Oak Lawn was arrested and charged with felony possession of a controlled substance after a witness observed Paczkowski snorting speed and notified police. Police arrived at the bus stop at 111th and Pulaski and a search revealed 19 plastic packets of white powder wrapped in newspaper.

On July 18th Thomas Monahan, 21, of Bridgeview was arrested and charged with criminal trespass to a vehicle after the owner of a trailer parked behind a house in the 5700 block of 87th Pl. observed the door to the trailer open and upon investigating observed Monahan sleeping naked on the trailer floor.

On July 20th around 3:00 p.m. Jewel employees in the store near 103rd and Cicero were alerted by a customer of a fire in the greeting card area. The assistant manager used

NAMI Meeting

A self-help support group for relatives and friends of persons with serious mental illnesses (brain disorders) will meet at 7 p.m. on Thursday, Aug. 11th in the Church of Christ, 4010 W. 206th St. (at Crawford/ Pulaski) in Matteson.

The group meeting is sponsored by the south suburban affiliate of the National Alliance for the Mentally Ill. Experienced, volunteer facilitators will lead the meeting, which can be helpful – hopeful – for family and friends whose loved ones have mental illnesses.

Family Support Group meetings are held on the second Thursday of each month throughout the year at the same time and location. There is no charge to attend. For further information about the meeting and/or the National Alliance for the Mentally Ill (NAMI), call John Rowley at (708) 798-3862.



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Unhealthy Smog Days

As Illinoisans suffer the 13th unhealthy ozone day of the summer, Illinois PIRG's Clean Energy Illinois campaign continued to demonstrate strong public support for a shift to clean energy today. Advocates delivered a third installment of more than 3,200 new citizen postcards to the Illinois Commerce Commission (ICC). Since May, more than 8,500 citizens have sent postcards, letters and e-mails supporting a strong, enforceable clean energy standard for ComEd and Ameren, the state's two largest utilities. The ICC is in the process of implementing Governor Blagojevich's "Sustainable Energy Plan," including a clean standard requiring Illinois electric companies to ensure that at least 8% of its power comes from clean renewable energy sources by 2013. A shift to clean energy will mean substantial reductions in air pollution from old, coal-burning power plants.

Across the country, wind and solar power technologies are providing an increasing proportion of our power. Illinois has the potential for 9000 MW of wind capacity in our rural areas, enough to power 2 million homes. Harvesting the wind can mean big bucks for rural Illinois. Farmers who lease their farmland for wind turbines can make \$4,000 to \$8,000 per year. These projects also generate property tax revenues for rural counties, and jobs in the manufacture, installation and maintenance of the turbines.

Unfortunately, Illinois utilities are behind the curve in developing this potential. ComEd and Ameren rely on dirty, dangerous, and unsustainable energy sources for 99 percent of the electricity that powers our homes, offices and industries in Illinois. Fifty-four percent of our power comes from coal-burning power plants, which emit hundreds of thousands of tons of air pollution, toxic mercury, and global warming gases each year, more than all but just four other states. The other 45 percent of our power comes from nuclear power plants, which are responsible for the creation of extremely toxic nuclear waste, which remains in storage across the state.

Last month, the ICC voted unanimously to adopt the goals set out in the Governor's Sustainable Energy Plan, but left most of the implementation details undecided. On Aug. 18, ComEd and Ameren are expected to file "tariffs" committing to achieving the clean energy goals of having 2% of their power generated by clean, renewable sources by 2007, increasing to 8% by 2013. Although they have voiced support for the program publicly, the specific terms of their agreement will be contained in their tariffs, which will be enforceable.

Village Board votes To Postpone Special Services Area Ordinance For

Proposed Target Project

At the request of Mayor Dave Heilmann, the board voted to postpone approving an ordinance that would establish a special services area for the proposed Target Project and Municipal Parking Lot. Mayor Heilmann stated that after gathering all the Target information and reviewing all the information he determined that when the original plans changed the incentive to Target did not. The revised plan called for a smaller store. According to the Target attorney the construction of the smaller store would cost more and there would be a loss of revenue. Mayor Heilmann has requested documentation but as of yet has not received the documentation. Residents cheered as the vote was taken.

Fire Lieutenants Scott Sobel, Peter Lombardi, and Edward Brand were promoted to captain and Fire Engineer Steve Rocky was promoted to lieutenant. New fire fighters Rick Sorley, Eric Berge, Christopher Trybula, Pete Krauss, Timothy McKee, Russell Engel, and Dana Bartunek received their oath of office.

Police Officer Daniel Miller was awarded a commendation for his service in Iraq. The commendation states that

Miller's performance under arduous conditions was exemplary. The standard of excellence he displays on a daily basis as an Oak Lawn police officer was the same performance that he used to lead his men under combat conditions, train Iraqi units, and help spread the seeds of democracy to the Iraqi people. Miller was called to active duty in June, 2004.

A resident who lives near Napleton Honda complained that the dealership does not adhere to the village ordinances, ignoring signs that state no turns into the residential area, driving dealership cars on the street without plates, and when the no parking signs were in place they too were ignored. He stated he has called the police numerous times but to no avail. The resident requested the no parking signs be reinstalled and that number of signs be increased from three for the whole block.

Trustec Thomas Phelan stated that he has been researching a possible solution to the vacated property at 110th and Cicero. He questioned whether anyone had considered developing the total property. In doing the research, he discovered Wheaton has a Town Square developed by Lifestyle Development. The square contains premium specialty stores and restaurants. According to Phelan, this mix of stores and restaurants is not available in this area. Phelan added that this is just an idea for this area. Mayor Heilmann stated that thus is only in the exploratory stage, he wants all trustees to be open minded about this possibility and he would be in contact each trustee.

The August 23rd meeting has been canceled. The next regular meeting will be held September 13th.

Library Board Meeting Date Change

The Oak Lawn Public Library Board of Trustees will hold its next monthly meeting one week later than usual on Tuesday, Aug. 23 at 7:30 p.m.

The Oak Lawn Public Library Board of Trustees regularly meets on the third Tuesday of every month at 7:30 p.m. Meetings are open to the public in the library's Oak Lawn Rotary Room, lower level.

Library board members are: Patricia Roberts, president, Frank March, vice president; Suzanne Marzano, secretary; Michael Sutko, financial secretary; Joann Buschbach, Richard Gast and Marian Sullivan, trustees. The Oak Lawn Public Library is at 5300 W. 95th St.

Check Presented To South Side Pregnancy Center

On Tuesday, Aug. 16th, the Knights of Columbus Council #3582 of Oak Lawn will present a check for \$2500 to the South Side Pregnancy Center. The Center is located at 5450 W. 95th St. Money was raised through member donations and golf outings that were put on by the council. Sir Knight Tom Stanton who is the head of the Right to Life Committee organized all the events and thought the Pregnancy Center would benefit from the donation.

Executive Director Ruth Tibstra from the Pregnancy Center will be present to accept the check from the Knights.

The presentation will begin at 7 p.m. at the Knights Clubhouse, 5007 W. 95th St. Enter through the blue door in the back. Refreshments will be served. All are invited to attend.

For more information, call Jim Reeves at (708) 857-9455.

Back to School Movie & Campout

Celebrate summer one last night with the Oak Lawn Park District on Friday, Aug. 19th. Bring your blankets or lawn chairs to Memorial Park, 102nd & Major Ave., and watch the family classic "The Wizard of Oz" under the stars. The movie begins at 8 p.m.

Refreshments and restrooms will be available. The movie is free! For those who love to camp, bring your tent and stay for the night.

Registration is required for sleepover. The fee for sleepover is \$20. Registration deadline is Friday, Aug. 12th. For more information, call Jim Popko at (708) 857-2200.

Degree Recipients

Oak Lawn residents Colleen T. Healy, Allison M. Naddy and Maura E. Prunty were among graduates of Loras College, Dubuque, Iowa.

Healy and Naddy each earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in elementary education. Healy graduated with cum laude honors.

Prunty received a Bachelor of Arts degree in teacher education.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

- AUGUST 15 - Monday - Nifty Fifties Senior Meeting, Salem United Church of Christ, 9717 S. Kostner, 1 p.m.
- AUGUST 15 - Monday - Planning & Development Commission Meeting, 9446 S. Raymond, 8 p.m.
- AUGUST 16 - Tuesday - OL Library Board Meeting, 94th & Raymond, 7 p.m. Changed to Aug. 23rd.
- AUGUST 16 - Tuesday - Environmental Concerns Meeting, 9446 S. Raymond, 7:30 p.m.
- AUGUST 16 - Tuesday - Special Events Committee Meeting, 9446 S. Raymond, 7:30 p.m.
- AUGUST 16 - Tuesday - Community Mental Health Board, 9401 S. 53rd Ct., 8 p.m.
- AUGUST 16 - Tuesday - Human Services Board, 9446 S. Raymond, 8 p.m.
- AUGUST 17 - Wednesday - Oak Lawn Community High School District 229 Board Meeting, 9400 Southwest Highway, Board Room, 119, 7:30 p.m.
- AUGUST 18 - Thursday - Public Works Meeting, 9446 S. Raymond, 7:30 p.m.
- AUGUST 18 - Thursday - Athletic Club Meeting, VFW Hall, 9514 S. 52nd Ave., 8 p.m.

Lake Michigan's Biggest In-Water Boat Show
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Illinois Schools Bill Package Focuses On Paperwork Reduction

Gov. Rod R. Blagojevich signed four bills into law on Aug. 4th that will help Illinois schools by reducing paperwork, speeding up reimbursements and allowing local districts more flexibility. By signing House Bill 3680 and 404 and Senate Bills 1734 and 1851 into law, the Governor is building on his effort to reduce administrative red tape, letting schools focus their attention on the important work of educating children. Since the Governor appointed a new State Board of Education in the fall of 2004, it has already reduced the volumes of school administrative rules by 400 pages, eliminated the teachers' certification backlog and significantly improved the accuracy and timeliness of school performance reports.

HB 3680 removes the requirement that school districts certify to the Illinois State Board of Education that serious safety hazards continue to exist within the district. Current law allows local school boards to provide free student transportation to their students based on the local board's annual determination that walking conditions within 1.5 miles of the school present a serious safety hazard, based on Illinois Dept. of Transportation guidelines. School districts must continue to make this determination on an annual basis, but are not required to submit certification to ISBE. The new law, effective July 1st, 2005, removes redundant paperwork and reporting for local districts.

SB 1734 removes a requirement for school districts to sub-

mit claim forms for reimbursement from the Driver Education Fund. The new law establishes Driver Education Fund reimbursement to districts on a quarterly basis instead of annually and removes the provision that a district's reimbursement could not exceed the per-pupil instruction and practice driving costs.

HB 404 allows schools flexibility when administering the 1.5-day Prairie State Achievement Examination (PSAE). The new law provides that a school may shorten the day below five clock hours to accommodate the required testing procedures and still allow the shortened day to be counted towards the 176 days of pupil attendance required each year.

Current law requires five clock hours of instruction. However, if a district has already "banked" additional minutes by exceeding the five-hour minimum on other school days, those districts can count the shortened day as a full day towards the Average Daily Attendance requirement. Although districts could do this in the past, it required a modification of the School Code from the ISBE. Under this law, school districts are afforded the flexibility without additional paperwork.

While the Illinois School Code requires attending of 300 daily minutes, if a district has already "banked" additional minutes by exceeding the five-hour minimum on other school days, this law allows those districts to count the shortened day as a full day towards its Average Daily Attendance requirement.

SB 1851 removes specific statutory dates for districts to file estimated reimbursement claims for the cost of providing transitional bilingual education services. Previously, the law stipulated four dates throughout the calendar year, and placed districts at risk of forfeiting their State reimbursement if they did file final claims by July 20th each year.

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August Is Child Support Month

Governor Rod R. Blagojevich announced that August is Child Support Month and honored the Division of Child Support Enforcement with an official proclamation recognizing its success in strengthening enforcement and increasing collections for Illinois' children. Governor Blagojevich recently signed five bills into law that further improve the state's child support services under the Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services (HFS).

In July, Governor Blagojevich announced a record breaking \$1 billion in child support payments have been made this year. The funds will provide 386,000 Illinois parents with the money they need to care for their children. More than \$100 million of the \$1 billion collected went to parents whose child support was severely overdue. Collections on cases receiving enforcement services from HFS grew 8.5 percent, surpassing the national average of 3 percent growth.

During the month of August, HFS outreach staff will travel throughout the state to increase awareness on the new innovative and aggressive programs the Governor has implemented to improve collection for Illinois' working families.

Child support is the second largest income source for low-income families who qualify for the program. In 2003, more than 846,735 children in Illinois were owed child support payments totaling about \$3 billion, with a collection rate of 28 percent. Today, the collection rate is 32 percent, with 741,787 children's support being enforced by the Department of Healthcare and Family Services.

This dramatic turnaround follows years of poor child support collection. But, over the past two years, the governor launched a number of innovative and aggressive programs to improve collection to help working parents, including a Deadbeat Parents Website that identifies parents who owe more than \$5,000 in child support payments, resulting in the collection of over \$172,000 in back payments.

Service Learning Initiative To Begin

Lewis University and the United Way of Will County will launch a service learning initiative through this year's University Welcome Days. On Friday, Aug. 26th, more than 300 incoming students will work with local agencies and organizations throughout the community to lend a helping hand. Lewis volunteers will participate in projects ranging from renovating a residential center for homeless women and children to cleaning land of debris and litter for the local park district.

Local United Way partner agencies and participating organizations will include Trinity Services, Camp Fire USA Prairie Council, Catholic Charities Daybreak Center, Des Plaines Valley Public Library, Lamb's Fold Women's Center, 4-H of Will County University of Illinois Extension and the Joliet Park District Pileher Park Woods. Working alongside these students will be Lewis faculty and staff members, who will lead a discussion the following day on the experience of volunteering and connecting with the community.

"The service learning project is a mutually beneficial 'win-win' for both Lewis University and the United Way partner agencies," said Mark Urban, Assistant Vice-President of Resource Development for the United Way of Will County. "It will engage new Lewis students in supporting their community, and the organizations greatly benefit in the form of much needed labor resources. The initiative is yet another example of Lewis University's unyielding support of our United Way of Will County."

Developed by Lewis' First Year Experience Task Force and Student Orientation, Advising and Registration (SOAR), the days' activities are designed to present students with an enriching experience of volunteerism.

"The community service effort is important because it encourages our students to think of their life experiences beyond the campus community," said Kathryn Slattery, Dean of Student Services at Lewis and board member of the United Way of Will County. "As they grow and develop, we want them to have a strong sense of community involvement and responsibility. Hopefully, the afternoon of service for others will be the first of many during their time at Lewis University and throughout their lives."

Recent Lewis graduate Paul Sevcik, who is continuing his volunteer efforts as a student by serving as a Lasallian Volunteer, spoke about the appeal of volunteering, especially on a campus like Lewis. "Lewis University has many opportunities for outreach," he said. "By taking part in these activities, students can make friends, join a cause, and become a catalyst for change. It really is a thrilling feeling when you realize that you actually can make a difference in the life of just one person at a time! It all becomes worth the effort and so you want to do it again."

Scheduled from Thursday, Aug. 25th through Sunday, Aug. 28th on the university's main campus in Romeoville, Lewis' Welcome Days serve as a continuation of the university's Orientation Program, helping new students to transition from high school to college life, or to make the move from another college to Lewis. Welcome Days provides students with an opportunity to meet other new students, faculty and staff; to identify their skills, abilities and interests as they plan their academic course; and to familiarize themselves with the university campus, its services and programs.

Welcome Days includes a variety of events such as an Introduction to the College Experience (ICE) class for first-year students; a Picnic-Under-the-Pavilion for students and their families; a special welcoming session from the Black Student Union, the International Student Assn. and the Latin American Student Organization; a photo session, including keepsake photos of students and their families; and a wide range of other social events from live music on the University Green to a scavenger hunt, a block party, a Mexican Fiesta and various activities in the Student Recreation and Fitness Center. A special Mass also will be held on Sunday evening for students, parents, and faculty and staff.

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Judy Baar Topinka Offers \$50,000 In Scholarships

Illinois State Treasurer Judy Baar Topinka (pictured) is currently accepting applications for the second annual "Bright Dreams - A Promise for the Next Generation" scholarship program designed specifically for grandparents to help send their grandchildren to college.

A total of \$50,000 in scholarship money will be awarded to the winners of a 500 word essay contest answering the question, "My grandchild would make a great... (fill in the blank)."

The competition will be divided among five regions and judged by volunteers from the Illinois Retired Teachers Association. Eight Bright Start scholarships will be awarded in each region: one for \$5,000, two for \$1,500 and five for \$500. The regions are: 1) Cook County; 2) the Collar Counties; 3) Northern Illinois; 4) Central Illinois; and 5) Southern Illinois. Each region will have an independent review board which will select the winners based on how well the theme is addressed.

The applicant must complete and sign the 2005 Bright Start Bright Dreams Program application and mail with the essay by Sept. 15. The essay should be approximately 500 words and be clearly hand written or typed. Only one entry is permitted per individual.

Winners will be notified in October via certified mail to the address indicated on the application.

The scholarship will come in the form of a 529 Bright Start College Savings Account which offers exceptional tax benefits. Contributions are deductible from Illinois income taxes and qualified withdrawals are exempt from Illinois and federal income taxes.

For further information or to request an application, contact the Treasurer's Office at (877) 43-BRIGHT (877-432-7444), (217) 558-4983 or visit either www.state.il.us/treas or www.brightstartsavings.com.

Concerned Women For America Of Illinois Reminds Senators Durbin And Obama: We're Constituents, Too

Concerned Women for America (CWA) is the nation's largest public policy women's organization. As such, the leadership of CWA of Illinois requested a meeting two weeks ago with Illinois' U.S. Senators Dick Durbin and Barack Obama to ask them to vote to confirm President Bush's Supreme Court nominee, John G. Roberts.

To date, CWA of Illinois has not received so much as a courtesy call from Senator Durbin's office, and Senator Obama's representative stated "it would take awhile.... several weeks" before even discussing a meeting date.

"However, this is a time sensitive issue," said CWA of Illinois' state director Kathy Valente. "Senate hearings on Judge Roberts' nomination are anticipated to begin in one month. Both of our senators have already demonstrated obstructionist leanings toward Judge Roberts' nomination, and we want to urge them to stop."

On July 20, Senator Durbin stated, "The president had an opportunity to unite the country with his Supreme Court nomination.... Instead, by putting forward John Roberts' name, President Bush has chosen a more controversial nom-

inee and guaranteed a more controversial confirmation process."

"Perhaps Senator Durbin is concerned Judge Roberts might say something 'controversial' like compare the U.S. military to 'Hitler, Stalin and Pol Pot,'" said CWA's national chief counsel, Jan LaRue. "This would certainly not 'unite the country.'"

Likewise, according to the Chicago Tribune on July 21, Senator Obama "wonders whether Roberts has the wisdom and balance to be a Supreme Court justice. In every walk of life, you know people who are really smart but have no sense.... And what you hope for in a justice is somebody who is smart but more importantly also has good sense."

"There is no denying that the left's attack on judicial nominees depends not on who the judge is but on who the president is," said Valente. "There's the 'advice and consent' role of the Senate according to the Constitution and then there's the left's 'distort, demand and delay' version."

"Every indication suggests that Judge Roberts respects the Constitution as a document that says what it means - not more, not less," continued Valente. "His extensive experience shows he is well equipped to resist the temptation to substitute the actual words of the Constitution with his own whim."

"Concerned Women for America will strongly support Judge Roberts all the way to confirmation. If our senators will not meet with us, we will encourage them publicly to vote in favor of Judge Roberts' nomination, and certainly not filibuster him," said Valente.

Adjustments To I-PASS

If you have an I-PASS, chances are you received a yellow postcard, which pointed out adjustments to your I-PASS agreement, some of which need clarification.

One of the comments on the card warns "failure to observe traffic rules in I-PASS lanes" could result in a suspended account.

According to Illinois State Toll Highway Authority Spokesperson Joelle McGinnis, first of all, the wording is designed only to remind people of the message of safe driving near toll plazas; secondly, to date, nobody has had their pass suspended for speeding or any other traffic

violation; and thirdly, the Tollway still intends to keep its promise that I-PASS will not be used for law enforcement.

The yellow postcards were mainly circulated for the benefit of individuals who have failed to revise outdated information in their account file, or pass through the I-PASS lane when their account is in arrears or has been terminated. For these motorists, The Tollway reserves the right to invoke a \$25 fine.

Also, the agreement allows for the deduction of a toll from your account in cases where a transponder fails to register it.

Seeks Donations For Rummage Sale

Blue Cap School is preparing for its first annual "Bargain Hunters Bonanza" coming up on Saturday, Sept. 10th in Blue Island.

It's a one-day-only rummage sale from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Blue Cap Instructional Center, 1962 Broadway. Blue Cap is currently looking for donations of new or gently used items to sell. The deadline for making donations is Aug. 19th.

For more information or to volunteer to help, contact Jill Hart at (708) 389-8137, ext. 303, or at jillh@bluecap.org. All proceeds will benefit Blue Cap.

MVCC Offer Telecourses

Moraine Valley Community College offers an assortment of telecourses in the fall 2005 semester. Telecourses are taught primarily via videotapes that are available in the college's Library/Learning Resources Center and several local libraries.

Telecourses available include Composition I and II; Principles of Macroeconomics; Western Civilization I and II; American History I and II; A Healthy Lifestyle and You; Introduction to Philosophy; World Religions; American National Government; Introduction to Psychology; Life-Span Developmental Psychology; Child Psychology; Abnormal Psychology; General Sociology; Marriage and Family; and Film Appreciation.

For more information about telecourses at Moraine Valley, call (708) 974-5710. Registration is underway. Classes begin the week of Aug. 22nd. Tuition is \$64 per credit hour plus fees and books.

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Rep. Dan Lipinski Proposes Comprehensive, Common Sense Compromise to Medical Malpractice Reform

Recently, U.S. Rep. Dan Lipinski (IL-3rd) joined Brian Baird (WA-3rd), James Moran (VA-8th), and C.A. "Dutch" Ruppersberger (MD-2nd) in introducing a comprehensive, common sense compromise to medical malpractice reform.

HR 3378 will: constrain medical liability insurance costs that have forced many quality doctors to abandon medicine; curb merit less lawsuits that drive insurance and health care costs up; protect the rights of patients with legitimate malpractice claims; and improve the overall quality of health care by implementing improved measures for medical error reporting.

"Unfortunately, medical malpractice lawsuits tend to be a legal game between powerful special interests rather than a mechanism for average citizens to seek and receive just compensation for real pain and suffering," Rep. Lipinski said. "Our bill ensures that victims of malpractice can obtain justice without undermining the world's best health care system."

The comprehensive medical malpractice reform bill includes these key provisions:

- Setting reasonable, inflation-adjusted limits on non-economic malpractice damages;
- Excluding medical devices and pharmaceuticals from the cap on non-economic damages;
- Providing mediation alternatives to litigation;
- Penalizing merit less lawsuits and the repeated filing of unfounded litigation;
- Improving state medical boards and establishing best practice standards;
- Offering legal protections for the good faith reporting, investigation, and enforcement of medical errors;
- Establishing voluntary, confidential reporting procedures for medical personnel, like those used by the FAA;
- Requiring the medical liability industry to justify rate increases and pass savings along to consumers;
- Providing liability protection for practitioners and institutions mandated to treat indigent patients.

"It is time for a practical solution to medical malpractice," said Congressman Lipinski. "This legislation provides solid protections for patients and competent, caring physicians, such as establishing national guidelines for State Medical Disciplinary Boards and promoting mediation programs that will expedite compensation to victims and allow doctors to offer a sincere apology without fear that it could be used against them in court."

"In Illinois we particularly understand the need for medical malpractice reform with many communities having experienced a significant loss of physicians, especially those in the OBGYN and neurosurgery specialties. This bill provides the vehicle for a comprehensive solution for the entire nation. It will improve the availability, cost, and quality of health care for all Americans."

The bill has been referred to House Energy and Commerce and Judiciary Committees.

Senate President Emil Jones Honored By College Summit

Illinois Senate President Emil Jones was honored with the College Summit "Let Talent Shine" Award on Saturday, Aug. 6th at the University of Chicago.

College Summit is a non-profit organization that nearly doubles the college enrollment rate among low-income youth by working in partnership with students, high schools, colleges and the local philanthropic community.

The "Let Talent Shine" Award is the organization's highest award and is given to community leaders for their extraordinary efforts in helping causes for young people, especially those geared toward the improvement of higher education for low-income students.

"Every young person who has the grades and has the drive should be able to attend college," President Jones said. "College Summit provides them with the tools to apply, be accepted and finish their education. I am honored to be recognized by an organization that works with these young men and women to secure a brighter future for them."

President Jones has been an outspoken advocate and supporter of programs in higher education to benefit minority and underprivileged youth. He has also staunchly supported increases to the Monetary Assistance Program that provides grant funding for non-conventional students who attend college.

President Jones has also established a youth foundation that has awarded over 125 scholarships over the past 8 years to young men and women who exhibit academic excellence and are public service oriented.

SCORE Workshop

Attend a half-day workshop on Tuesday, Aug. 16th from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., offered by SCORE, Counselors to America's Small Business. Gain an understanding of cash flow, income statements & balance sheets, and how to use them to impact business results. A guest banker will present criteria for obtaining financing. This workshop is the third of four required for a SCORE Workshop Completion Certificate, helpful when seeking a loan. Attendees should be in business or planning to start a business.

Register and pay the \$35 fee on line, www.scorechicago.org. Walk-in same day registration and pay at the door \$45. Space is limited. Call (312) 353-7724 any weekday morning with questions.

SCORE, a resource partner of the U.S. Small Business Administration, is located in the Citicorp Center, Suite 1250, 500 W. Madison St. in downtown Chicago. For more information, call (312) 353-7724 or visit the web site www.scorechicago.org.



All Points Southwest

By THOMAS E. GAVIN

It has been increasingly thought provoking to read articles containing various allegations attacking Chicago Mayor Richard M. Daley and his administration. Questions regarding improprieties have created a climate of confusion and unrest in some circles. More disillusioning is an atmosphere which could have the potential to discourage investors or business owners from bringing their business to Chicago. The Mayor has quite a dilemma.

In response to both his critics and loyalists, Mayor Daley has proposed the creation of an independent Public Service Commission that would be responsible for the hiring and promotion of all career-service city employees.

While he acknowledges that change is necessary, he also recognizes a need to protect city employees from the possibility of criminal prosecution for hiring or promoting someone based on the recommendation of a public official.

"If an applicant who has done political work is hired on the basis of a subjective interview, that hiring could be viewed with suspicion and the person who did the hiring might place himself in legal jeopardy," Daley said. "If a city employee, who also is active politically, is promoted, the same would be true."

"We're also talking about an alderman or other elected official recommending a qualified applicant for employment, or someone who has worked on political campaigns seeking a city job. I don't want to put any city workers who are doing their jobs in that position. The only alternative is to move all hiring and promotions out of City Hall. Period."

The proposed three-member Public Service Commission would be responsible for filling all city jobs by the Shakman Decree, which includes all but about 1,000 city positions. Presently there are approximately 38,000 city jobs.

The Mayor would appoint the chairman, subject to approval by the City Council, and the Council would appoint the other two commissioners.

The commission would adopt standards and guidelines for city employment and test, interview and hire job applicants and according to the Mayor the commission could begin functioning before the end of the year.

The city will present the plan to the Federal Court presiding over the Shakman Decree, and to the legal counsel, representing the plaintiffs in Shakman, in order to advise them of the proposed changes and, when necessary, to secure court approval. We'll keep you informed.

Congressman Bobby L. Rush (D-1st District) is teaming up with SCORE (Counselors to America's Small Business) to offer a business training workshop from 3 to 5 p.m. on Wednesday, Aug. 24th at the congressman's office located at 3235 W. 147th Street in Midlothian. This workshop's goal is to assist those interested in starting new businesses or expanding existing small businesses with expert financial and managerial advice. To participate, call (708) 385-9550 or visit younus.suleman@mail.house.gov.

Congratulations to the Mosque Foundation in Bridgeview on their July 29th re-opening of their Muslim Youth Center. Five counselors and two program directors will supervise the teens who participate in a variety of activities. The center will be available after school to youths 13 and older. Amenities include a fitness

center complete with stationary bikes, benches, weights and treadmills; a café and lounge with a big screen television; and a library with books and movies in Arabic and English.

Boys will use the facility Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays. Girls will enjoy Tuesdays, Thursdays and Sundays. Additionally, adult women will enjoy access to the fitness center during specified hours Monday through Thursday.

According to Mosque Foundation president Zaher Sahloul, "the young American Muslims need special programs that encourage them toward the teachings of moderate Islam. He noted that a place must be made for our youth to feel comfortable and not influenced by extremist views, drugs or crime. This second generation is our future," he concluded.

Just a reminder that registration for Fall classes at South Suburban college is in its final days. Fall classes begin on Wednesday, Aug. 17th. South Suburban College is a fully accredited, comprehensive community college offering over 40 different career education programs awarding certificates and associate degrees. SSC transfer programs parallel the freshman and sophomore years at four-year colleges and universities. With counselor assistance, students who complete two years transfer without loss of time or credit. There are several tuition waivers and scholarship opportunities in addition to Financial Aid. For more information call (708) 210-5718 or visit the college online at www.southsuburban-college.edu.

Chicago 19th Ward Alderman Ginger Rugai reminds All Points that her 11th Annual Y-ME Softball Tournament will be held on Saturday, Aug. 27th at Mt. Greenwood Park, 111th and Central Park. The Y-ME Softball Tournament is hosted in order to support the Y-ME of Illinois Breast Cancer Organization. Last year 52 teams participated in the event, enjoying a day filled with camaraderie, food, refreshments and a profound spirit of understanding that the funds raised (over \$100,000 in the past 10 years) are being donated to the fight against breast cancer disease. A complete sponsorship program is available to fit nearly every budget. For more information, call Alderman Ginger Rugai's office at (773) 238-8776 as soon as possible.

Dashes to Deadline... Be sure to visit Crestwood's Caesar Park, 141st and Kenton, this Sunday, Aug. 14th for the free annual "Concert Under the Stars." Franz Benteler and his Royal Strings once again will entertain music lovers with a variety of musical tunes. Gates will open at 5 p.m. and the concert will begin at 7 p.m. Refreshments are available and lawn chairs and blankets are permitted. This always memorable evening is presented by Crestwood Mayor Chester Stranczek. For information, call the Biela Center at (708) 371-4860.

Devine's Bad Check Program

State's Attorney Richard Devine's new Bad Check Restitution Program, aimed at assisting local merchants who are victimized by bad checks in obtaining full restitution, has resulted in \$284,241 in repayment on 22,249 checks since the program's inception in January. The program relieves victims of the burden of paying collection fees without adding to the financial burden of the criminal justice system.

The program operates as a unique effort between private and public sectors to address the estimated millions of dollars in bad checks passed in Cook County every year, most of which goes uncollected. Devine's program enables Cook County merchants to receive restitution without paying collection fees, while first-time bad check offenders may avoid criminal prosecution by paying restitution and attending a mandatory, eight-hour intervention class. All of this is accomplished with no cost to taxpayers.

Offenders agree to voluntarily participate in the diversion program instead of facing prosecution. To avoid prosecution, a first-time offender must pay full restitution and costs; pay for and attend an educational class; and pay an administrative fee. More serious offenders, repeat offenders, or those with criminal history not suitable for diversion may be directed for prosecution.

In operating the program, the State's Attorney's Office partners with American Corrective Counseling Services (ACCS). ACCS operates similar programs in about 60 counties in a dozen states. The largest programs are operating in Los Angeles, Miami and San Diego. In Illinois, ACCS operates bad check programs in 19 counties.

How the program works:

The victim makes personal contact with the check writer.

- If unsuccessful in collecting money, the victim contacts the program by calling (800) 365-2960 or by emailing to cookil@checkprogram.com. Additional information is available on the Bad Check Restitution Program web site: www.checkprogram.com/cook-countyil

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The victim fills out a crime report, attaches originals of checks and notification documents and mails it to the Cook County Bad Check Restitution Program, P.O. Box A3984, Chicago, IL 60608-3984.

A check is eligible for this program if:

- The amount of the check is no more than \$5,000 (or multiple checks do not exceed this limit). There are no minimum dollar restrictions.
- The check was received in Cook County, deposited in a bank in exchange for goods or services, and was presumed "good" at the time of acceptance.
- A courtesy notice was sent to check writer allowing 10 days to make the check good.
- The check is submitted to the program within 90 days from the date of the check.
- A photo I.D. (driver's license, state identification card) was recorded at the time of the transaction.

The eight-hour education seminars teach basic money management, checkbook balancing, budgeting and the habits needed to avoid bouncing checks. More than 725 offenders have participated in the seminars during the program's first six months. Participating merchants include Jewel-Osco, Wal-Mart, Dominick's, Target, Food 4 Less, Marshall Field's, Cub Foods, Whole Foods and Best Buy.

St. Rita Dinner Dance

In celebration of 100 years of Augustinian education in the Chicago area, a gala dinner-dance will be held on Saturday, Aug. 13th at the Hilton Chicago, 720 S. Michigan Ave., to honor St. Rita High School on its centennial birthday.

Cocktails begin at 6 p.m., followed by dinner and dancing to the music of the City Lights Orchestra conducted by Rich Daniels. Tickets are \$175 per person. Black tie is optional. For tickets, call (773) 925-5029 or click www.stritahs.com.



Grant Recipient

The Wayne R. Gray Educational Grant Committee has selected the recipient for the 2005-2006 school year. The Grant was established honoring Mr. Gray (right) for his years of service to the Indian Programs by the YMCA Network (formerly Southwest YMCA) Council of Chiefs.

This year's recipient is Sean O'Connor (left) who resides in Palos Heights and will be attending Loyola University in Chicago to pursue studies towards a business major in economics and finance. Sean was chosen as recipient of the Grant for his scholastic achievements and service to the YMCA and community.

A committee was established to develop the criteria for the Grant, administer and evaluate the applications from qualified members of the Y Adventure Guides (formerly Y Indian Guides). Members of the Committee are Wayne Gray, Lynn Gray, former Children's Pastor and Lorelle Cutforth, retired Assistant Superintendent of Schools, District 123 in Oak Lawn.

The Grant is available to all members of the YMCA Network Y Adventure Guides, past and current, who wish to pursue studies at institutions of higher education and can fulfill the established criteria.

Demonstrate New Voting Machines

The League of Women Voters, South and Southwest Suburban Cluster, will provide a demonstration of new voting machines to be used by suburban Cook County voters in 2006 at the Women Together Luncheon to be held on Aug. 19th at the Holiday Inn Select and Convention Center in Tinley Park. The exhibits begin at 9 a.m. with the luncheon following at 12 noon. The voting machine display will be held during the exhibits.

Cook County Commissioners Deborah Simms, Joan Patricia Murphy and Liz Gorman have assisted the League in arranging this demonstration in cooperation with Cook County Clerk David Orr's office. The Clerk's office is in the process of replacing punch card equipment with optical-scan technology for the March 21st, 2006 gubernatorial primary election. In addition, plans include one touch-screen machine for each of suburban Cook County's 2,402 precincts to aid voters who are blind or otherwise physically disabled. League members will be registering voters at the event. Two forms of identification will be needed, one of which must have a current address.

The South and Southwest Suburban League Cluster was formed recently to collaborate on programs and to promote the Leagues in the region. This cluster includes Leagues from Dolton/Harvey/Riverdale, Homewood-Flossmoor, Palos-Orland Area and Park Forest Area.

For additional information, contact Judy Lohr at (708) 747-1308.

Marquette Bank Foundation Awards \$140,000 in Scholarships

Each year, Marquette Bank Foundation offers community high schools the opportunity to participate in its Scholarship Program. This year, \$140,000 in scholarships were awarded to 40 graduating high school students in recognition for their outstanding achievements. Since 1967, \$1.3 million in scholarships have been awarded to 977 high school students in Chicagoland communities. WE WISH ALL THE GRADUATES THE BEST OF LUCK!



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ENTERTAINMENT NEWS

In-Water Boat Show, August 25-28

Though the hundreds of new power and sailboats, not to mention the latest wave of marine products, are what draw people to the Michigan City In-Water Boat Show, it's the fun feature attractions that keep them coming back. Two new additions, the "Bob Villa" of boating and a 4,000-gallon fishing "pond," are set for Lake Michigan's biggest in-water boat show, Aug. 25-28 at Washington Park Marina in Michigan City, Indiana.

Ship Shape TV. It's the Home Improvement of the boating world but there's no bumbling Tim Taylor. Rather, the affable and accomplished John Greviskis writes, produces, directs, and stars in the weekly TV series that reaches over 30 million homes on Fox Sports Net, the Sunshine Cable Network and satellite TV.

Catering to both sail and powerboat owners, Ship Shape TV is more than just another how-to show. It educates and motivates people to feel better about boating. Greviskis says that too many people have given up boating because they perceive maintenance to be too big a factor. It's not.

By watching his show, he hopes boaters will be better prepared to do basic maintenance and enjoy learning ways to even improve their boats.

Appearing Friday through Sunday, offering boat trailering seminars and greeting show goers, Greviskis will be presented at the Boat Show by the Chicagoland Area GMC Dealers.

Another new attraction is a 4,000-gallon aquarium-on-wheels, the Hawg Tank. Boasting 40 ft. of glass sides, through which visitors watch the bass and other species of fish in the tank, a bass angling professional gives periodic live seminars. This unique "theater" allows the audience to watch the lures cast into the water and see how the bass reacts to the various presentations.

For complete information about the Boat Show, visit www.michigancityboatshow.com.

Y-ME Softball Tournament

The Y-ME Breast Cancer Organization Softball Tournament will be celebrating its 11th anniversary on Aug. 27th at St. Christina Fields and Mt. Greenwood Park.

In the past 11 years this event has grown into a recognized citywide women's softball tournament. In 1994, 16 teams made up of neighborhood women came out to play for a very worthy cause. Last year's numbers exceeded 56 teams, who traveled from the north, west, east and south side of the city and suburbs. Each team and each player participating in the tournament seems to know someone who has suffered from breast cancer. Many have lost their battle with the horrible disease, but so many more are fighting to overcome their illness.

Kathy O'Shea, the founder of the event, Donna Redmond and Eileen Corley have organized the tournament since the beginning and continue to raise awareness and money for Y-ME. They spend an enormous amount of time planning for this annual event and because of their tireless efforts on behalf of Y-ME, they have raised over \$150,000.

Every woman that signs up for this tournament receives a T-shirt, a goody bag (filled with coupons, promotional items and flyers from businesses and sponsors) and a sense of gratification. Lunch and cold drinks for all participants will be available as the tournament runs all day.

To join us this year as we celebrate the 11th anniversary, as a player, sponsor or volunteer, contact Kathy O'Shea at (773) 779-0172, Donna Redmond at (773) 445-7080, Eileen Corley at (773) 445-7138 or Fran Hurley-Dorgan at Alderman Rugai's Mt. Greenwood office, (773) 238-8776.

All donations large and small are greatly appreciated. We sincerely hope that you see this as an opportunity to support an organization whose work is important to all our lives as well as the lives of our mothers, sisters, daughters and friends.

CLASS REUNIONS

Queen of Peace High School class of 2000 five-year reunion on Friday, Aug. 12th in Peace's Pride Park. \$25. Call (708) 458-7600, ext. 250, or visit www.queenofpeacehs.org and click on Alumnae.

Bowen High School class of 1974 is looking for classmates. Call (773) 768-3895 or (773) 721-8330.

St. Ferdinand class of 1970 will hold a reunion on Sept. 17th at 7:30 p.m. at Edison Park Inn, 6715 N. Olmsted. Call (847) 784-9271.

Mokena Grade School - Reunion for classes 1926 through 1951 will be held on Saturday, Sept. 24th from 1 to 5 p.m. at Syl's Fine Food in Rockdale, Ill. Call Donna Schiek at (708) 479-9413, Doris and Martin Medemia at (815) 838-1075, as soon as possible.

Tilden Tech High School Alumni Association's 34th annual Hall of Fame Dinner and Reunion honoring January and June classes of 1955 on Friday, Nov. 4th at Lexington House in Hickory Hills. Call Ed Winkler at (708) 599-3058 or C.J. Murzyn at (773) 582-7411 or email kmurzyn@aol.com.

Oak Forest High School class of 1975 reunion on Oct. 22nd at Chicago Gaelic Park, Tara Room, 6119 W. 147th St., 7 p.m. to midnight. Call Barbara Brusich Branch at (708) 206-1286 or email barbarajbranch@aol.com.

St. Christopher Alumni Association - looking for all alumni. Visit their web site at www.stchrisalumni.org.

Harrison High School - 50th Reunion. January and June Classes of 1955. Drury Lane Oak Brook Terrace, Saturday, Oct. 15th. Call Dolores Malkowski Broding at (630) 231-4031 (June graduates) or Diane Lenzi Brom at (708) 442-8113 (January graduates) or e-mail VICKERS.C@COM-CAST.NET.



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Theatre Auditions

The Beverly Theater Guild, member of the League of Chicago Theatres is holding auditions for "On Golden Pond." The open auditions will be held at First United Methodist Church of Evergreen Park at 9358 S. Homan in Evergreen Park on Monday, August 22nd between 7:30 p.m. and 8:30 p.m., and on Tuesday, August 23rd from 7:15 p.m. to 8:15 p.m. Callbacks, if needed, will take place on Wednesday, August 24th, beginning at 7:15 p.m.

Actors will be asked to participate in readings from the script. For more information, call (312) 409-2705 and press #1 for auditions.

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ENTERTAINMENT NEWS

La Rabida Annual Gala "Black & White Ball"

The Friends of La Rabida, a group that supports the children and staff at La Rabida Children's Hospital, will honor Richard M. Burrige Sr. of RMB Capital Management this year at its Annual Gala on Sept. 23rd. This year's gala, "The Black and White Ball," will take place at the Four Seasons Hotel beginning at 7 p.m. Burrige is being honored for his longtime support of non-profit organizations and various children's charities, including his unwavering commitment to La Rabida.

Joli Burrell, President of the Friends of La Rabida, is the event chairperson. This year's co-chairs are Chaz Hammel-Smith Ebert, Lyle Logan of Northern Trust, Elizabeth and Frederick Thomas of Mayer, Brown, Rowe & Maw, and Andrea and Richard M. Burrige Jr. of RMB Capital Management, daughter-in-law and son of Richard.

Burrige has strongly supported La Rabida by serving as former chairman of its board of trustees and continues to be an active member. Richard has given in excess of \$3 million to a wide variety of non-profits and serves on several board committees. It is important to note that this figure represents a significant portion of his personal net-worth. Throughout the years, his generosity has furthered ongoing research efforts for medical advancements and he continues to enhance education by funding multiple universities. Non-profits such as The Wellness House of Hinsdale, Rush University Medical Center, Providence St. Mel's School and the YMCA of Chicago have soared to new heights, thanks to his personal gifts, guidance and dedication while dozens of charities have benefited from his philanthropy. Tickets and tables are still available. Ticket prices are \$500, while tables of 10 are \$5,000, \$10,000 and \$25,000. Sponsors will receive recognition for their support through their level of donation: platinum \$25,000, silver \$10,000, and bronze \$5,000. Awards vary from plaques on the Friends donor wall, an article in the hospital newsletter on the sponsoring organization with a circulation of 7,000, tickets to a cruise on Lake Michigan, and other awards. All sponsors will have full-page ads in the program book. For further information on the gala, contact Debra Marillo, La Rabida's Vice-President of Development, at (773) 753-9606.

Conservation World At Illinois State Fair

The Illinois Dept. of Natural Resources invites visitors to experience the rich natural heritage of the state by taking time to visit Conservation World at the Illinois State Fairgrounds, Aug. 12th to 21st. The Conservation World site is home to free family entertainment, craft demonstrations, fishing shows, and foods of yesteryear. Visitors can also learn more about two IDNR initiatives benefiting Illinois residents: the new, more efficient, easy-to-use online system for obtaining hunting and fishing licenses, and the World Shooting and Recreational Complex that is scheduled to open in Randolph County in the summer of 2006.

The First Night Of The 27th Annual Chicago Jazz Festival

For the third consecutive year, Symphony Center hosts the First Night of the Chicago Jazz Festival. This year's concert celebrates the 70th anniversary of DownBeat magazine with a unique performance featuring three generations of jazz musicians: pianist John Medeski, Louis Hayes and the Cannonball Adderley Legacy Band, and The Zawinul Syndicate with Joe Zawinul. The program begins with a rare solo piano set from John Medeski of Medeski Martin & Wood, who won "Best Electric Jazz Group" in Downbeat magazine's Critic's Poll in 2001 and 2002. Next up is Cannonball Adderley's drummer Louis Hayes with Vincent Herring on alto saxophone and Jeremy Pelt on trumpet, in a tribute to legendary saxophonist Cannonball Adderley. The concert closes with a performance by The Zawinul Syndicate with keyboardist Joe Zawinul. Zawinul, a former member of Cannonball Adderley's band and a perennial DownBeat award winner, makes his Symphony Center debut with this rare United States performance.

This concert is presented in collaboration with the Mayor's Office of Special Events and the Jazz Institute of Chicago, and DownBeat magazine as part of the 2005 Chicago Jazz Festival. Tickets are \$13 to \$45 and may be purchased by calling PhoneCharge at (312) 294-3000 or (800) 223-7114, or by visiting either the CSO's Web site at www.cso.org or the Symphony Center Box Office at 220 S. Michigan Ave. Box office and PhoneCharge hours are Monday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Sunday, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. For group rates, call (312) 294-3040. Artists, programs, and ticket prices are subject to change.

This year, visitors will have the opportunity to enjoy it all in the midst of the new landscaping project, donated by the Illinois Nurserymen's Assn. The site is paved, so it is easily accessible to those in wheelchairs or pushing strollers.

Conservation World is open daily from 10 a.m. until 7 p.m. New this year, visitors can take a ride on a Voyager Canoe, which seats 20 people. Daily entertainment includes the Scheers' Lumberjack Show, the Purina Incredible Dog Team, the Bass Tub, and Henson Robinson Zoo's Birds of Prey and Reptile programs. Demonstrations include chainsaw carving, a world-champion whip cracker, and field dog demonstrations. Especially for kids are fishing clinics, complete with casting contests, rock climbing, and a 3-D archery and BB gun range, and visits from Smokey the Bear.

CIRCUS CELEBRATES 67TH YEAR IN 2005

The Kelly Miller Circus, founded during the Depression, is marking another milestone this year as it celebrates its sixty-seventh anniversary. Founded in 1938 by Obert Miller and his sons, Kelly and Dore, this traditional tented circus has seen the passing of over half of this century and still offers the same great family entertainment it presented in its humble beginnings.

Thanks to the sponsorship of the Midlothian Chamber of Commerce and St. Christopher School, the all-new 2005 edition of the Kelly Miller Circus will be in town on Tuesday, Sept. 6th for two performances at 4:30 & 7:30 p.m. at St. Christopher Church parking lot (147th & Keeler). This year's show features elephants, horses, and a cast of international circus stars under a beautiful circus big top. The tent raising itself is a great free show that will take place at about 8:30 a.m. and the public is invited.

Enjoying a day at the circus means a lot more than just old-fashioned family fun. The event is a fundraiser for the Midlothian Chamber of Commerce and St. Christopher School. Buying tickets in advance means the public can save money as well as support the year-round projects of this local organization.



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There will be 55 workshops on renewable energy topics including solar, photovoltaics, wind power, government and agency programs, lifestyle and health, renewables in buildings and the urban setting and alternative fuels and transportation. More than 80 businesses, agencies and organizations will have displays; an additional 20 will provide display items and samples. There will also be activities for children, including making solar cookers (restricted to 25 participants daily), songs and cooperative games.

The purpose of the fair is to provide information on renewable energy sources, energy efficiency, and compatible lifestyles to Illinois residents, to build support for incorporating them into daily life, and to provide opportunities for developing a network of people who are interested in using renewable energy and those who offer products and services.

Admission is \$5 per day for adults, \$3 per day for youth 12-16, and free for children under 12 (accompanied by an adult).

The Fair is sponsored by the Clean Energy Community Foundation, the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity, and Commonwealth Edison. The Illinois Renewable Energy Association and the Illinois Solar Energy Association will host the Fair. For more information, visit the IREA web page: www.illinoisrenew.org IREA and ISEA are both non-profit organizations.

Appearing At The Carraig

At Carraig Irish Pub in Gaelic Park, 6119 W. 147th Street in Oak Forest, you are always assured of a shamrockin' good time. On Friday, August 12th at 9:30 p.m., Irish eyes will be smiling upon The Katie Sullivan Band at the Carraig.

Then, on Saturday, August 13th at 10 p.m., Mark Houlihan will be entertain- ing you with his brand of

Irish folk.

The following week, on Friday, August 19th at 9:30 p.m., Jerry Eadie will be folklin' the house.

Saturday, August 20th at 10 p.m. a band named "After School Special" will, no doubt, have something musically special for you.

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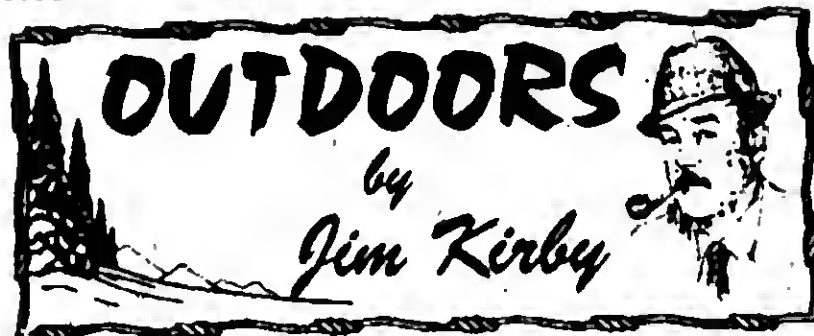
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ILLINOIS MUSKIE TOURNAMENT TRAIL: The Illinois Muskie Tournament Trail announced a great fall season of Muskie fishing on beautiful Lake Shelbyville.

First: is an IMTT sanctioned Muskie tournament sponsored by the Central Illinois Muskie Hunters, to be held on Sunday, Sept. 18. Entry fee is \$80 per boat plus launch fees.

Deadline to enter is Sept. 1st. Thereafter a late fee of \$25 will be charged. For info contact **Randy Kakara** at (815) 672-5320. E-mail: RandyK@crtelcocom.

Second: is the new Lake Shelbyville Fall Muskie Classic. This event will feature two days of fishing with a banquet on Saturday night featuring a huge raffle and door prizes and guest speaker. The tournament will be held on Saturday, Oct. 1st and Sunday, Oct. 2nd.

The entry fee is \$125 per team and is limited to 100 boats. Contact **Bob Kearns**-IMTT Secretary at (217) 423-0932, or **Ron Skala**, IMTT Chairman at (708) 877-8894.

Third: is the annual Illinois State Muskie Championship. The event features two days of fishing with a banquet. The dates are Saturday, Nov. 12th and Sunday, Nov. 13th.

The banquet on Saturday night will feature an all you can eat buffet, and guest speaker **Steve Pallo** of the IDNR. Lure manufacturers will show off and sell their wares in the hall outside the banquet room. For info: **Ron Skala**, (708) 877-8894.

IT'S A FACT: According to the Congressional Sportsmen Foundation, the \$2.4 billion in annual federal income-tax money generated by hunters' spending could cover the annual paychecks of 100,000 troops. That's eight divisions, 143 battalions, 3,300 platoons, with money left over.

TRACKER BASS CLUB FISHING TOURNAMENT: "It was hot, it was steamy, it was smoking, but so were the competitors for the Tracker Bass Club's annual open team tournament," said Tracker Bass Club's president **Glenn Pazanin**.

Booked as the Cal-Sag - Lake Michigan Tournament, once the 44 boats launched from Alsip, they were free to fish any waters of their choosing. They ranged far and wide, as far North as Wilmette Harbor, and East to the Port of Indiana.



The team of **Brian Jackson** (left) and **David Adams** (right) accepting first place check from **Glenn Pazanin**, Holiday Boat Sales.

Launch time was 5:30 a.m., and weigh-in time was 4 p.m. at the Alsip ramp, after which the Illinois Department of Natural Resources boat with a large aerated holding tank released the fish on the Lake Michigan side of the O'Brien Lock.

The only fish that counted in the tournament were large mouth or small mouth bass, but other fish caught and released included trout, crappie, bluegill, perch and rock bass.

Taking first place was the team of **Brian Jackson**, Dyer, Indiana, and **David Adams**, St. Johns, Indiana, with 12.4 pounds of bass and the big fish of 3.31 pounds. Their fish came on Yamamoto Senkos and Lucky Craft crankbaits.

Sponsors of this tournament were Holiday Boat Sales; Outdoor Notebook; Tracker Marine; Odyssey Country Club; Pepsi; Dual Pro Charger; Rizza Cadillac-Buick-Hummer; Phil's Pro Shop; Herbie's Magic Dust; Mick Lurch Tackle; Fishing Connection; Mercury; Motorguide and Strictly Fishing.

The club started a few years ago with membership limited to owners of Tracker Boats, that soon changed and the club now takes in members regardless of the manufacturer of the boat they own. The popularity of the club grew because they fish a variety of waters such as Wolf Lake, Shafer Lake, Des Plaines River, Lake Michigan, St. Joe river, Monroe Lake and others.

For information on joining the Tracker Bass Club, contact **Rich** at (708) 307-3952.

COULD ILLINOIS BE NEXT? In an effort to expand the strength of the sportsmen's voice, five states - Arizona, Maryland, Michigan, Montana, and Tennessee - will be reviewing legislation to allow persons to register to vote when they purchase a hunting, fishing or trapping license. By simplifying the voter registration process, these efforts will make it easier for sportsmen to participate in the political process.

Protect Fans And Players From Violence At Indoor Sporting Events

On Aug. 7th, Gov. Rod R. Blagojevich took legislative action to protect fans, athletes and others from violence at indoor sporting arenas, by signing into law House Bill 1432, which makes assaulting or battering someone at an indoor collegiate, professional or Olympic event an aggravated offense.

Although outdoor events previously qualified for aggravated penalties in case of assault or battery in Illinois, indoor ones did not.

HB 1432 provides that assault at an indoor facility where a sporting event is taking place, constitutes a Class A misdemeanor punishable by up to a year in jail. In comparison, regular assault is a Class C misdemeanor with penalties of up to 30 days in jail. Assault occurs when someone threatens or attempts a physical attack on someone else.

The legislation also stipulates that battery at an indoor sporting event is a Class 3 Felony, punishable by 2 to 5 years in prison. Battery occurs when an assailant actually makes physical contact with another individual or when someone is physically injured by an attack.

Recent national and even international cases involving violence at indoor sporting events illustrate the problems caused by this trend, and the need for urgent action to protect fans and their families.

HB 1432, which becomes effective Jan. 1st, 2006, was sponsored by Sen. Kirk W. Dillard (R-Westmont) and Rep.

Tom Cross (R-Plainfield).

In July 2004, Gov. Blagojevich signed legislation making assaulting a sports official or coach within an athletic facility or its immediate vicinity an aggravated assault. The offense is a Class A misdemeanor.

SXU Media Guides Honored At National Level

The St. Xavier University Athletics Dept. had a number of its media guides honored nationally when the 2004-05 National Assn. of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) Publication Contest results were recently released at the annual NAIA Sports Information Directors Assn. (SIDA) Workshop in Philadelphia, Pa. Rob Huizenga, SXU's Director of Sports Information and chief designer/editor of all Cougar Athletics media guides, was pleased with multiple recognition, which included a "Best in the Nation" award in the combined basketball brochure category as well as a "Best Cover" award for the baseball/ softball media guide in the multi-sport brochure category.

In addition to the combined basketball brochure award, SXU also earned a fifth place finish in the football brochure category, second place for the baseball/softball media guide in the multi-sport brochure category and seventh place honors for the fall sports media guide in the multi-sport brochure category. The SXU Athletics web site was honored as well finishing in a third place tie with Embry-Riddle University (Fla.) in the Athletics Website Contest.

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Oak Lawn Grudge Match

August 18th has been set as the date for the somewhat highly anticipated grudge rematch between the Oak Lawn Police Department and the Oak Lawn Chamber of Commerce softball teams.

The Oak Lawn P.D. confiscated the first game in late July.

However, there are unsubstantiated reports that the revenge-minded businessmen from the Chamber of Commerce have already conducted emergency strategy sessions in efforts to achieve a turnaround in August.

Police Department informants claim that Chamber members were seen huddled around a conference table as their team C.E.O. made a passionate presentation to the team in preparation for the rematch.

Indications were that he began the meeting expressing concern over the negative 5 to 4 run ratio experienced in the first game, which resulted in the final deficit.

Accompanied by an easel and a pad, he waved his pointing stick over a bar graph (in much the same manner as their bats waved over pitches in Game 1) which demonstrated how the O.L.P.D.'s run production skyrocketed in the later portion of the game while their's leveled off. Team consultants pinpointed a definite correlation between the first game defeat and utter lack of athleticism.

Undaunted, some of the determined businessmen proposed that, instead of softball uniforms, the team might perform better in their traditional shirt and tie attire. This would enable the pitcher, for instance, to utilize his tie to conceal a foreign substance which could project into less hits by the Police Department.

However, some members saw this as too risky a venture, citing that the Police could conceivably bring trained dogs, under the guise of mascots, to sniff out such a plot.

Notwithstanding, the Minutes of the Meeting closed with a statement forecasting that "The O.L.P.D. had better wear

baseball-proof vests in the field this time."

The Oak Lawn Police are not releasing any further comment at this time beside the official statement, "The Chamber's chances of victory are very suspect."



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Thoughts On Health & Nutrition

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Ms. Lysen is currently on vacation. Her column will resume next week.

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Biologic Therapies For Bowel Disease Show Promise

Research presented recently at Digestive Disease Week 2005 (DDW) highlights three promising biologic therapies that may provide new treatment options for millions of people suffering with inflammatory bowel diseases (IBD) worldwide. Clinical trial results show that Alequel, adalimumab (Humira) and infliximab (Remicade) are effective in decreasing the severity of IBD symptoms and increasing rates of clinical remission and response in patients. DDW is the largest international gathering of physicians, researchers and academics in the fields of gastroenterology, hepatology, endoscopy and gastrointestinal surgery.

IBD currently affects more than a million Americans and leads to many millions of dollars in lost productivity and missed days of work every year. IBD is an umbrella term referring to several chronic diseases that cause inflammation of the intestines, including ulcerative colitis and Crohn's disease. Symptoms for both conditions are very similar and it is often difficult for physicians to differentiate between the two. The most common symptoms of both ulcerative colitis and Crohn's disease are diarrhea, abdominal pain, fever, fatigue and weight loss.

"Crohn's and ulcerative colitis are serious and complex diseases with varied treatment options. Unfortunately, the available therapies are not effective in many patients," said John Johanson, M.D., of the University of Illinois. "These findings deliver promising news for patients who do not respond to currently available therapies and is a much needed step in improving the lives of people suffering from IBD."

Skin Care Publications

Whether you're 14 or 40, you want your skin to be smooth and clear. But skin diseases from acne to eczema affect millions of people of all ages. Learn how to ease the suffering of these conditions with a new, free package of publications from the National Institute of Arthritis and Musculoskeletal and Skin Diseases.

Acne is a pretty big deal to teenagers since nearly 85 percent of them develop the disorder. Find out about what causes acne, the treatments that will and won't work, and how to properly care for your skin with "Questions and Answers About Acne."

Atopic dermatitis, also known as eczema, is a long-lasting disease that causes the skin to become extremely itchy and inflamed, triggering swelling, redness, and scaling. It commonly affects infants and young children. The publication "Atopic Dermatitis" covers the symptoms, treatment options, and common irritants to avoid.

Like eczema, psoriasis is a skin disorder that causes scaling and inflammation. The itching and pain of psoriasis can cause significant physical discomfort, which may interfere with daily activities such as walking and sleeping. "Questions and Answers About Psoriasis" explains what causes this chronic skin disease, how it is diagnosed, and the various medications and therapies that are available.

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Little Company Helps Bereaved Children

The Heart Connection Program at Little Company of Mary Hospital and Health Care Centers will offer a grief support program for children, ages five to 17 years, who are mourning the death of a loved one, starting Monday, Sept. 12 from 6:15 to 7:30 p.m. and concluding on Monday, Nov. 7, at the hospital.

Children can greatly benefit from this support program because it enables them to understand and express their grief. Sara Bonnet Stein, author of *About Dying*, declared "Until children are quite sure a person is no more, and will never be, they cannot finish the work of mourning."



Chris Rosean, Heart Connection facilitator, guides Gretchen and Joseph Fashlingbauer in making a memory collage of their father who died.

and if they cannot finish it, they cannot free themselves to go on with life and love and growing."

The children's groups are led by trained professional

volunteers who guide them through creative activities suitable to their developmental age; enabling the expression of grief and giving them the opportunity to talk about



The Heart Connection facilitators have helped many families work through their losses.

their loved one while enhancing their coping skills. The children are in groups of eight with children their own age and guided in each session by two caring and competent adult group leaders.

Simultaneously to the children's groups, parents and family members will be offered guidance and support by professional grief counselors in caring for their children, as well as attending to their own concerns of grief.

Enrollment in the program is recommended at least three months after the loss; however, consideration is always given to the families' circumstances. The program fills quickly, so pre-registration is required. For more information, call the hospital's Pastoral Care Department, Chaplain Peg Schneider at (708) 229-5484.

Seven Cases Of West Nile Reported

Two new human cases of West Nile disease have been identified in Illinois, bringing to seven the number of cases reported so far this year in the state, Dr. Eric E. Whitaker, state public health director, announced.

The new cases are a 54-year-old woman from Cook County who was hospitalized with West Nile encephalitis and has since been discharged and a 73-year-old man from Cook County who is hospitalized with West Nile encephalitis.

The other cases of West Nile disease identified so far this year have been a 49-year-old man from Kane County with West Nile disease, a 55-year-old man from Kane County with West Nile encephalitis, a 55-year-old man from suburban Cook County with West Nile disease, a 56-year-old woman from Chicago with West Nile encephalitis and a 77-year-old woman from Chicago with West Nile disease.

West Nile virus is transmitted through the bite of a mosquito that has picked up the virus by feeding on an infected bird. Most people with the virus have no clinical symptoms of illness, but some may become ill three to 14 days after the bite of an infected mosquito.

Only about two persons out of 10 who are bitten by an infected mosquito will experience any illness. Illness from West Nile disease is usually mild and includes fever, headache and body aches, but serious illness, such as encephalitis and meningitis, and death are possible.

Person older than 50 years of age have the highest risk of severe disease.

A total of seven humans, 71 birds, 674 mosquito samples and one horse from 30 counties have tested positive for West Nile virus since surveillance for the mosquito-borne disease began on May 1.

In 2004 Illinois recorded 60 human cases of West Nile disease, including four deaths, & in 2003, there were 54 human cases, including one death. The state led the nation in 2002 with 884 human cases of West Nile disease and 67 deaths.

Because West Nile virus activity in Culex mosquitoes increases during hot weather, personal protection against mosquitoes is particularly important during August and September.

Cancer Survivors Celebrate The Gift Of Life And Laughter

Cancer survivors joined their families and friends from all over the Chicagoland community, in celebration of National Cancer Survivors Day. The Cancer Survivors Day Celebration, cosponsored by Little Company of Mary Hospital and Health Care Centers and the Hilton Oak Lawn, included a spiritual liturgy, delicious brunch and entertainment provided by Joan Murphy, R.N., Ph.D. and motivational speaker.

Little Company's Cancer Center Director Susan Arnold, R.N., emceed the morning's festivities and Mary Freyer, Little Company's chief operating officer, graciously welcomed guests with a beautiful reminder of how blessed The Center is to be able to honor new and returning cancer survivors. Reverend William Venecko then led a beautiful liturgy that set the tone for a joyous morning.

Following a delicious breakfast, Joan Murphy, R.N., Ph.D., a national public speaker and the Director of Community Health at Little Company, entertained guests. Joan presented "How Sweet It Is," a fun and lighthearted workshop that reminded guests to sweeten all of life's special moments.

The celebration included works from The Cancer Center's art gallery. Inspirational artwork was created by talented patient-artists who participated in Little Company's art therapy program, "Art & Soul." Patients work with artist Carole Wilson during chemotherapy treatments to create beautiful watercolor paintings. The artwork is framed and displayed in The Cancer Center and featured in an annual calendar.

Women Can Gauge Their Fitness Level

Researchers have developed a nomogram (alignment chart) specifically for women that can be used to predict their expected exercise capacity at any given age, as well as demonstrated that the resulting measure is a predictor of the risk of death. Women whose exercise capacity was less than 85 percent the age-predicted value had twice the risk of death compared to women reaching at least 85 percent, according to research led by Martha Gulati, MD, a cardiologist at the Bluhm Cardiovascular Institute of Northwestern Memorial Hospital, published in the Aug. 4 issue of the New England Journal of Medicine.

"This is the first study of its kind in women," said Dr. Gulati. "Despite extensive research on the role of exercise stress testing and exercise capacity, there has been a lack of data on what is normal or expected for healthy women. Until now, they have been evaluated using the men's nomogram, which does not provide an accurate assessment for women."

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The Spartan Education Foundation has launched a unique and creative activity, designed to generate awareness and funds for the organization, while giving local supporting businesses the opportunity to promote themselves. Called back-to-school business week, this program offers businesses a chance to contribute to a foundation that has been created to provide scholarships for students, and professional development for faculty, both of Oak Lawn Community High School District 229. Participating businesses have a choice of making a donation of a flat amount, or a percentage of their proceeds on a selected day or week.

The foundation has made arrangements to rent space in the school during student registration on Tuesday and Wednesday, Aug. 9 and 10. Participating businesses have the option of setting up a table display, featuring materials and products, where they can speak with attendees. Parents and students have been notified that they can browse as they are waiting to register, or after they complete the process. As a special thank-you, the contributing businesses are invited to the school's opening football game, scheduled for Friday,

Aug. 26, complements of the foundation. The owners and managers will be recognized for their support.

This program is a win/win situation for all participants. The foundation generates awareness and funds. The businesses have the opportunity to contribute to a worthwhile cause, promote their entities, and attend an enjoyable student football game. Students and parents have the chance to find out more about the supportive businesses in their community. Parents also have the option to make a donation to the foundation.

The Spartan Educational Foundation is a non-profit 501c3 organization that was established last year. The foundation raises funds for scholarships and professional development at Oak Lawn Community High School District 229. Members include business people, parents, alumni, and other supporters of education. Gathering at a recent meeting are (left to right, back) Dr. Rick Hendricks, Tom Hawkes, Fulton Nolen, superintendent Dr. James Briscoe; (left to right, front) Linda Schlimm, foundation chairman Laura Shallow, Susan Smith, and Brian Anderson.

Protect Children From Environmental Hazards

In an effort to protect Illinois' children from harmful environmental hazards, Gov. Blagojevich signed legislation that will streamline state efforts and provide vital information to parents with questions about a variety of environmental hazards. House Bill 4067 will establish a Children's Environmental Health Officer under the Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) to coordinate with all state agencies involved in environmental issues related to children.

"Children are more at risk to be harmed by hazardous materials than adults. Kids are smaller, and they get closer to dangers by playing in dirt, crawling around on dusty floors or playing in creeks. This effort will help parents, educators and caregivers have an easier time knowing how to protect their children from environmental hazards," said Gov. Blagojevich.

The Children's Environmental Health Officer will serve as the chief advisor to the Director of Public Health on matters relating to environmental protection concerning children. The position will require working with boards, departments and other offices within the Department in assessing the effectiveness of statutes, rules and programs designed to protect children from environmental hazards. The officer will also coordinate research, regulatory efforts and data collection with other state agencies such as, Illinois Environmental Protection Agency, Illinois Department of Natural Resources, and the Illinois Department of Agriculture.

"While our Department works with other state agencies to provide helpful information on environmental concerns like lead poisoning, West Nile virus, and pesticide use, this law will create a more centralized approach when collecting data and implementing programs," said Dr. Eric E. Whitaker, state public health director. "This environmental health officer will allow state agencies to best coordinate efforts to ensure parents and caregivers are effectively informed about potential hazards and how they can protect children from toxic exposures."

Some of the responsibilities of the environmental health officer include:

- Evaluate and reduce childhood exposures to dangerous materials at hazardous waste sites, from chemical releases, in schools, at home and from illegal methamphetamine labs.

- Target parents and children with environmental health educational messages.

- Inform education personnel about ways to reduce childhood exposure in schools, especially in the areas of pesticide use and school chemical storage.

- Continue to collect and analyze data on birth defects and childhood cancers.

- Explore asthma triggers and effects as

St. Paul Church Annual Picnic

The annual St. Paul Lutheran Church picnic will be held on Sunday, Aug. 28. The regular 8 a.m. Worship Service will be held indoors, as usual. The 10:30 a.m. Worship Service and Holy Communion will be celebrated at 10:30 a.m. outdoors in the picnic grove in back of the church. Food serving begins at 12:30 p.m. and continues all afternoon. Enjoy a variety of delicious food items, such as brats, hot dogs, steak sandwiches, sauerkraut, homemade German potato salad and desserts, and a selection of beverages at very reasonable prices.

For the children, there will be a clown, face painting, games, races, gifts and prizes. For the adults and teens, there will be a horseshoe tournament, a bean bag tournament, plus Thrivent sponsored free Bingo games. Don't miss the annual egg toss, or the prize drawing for adults and children.

Come spend a delightful day with family and friends, going to church and then staying for the picnic. St. Paul Lutheran Church and School is located at 4660 W. 94th St. (just one block east of Cicero Ave.). Questions can be answered by calling the church office at (708) 423-1040.

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House Bill 4067 was sponsored by Rep. Karen May (D-Highland Park) and Sen. Mattie Hunter (D-Chicago).

"I am pleased that the Governor is signing this important legislation and giving the children of Illinois the protection they deserve," said Rep. May. "As children's bodies develop and grow, they are more susceptible than adults to a number of conditions that can greatly reduce their quality of life and, in some cases, can be fatal. Just as we have an office to monitor women's health and minority health, now our children can be extended the same vigilance."

"We want to make sure the right people on environmental advisory boards, state and federal agencies and those directly involved in programs associated with children and the environment have the opportunity to weigh in on how to continue to protect children from the variety of air, water and soil hazards that are in our environment," said Sen. Hunter.

Under the new law, the Children's Environmental Health Officer will produce a report to the General Assembly and the Governor on Jan. 1, 2007 and biannually following that date. The report will include information on progress made by programs within the Department to address children's environmental health issues.

Mosquitoes Sprayed In Oak Lawn

To help reduce the adult mosquito population the Cook County Department of Public Health had the Village of Oak Lawn sprayed by Clarke Mosquito Control on Sunday, Aug. 7th after 8 p.m. when Culex mosquitoes are most active. Several fogging trucks applied a very fine mist of Anvil, an extremely low toxicity chemical, throughout the Village. Adulticiding treatments are used when mosquito populations are at an annoying nuisance level and now that the West Nile virus is present. The adulticide spray is effective for approximately 30 minutes and is almost completely dissipated after sunrise.

Oak Lawn Public Works Department has already applied larvicide to storm drains and backyard catch basins to curb the mosquito population. The application of the adulticide spray will help to knockdown many of the adults that remain. However, don't forget to protect yourselves and your family by applying mosquito repellent containing DEET when going outside even for a short period of time. Wear long pants and long sleeved shirts if you are out between dusk and dawn.

Keep mosquitoes from breeding in areas around your home: remove or garage items that may retain water such as toys, tires and lawn art; empty wading pools, birdbaths and planter saucers every five days; run pool filters and pond pumps at least two hours each week; birdseed must be kept elevated off ground and decks, clean up any spills daily; keep downspouts and gutters clear and free flowing; and keep grass and shrubs well trimmed.

The Village of Oak Lawn is working closely with the Illinois Department of Public Health and the Cook County Department of Public Health to keep all residents safe and healthy.

Vacation Bible School

Ready for your kids to go back to school? Register them now for Vacation Bible School at Mt. Zion Lutheran Church in Oak Lawn for the week of Aug. 15th through the 19th from 9:15 a.m. to noon.

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July Was Sixth Driest Since 1895

The month of July concluded without a significant alteration in the weather trend impacting Illinois. Precipitation levels in Illinois between March 1 and July 31 rank as the sixth driest since 1895, when weather record keeping began in Illinois. Members of Governor Rod Blagojevich's Drought Response Task Force recently analyzed the current conditions, and how the conditions are impacting Illinois residents.

Current economic impact of the drought is felt most seriously by Illinois agribusiness. Illinois farmers recently received support from Governor Blagojevich. U.S. Secretary of Agriculture, Mike Johanns, approved Gov. Blagojevich's request for USDA assistance programs, including low-interest emergency loans. Governor Blagojevich's request was based on reports from county Farm Service Administration offices as well as conditions in the Illinois Weather & Crops Report.

The Illinois Department of Agriculture reports 55% of the corn crop rated very poor to poor, 32% fair, and 13% good. Farmers are concerned about corn ear size, as well as kernel size and weight. The soybean crop condition was rated 34% very poor to poor, 43% fair, and 23% good to excellent. Soybean products have found it necessary to spray for insects as they find infestations of aphids and spider mites.

The Illinois Water Survey, a division of the Illinois Department of Natural Resources, reports the statewide average for precipitation in July was 93% of normal, but regional differences were profound. The western part of Illinois was 45% below normal, while eastern and southern Illinois received 30 percent more

rainfall than normal.

The cumulative impact of months of drought can be seen in the network of rivers and streams in Illinois. The Illinois River is approaching historic lows at Marseilles, Henry and Kingston Mines, according to the U.S. Geological Society. In Northern Illinois, the Kishwaukee River is at the lowest July flow according to records dating back to 1940, and the Green River is at the lowest flow of any season since 1976. In Southern Illinois, the Little Wabash River had the lowest total flows on records that date back to 1915.

Those seeking updated information on dry conditions can learn more by visiting the Internet web site <http://www.uiuc.edu/hilites/drought/>. The web site includes an overview of weather conditions, soil moisture maps, information about water supply and demand in Illinois, water conservation tips, and a weekly drought update.

Film Series For Children And Teens

The Oak Lawn Public Library, 5300 W. 95th St., is hosting a free film series for children and teens this August. Tickets are available at the Youth Services Desk two weeks in advance. Movies for children in preschool through sixth grade will be presented on two Fridays, Aug. 12th and 26th, from 2 to 4 p.m. Films for young adults in seventh through tenth grade will be screened on two Thursdays, Aug. 11th and 25th, from 6 to 8 p.m. Movies are shown in the library's lower level meeting room. Light refreshments will be served.

For more information and specific movie titles, call (708) 422-4990.

Letter To The Editor

Letter to the Editor:

Can you believe another school year will be starting in a couple of weeks? Although I am past the school years I look forward to a new school year with the same anticipation I have for spring.

New beginnings are always exciting and challenging. The smell of a school building cleaned and perhaps freshly painted is important for an environment conducive to learning.

An eagerness to do their best will be seen in the students as they enter. They will be dressed in their finest clothes and carrying their new supplies. It is all part of the formula for a successful year.

Administrators, teachers and support staff have a great responsibility in ensuring a safe environment; a well rounded educational agenda; and a loving and caring atmosphere. They are entrusted with life's most precious gift - a child.

I extend to all of them a wish for a safe and successful 2005-2006 school year!

s/s Marlene Jeziorski
Oak Lawn

Outdoor Worship

Pilgrim Faith United Church of Christ, 9411 S. 51st Ave., will hold worship on Sunday, Aug. 14th outdoors on the shaded lawn behind the church. A sing-along will begin at 9:45 with worship at 10 a.m. The church's Praise Band will provide music. Free hot dogs and cake will be provided after the service. Everyone is invited to dress casually and bring lawn chairs or blankets.

HOPE Meeting

The August meeting of H.O.P.E. (a support group for those who have lost a loved one) will be held on Sunday, Aug. 21st at 6:30 p.m. in the Friendship Room of St. Linus rectory at 10300 S. Lawler.

Refreshments will be served, and guests are always welcome.

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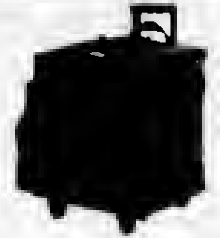
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Oak Lawn's Gray Family Vacation

Oak Lawn's Gray family found their July Mexican vacation to be an interesting blend of relaxing and riveting.

Four lazy, sun-filled days into their stay in Riviera Maya, Hurricane Emily approached and resulted in the ultimate tourist trap.

The Grays, Chris and

Sandy, and their children Chelsea, Miranda and Chris Jr., were hurriedly hustled away from their beachfront resort along with 455 other vacationers and rushed to a jungle area about a hundred miles from the shore.

There, the guests would spend the next couple of hours virtually trapped in

tiny huts as the uninvited guest Emily did her damage.

When the ferocious storm finally moved on, all were driven back to the beach only to find the resort partly destroyed.

Chevy Chase could base another Vacation sequel on the Gray's episode.

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Veterans And Soldiers

By Lori Taylor Ph: 708.388.2425

Sunday, Aug. 7th was the 223rd anniversary of the Purple Heart which is awarded in the name of the President of the United States to members of the U.S. Armed Forces who are wounded in conflict with an enemy force or while held by an enemy force as a prisoner of war. The Purple Heart is also awarded posthumously to the next of kin of members of our armed forces who are killed in conflict with an enemy force or die of a wound received in conflict with an enemy force.

The Purple Heart is the oldest military decoration in the world still in use. It was established on August 7, 1782, during the Revolutionary War, when General George Washington issued an order establishing the Honorary Badge of Distinction, otherwise known as the Badge of Military Merit. Award of the Purple Heart ceased with the end of the Revolutionary War, but was revived in 1932, the 200th anniversary of George Washington's birth.

The Purple Heart represents the most honorable of characteristics in a servicemember and a citizen. It has been awarded to more than 1,535,000 recipients, approximately 550,000 of whom are still living.

To those who have been awarded the Purple Heart we give humble thanks for your service and your sacrifice and may God bless you and our great country.

I found this information very interesting and want to share it with you. Of course, you may already know all about it but it's new to me. There are four VA Polytrauma Rehabilitation Centers in the United States. They provide rehabilitation care for veterans of Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom returning from combat with severe injuries that may include traumatic brain injuries, amputations, wounds, blindness or hearing disorders, complex orthopedic injuries and mental health concerns. They are in Minneapolis, Minnesota; Palo Alto, California; Richmond, Virginia and Tampa, Florida. Patients in the centers have been typically treated at military treatment facilities and are transferred to the VA at a time coordinated between the military and VA for longer term rehabilitation. Dr. Barbara Sigford from the facility in Minnesota said almost half of the patients have mental health concerns in addition to their other injuries.

Navy Airman Cordell J. Clement, son of Tonja and Kendall Wooten of Markham, recently returned from deployment while assigned to the aircraft carrier USS Carl Vinson, homeported in Norfolk, Virginia. Clement is a 2004 graduate of Hillcrest High School in Country Club Hills.

Tyjuan J. Campbell graduated from the Army ROTC (Reserve Officers Training Corps) Leader Development and Assessment Course, also known as "Operation Warrior Forge," at Fort Lewis, Tacoma, Washington. He is the son of Ruby Campbell of Palmetto, Florida and brother of Quinton Campbell of Berwyn. The cadet graduated in the year 2000 from the American School in Lansing.

Army Pvt. William E. Gorski, son of Mark Gorski of Oak Lawn, graduated from the Light-wheeled Vehicle Mechanic Advanced Individual Training (AIT) course at Fort Jackson, Columbia, South Carolina. He is a 2002 graduate of Brother Rice High School in Chicago.

The 16th District VFW and Ladies Auxiliary will hold its first district meeting of the new term at Steger Honor Eleven Post 8283 in Steger on Sunday, Aug. 14th at 2 p.m. John Dudash, 16th District Commander, will preside at the VFW meeting. John is a member of Palos Heights VFW Post 7454. Mary Jane Fitzpatrick, 16th District President, will head the Ladies Auxiliary meeting. She is a longtime treasurer of the Owen W. Winter Jr. VFW Auxiliary 4241 in Oak Forest.

Here is a quote by Eleanor Roosevelt: "When you cease to make a contribution you begin to die." This is from me and from the heart. You will all live a long and happy life because none of you cease to contribute to our country and its cause.

Annual Hamfest

Announcing Hamfesters Radio Club's Hamfest 2005: Hamfesters' 71st annual Hamfest will be held on Sunday, Aug. 14th at the Will County Fairgrounds, just west of Peotone, a half mile east of I-57, off Exit 327. Gates and a huge flea market will open at 6 a.m. the main exhibition hall will open at 8 a.m. and run until 3 p.m.

Commercial vendors will offer new ham radio, computer equipment and electronics - and there'll be a huge flea market with all kinds of electronic gear for sale or trade. In addition, there will be many food vendors, as well as plenty of free parking spaces. VE testing for acquiring or upgrading an Amateur Radio license will be available from 8 to 10:30 a.m.

Tickets are \$6 in advance and \$8 at the gate, and include a chance at the \$500 grand prize, and other additional prizes. Indoor reserved tables are available at \$15 each. For more information, contact Bob Morrow at (708) 636-0963 or via e-mail at kb8yre@aol.com.

VFW & AUX. Officers

Robert Kurysz of Hometown, and Patricia Schoenbaum of Chicago's Scottsdale neighborhood are the 2005-2006 Commander and President of Hometown-Murray VFW and Ladies Auxiliary. Supporting our veterans and those who are serving now is and will continue to be their first priority and working with the community they hope to promote a sense of patriotism and volunteerism. "Getting the word out about who we are and what we do" and "letting all veterans know they are welcome" is what President Schoenbaum and Commander Kurysz say will be an important goal in their membership effort and with the support of their officers and members they know they will reach it.

Also elected were VFW officers Sr. Vice Commander Howard Kirby Jr., Vice Commander Joseph Lipetzky, Quartermaster William Schlegel, Adjutant/Chaplain Jack Webb, Judge Advocate William Bulow, Assistant Quartermaster/Surgeon Rich Bukowski, Trustees #1 Edward Miller, #2 Dale Patton, #3 Curt Martyn, House Committee Roy Shobe, Connie Regen and Phil Mojica.

Auxiliary officers are Sr. Vice President Geri Geisler, Jr. Vice President Gayle Bukowski, Secretary Pat Martyn, Treasurer Margaret Kuckert, Chaplain/Patriotic Instructor Joan Healy, Guard Rita Wilinsky, Trustees #1 Amelia McDowall, #2 Geri Geisler & #3 Helen Dillard.



Commemorate End Of World War II

Mayor Richard M. Daley joined Lieutenant General Ed Soyster (Ret.), U.S. Department of Defense and other members of the armed services at a wreath laying ceremony to commemorate the 60th anniversary of the end of the Second World War, held at Soldier Field.

"We are all very proud of the veterans of World War II," said Mayor Daley. "Their dedication to our country serves as an inspiration to our city and sets an example for America's armed forces around the world."

Laws To Protect Veterans' Benefits And Jobs Signed

Building on his commitment to protect benefits and jobs for the state's one million veterans, Gov. Rod R. Blagojevich on Aug. 6th signed into law two bills that will increase penalties for individuals who fraudulently try to obtain state benefits reserved for veterans, and that will extend municipal hiring preferences to all veterans who served at least one year of active military duty. Additionally, the Governor signed legislation that will provide financial assistance to small businesses that lose employees who are called to active duty during military conflict.

Senate Bill 1491, sponsored by Sen.

Adeline Geo-Karis (R-Zion) and Rep. James H. Meyer (R-Naperville), increases the penalties to individuals whom fraudulently try to obtain state benefits that are reserved for Illinois veterans and their families.

Under the new law, a fraud of \$300 or less is a Class 3 felony, punishable by 2-5 years in prison; a fraud of more than \$300 is a Class 2 felony, punishable by 3-7 years in prison.

SB 1491 is effective immediately.

The Governor also signed House Bill 1458, which provides that veterans will get even more hiring preference when it comes to municipal jobs. The new law gives civil service hiring preference to all veterans who served on active duty in the military for at least one year.

Previous law only applied to those who served in the Spanish-American War, World War I, World War II, the Korean War and the Vietnam War.

The Illinois Assn. of Fire Protection Districts, the Illinois Fire Services Assn., the Illinois Fire Chiefs Assn. and the Illinois Veterans of Foreign Wars supported the legislation, which passed both chambers unanimously. The new law is effective immediately.

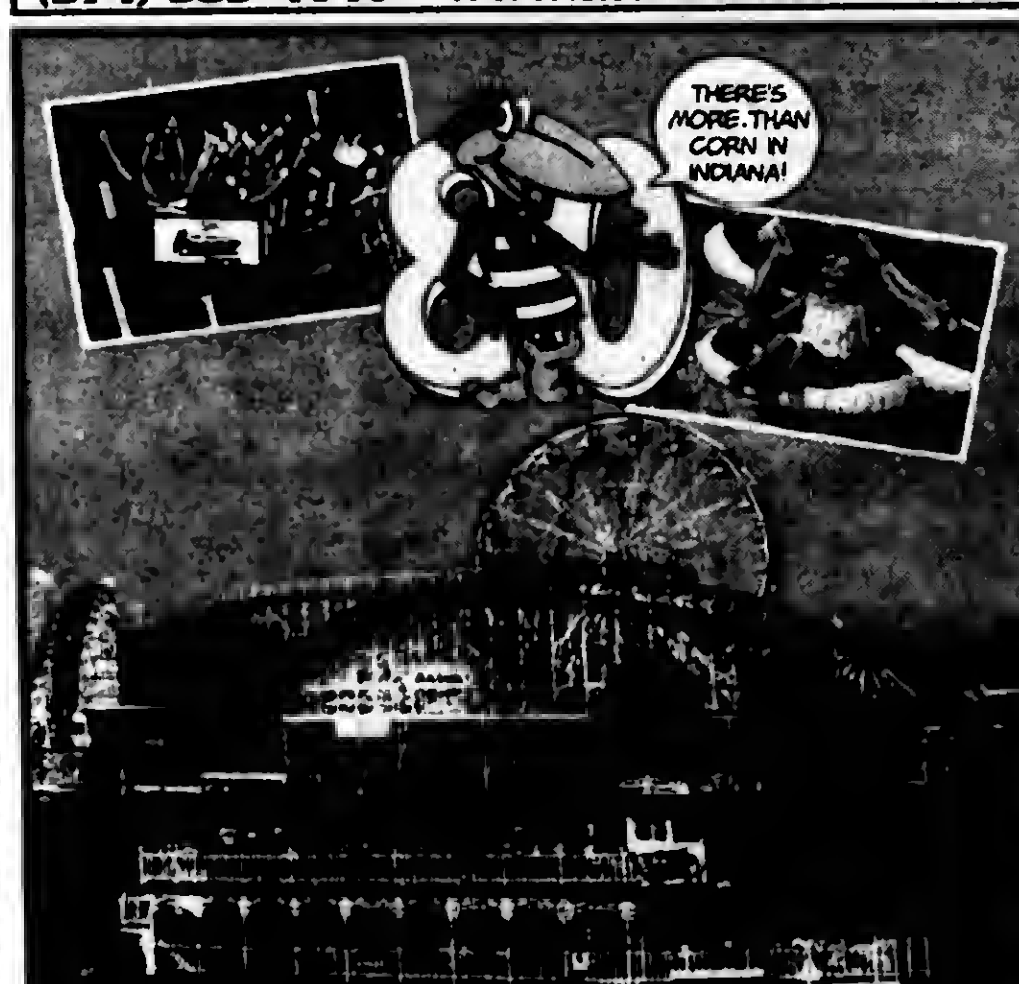
Senate Bill 323, sponsored by Sen. Arthur "AJ" Wilhelmi (D-Joliet) and Rep. Naomi Jakobsson (D-Champaign), creates the Military Reservist Business Assistance Loan Program, which will financially assist small businesses who lose a key employee due to military service.

Under the new program, the Illinois Dept. of Commerce & Economic Opportunity can make loans of up to \$150,000 to small business owners whom experience a financial loss due to a key employee's deployment during military conflict.

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Help Find Missing Children

In an effort to increase awareness and help find missing children, Gov. Rod R. Blagojevich signed the "Find Our Children Act" on Aug. 6th. This legislation requires all state agencies that maintain an Internet website to include a hypertext link to the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children home page. The Governor also signed House Bill 181, which gives the Illinois State Police (ISP), with written permission of a child's parent or guardian, the authority to retain children's fingerprint cards until their 18th birthday. The fingerprints may only be used to help find children who are missing or abducted.

Sponsored by Sen. Iris Y. Martinez (D-Chicago) and Rep. Maria Antonia Berrios (D-Chicago), the new law, House Bill 2445, requires state agencies to post information concerning AMBER (America's Missing: Broadcast Emergency Response) Alerts, or similar broadcasts, concerning missing

children. Combined with the information distributed through a regular AMBER broadcast, interested parties will now have a wider spectrum of resources available to obtain the specific location, description, and possible route to travel of a missing child, and when available, the child's abductor.

Each year in Illinois, an average of 40,000 children are reported missing. Since its inception in February 2000, the AMBER Alert has been activated 10-12 times annually.

House Bill 181, sponsored by Sen. Deanna Demuzio (D-Carlinville) and Rep. Jim Watson (R-Jacksonville), gives the ISP the Authority to fingerprint children and retain the prints with the permission of the child's parents or legal guardians. The records can only be retained until the child reaches the age of 18. At that time, the prints must be destroyed unless asked by the 18-year-old to retain the record.

Once on file, the fingerprint record can only be used if: a child is missing; a child is abducted; an AMBER Alert is issued; and a missing person report is filed.

HB 181 becomes effective Jan. 1 2006 and HB 2445 is effective immediately.



Statement By U.S. Rep. Bobby L. Rush On The Passing of John H. Johnson

Words cannot express the deep sorrow I feel over the loss of John H. Johnson, who was more than just a publishing giant, he was a teacher. Throughout his career, he educated our nation on the life experiences and accomplishments of African Americans in his magazines, Ebony and Jet. For over 60 years, he told our stories of triumph and success that other media outlets often chose to ignore. By providing a voice for African Americans to tell their story, he was able to provide his readers with words, pictures and an archive of our history.

I can still vividly remember the pictures Jet magazine published of Emmett Till's body in 1955. Back then as a young boy, I was horrified by the images as my mother shared the injustice surrounding his death. In 2005, I realize the real horror would have been if Mr. Johnson had bowed down to racial pressure, and not published the photos.

Today, the African-American community lost one of the most dedicated and inspirational publishing pioneers of our time. The legacy of Mr. Johnson's accomplishments will continue to live on as African American journalists and publishers continue to cover, uncover and discover the successes that exist in our culture.

Justice For Victims Of Hit And Run Accidents

Governor Rod R. Blagojevich signed legislation that will eliminate the statute of limitations for prosecuting drivers involved in hit and run accidents. Sponsored by Rep. Susana A. Mendoza (D-Chicago) and Sen. Dan Cronin (R-Lombard), House Bill 885 gives investigators and prosecutors more time to find and bring to justice drivers who leave the scene of an accident. The new law was inspired by the hit and run death of six-year-old Patrick Leahy in suburban Winfield, Illinois, whose killer was not found before the legal statute of limitation ran out.

House Bill 885 eliminates the current three-year statute of limitation for prosecution of cases involving drivers who leave the scene of an accident or fail to give information or aid following a car crash that results in death, personal injury or damage to an attended vehicle.

HB 885, The Patrick Leahy Law, is named after a six-year-old boy who, while riding his bicycle with his

9-year-old brother and several friends near downtown Winfield on Aug. 17, 1999, was struck and killed by a truck, possibly from a rental company. Despite an intense investigation that included posting thousands of fliers and hypnotizing a witness, Winfield Police and the DuPage County Major Crimes Task Force have never found the male driver.

House Bill 885 is scheduled to go into effect Jan. 1, 2006.

Mayor Daley's Kids And Kites Event

Kites take flight at the 7th annual Mayor Daley's Kids & Kites event on Saturday, Oct. 1st from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Families and children of all ages are invited to the front lawn of the Museum of Science and Industry to decorate, create and fly kites in a last farewell to warm weather.

While all are welcome to bring kites from home, the Mayor's Office of Special Events will provide free kits for children to create and design their own kite. Big-kite flyers will also be on hand to offer advice for maneuvering larger kites with skill and expertise.

Other highlights include the Kohl/McCormick StoryBus, which inspires children to create imaginative stories within a 37-foot Winnebago. Back by popular demand, Plaster Paradise will provide keepsake plaster kite magnets children can paint and take home. Also featured free of cost will be face painting and caricature pictures.

For more information, call (312) 744-3315, TTY (312) 744-2964.

New Theater Group Announces Performance Schedule

Evergreen Park-based ArtCraft Productions has announced the creation of its new community theater group, ArtCraft Theatre Projects, which will kickoff a 2005-2006 winter/spring season of family-oriented and family-affordable theatrical productions in early December.

Auditions, rehearsals and performances will take place in the auditorium of Bethany Union Church, 1750 W. 103rd St., in Beverly.

Producer/Director Glenn Pniewski of Evergreen Park has assembled a production team that includes Karl Kazawitch of Chicago as Technical Director and Dan Flynn of Oak Lawn as production advisor.

Flynn was producer of the Blue Island Park District Showcase Theatre for 25 years until rising rental costs forced the closure of Showcase at 127th and Western in 1997.

Rounding out the production team for this season is Chicago performer Marlene Flood as co-director, Mary Pniewski as Musical Director, Joanne Musial of Riverdale as Box Office Manager, Steve Carmody of Evergreen Park as Production Designer and Chuck Dida of Chicago as House Manager.

Glenn and Mary Pniewski are members of Bethany Union Church and chose the historic building as the performance location in a fund raising effort for the church. The troupe will produce a variety of cultural events under the church's banner effort, the Bethany Union Community Arts Program.

The first production in the season is an early December staging of Gian Carlo Menotti's Christmas Opera, "Amahl and the Night Visitors." Open auditions will be held at the church on Tuesday, Sept. 13 and Thursday, Sept. 15 at 7 p.m.

Performances of "Amahl" will take place on Friday and Saturday, Dec. 9 and 10, at 7:30 p.m. A Sunday matinee on Dec. 11 at 3 p.m. will close the production.

Early March will see the premiere of an original musical comedy, "Honeymoon Serenade" with performances on March 3, 4 and 5. This engaging farce is reminiscent of the classic Hollywood screwball comedies with the great songs of wartime America of the 1940s.

You can celebrate St. Patrick's Day on St. Joseph's Day...the afternoon of Sunday, March 19...with a big screen presentation of the 1951 film classic "The Quiet Man" (starring John Wayne and Maureen O'Hara) as part of a dinner-theatre package at 3 p.m.

Shakespeare and special music comes to Beverly in April with "A Night in the Renaissance," a concert of classical music...vocal and instrumental...along with a staging of scenes from "Romeo and Juliet" and "A Midsummer Night's Dream."

The season will round out with the spring musical "Godspell" with performances on May 19-21 and May 26-27.

Tickets at the door of each performance are \$12, but tickets will be available for purchase in advance at \$10. A season subscription package for all five shows will be available for only \$40 per person...a savings of twenty percent. And with the season subscription package, your kids 12 and under come free (one child per adult).

Information on the season and auditions can be obtained by calling ArtCraft at (708) 421-1296.

Members of the ArtCraft Theatre Projects production team after a season planning meeting: (left to right) Marlene Flood, Mary Pniewski, Karl Kazawitch, Glen Pniewski, Dan Flynn and Joanne Musial

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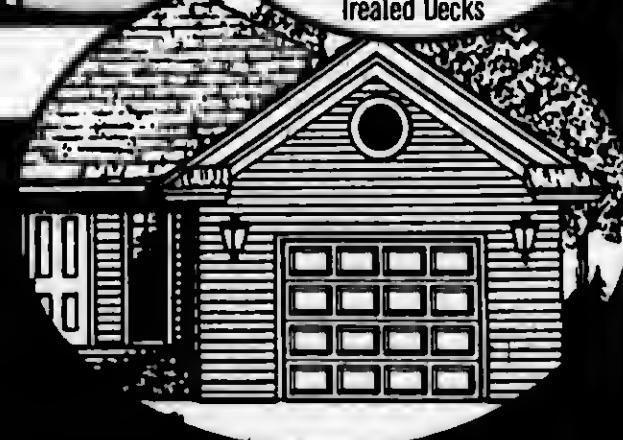
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Tips On Purchasing Identity Theft Insurance

Identity theft is a hot topic today as news stories regularly profile victims who are struggling to recover from its devastating impact. This is helping more consumers to recognize that they need to take preventive measures to better safeguard their personal information and hopefully lessen their risk of falling victim. And, judging by the calls received by Better Business Bureaus, it is leading some consumers to question whether they should also purchase protection in case they do fall victim.

Consumers are asking about advertisements by organizations and businesses that offer identity theft insurance, forms, services or other protection for a fee. They want to know how to evaluate the various services and what factors to consider when making a purchasing decision.

Identity theft insurance provides reimbursement to crime victims for the cost of restoring their identity and repairing credit reports. This would include expenses such as phone bills, lost wages for time taken from work to deal with the fraud, notary expenses, loan reapplication fees, certified mailing costs and sometimes attorney fees, with the prior consent of the insurer.

Some insurance companies now include identity theft insurance as part of their homeowners' insurance policy. Others sell it as either a stand alone policy or as an endorsement or rider to a homeowners or renters insurance policy. According to the Insurance Information Institute, these policies cost, on average, between \$25 and \$50 for \$15,000 to \$25,000 worth of coverage.

If you decide in favor of purchasing insurance against identity theft, the BBB suggests:

- Check first with your insurance agent or your homeowners' insurance company to find out if they offer identity theft insurance. Ask what they would recommend for your situation.
 - Be cautious before investing money in a new product being offered by an unknown company. Make sure you are dealing with a reputable organization. Contact the BBB for a reliability report or visit www.bbb.org.
 - Ask about the deductible, coverage limits (some policies place a dollar limit on retaining legal assistance or on the amount of lost wages that will be covered); and, any restrictions on how the money for expenses is to be spent.
 - Have a clear understanding of the services and assistance you would receive in the event of an identity theft when comparing product costs. For instance, some third party insurers reimburse out-of-pocket costs, as well as offer investigators to help victims wend their way through the process of working with creditors, law enforcement, credit bureaus and the like.
- If you do decide to purchase insurance, do not diminish your effort to prevent identity theft. The BBB offers suggestions at www.bbb.org on how to safeguard your personal information.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Editor:
Aloha!

Arrived home from Hawaii and again *The Times* and other daily papers had much ado about County Commissioners traveling to Hawaii for the National Association of Counties (NACO) Annual Conference. Some statements were accurate, some not. I'd like to set the record straight.

I thank *The Times* for reporting that I paid my own airfare and hotel expenses, and that of my staff. However, all County Commissioners are within their rights to attend conferences, and it's up to the discretion of each County Commissioner to pay expenses for themselves or staff out of their budgeted travel fund.

NACO mandates a County's attendance the year prior to hosting the annual conference. Therefore, we attended not only for the educational and networking value but also in order to secure our bid as host in '06. We would have attended this year's conference no matter where it was held.

The positive response received from the conferees indicates that we can expect over 5,000 attendees at the '06 conference which will guarantee anywhere from \$5 to \$10 million to Chicago.

Governors, Mayors and other professionals belong to organizations and attend conferences that pertain to office or profession. 3,100 county officials from around the nation attended this conference. We participated in meaningful, pertinent discussion and debate on issues that affect our county and the daily lives of our constituents such as the Transportation Re-authorization bill, Eliminating Health Disparities, Increasing Home Ownership, Saving the Community Development Block Grant Program, Fighting the Meth Epidemic, Sharing Information Technology, Homeland Security, and High Speed Rail.

On a personal note, I would like to clarify the statement that stated I missed votes during a Board meeting in order to "vacation" in Hawaii.

I did take a vacation that I paid for myself and gave up part of my personal time for County business. My son, daughter-in-law and my 15-month-old only grandchild who live in California flew in and spent pre-conference time with me. That was the vacation part and it was wonderful. While I did miss a Board meeting, to insinuate I deliberately chose to vacation rather than vote is untrue.

People who work usually get vacations. That means time off from work to relax and have some fun. My plans were made in March, four months prior to the conference. Staff knew my plans, they were marked on my calendar and the meeting date for July had not yet been set, therefore, I gave notice that probably I would not be in attendance at the July meeting. People don't usually cancel pre-paid travel plans unless it is a matter of life or death. This was not.

My attendance record at meetings stands up to those of my fellow Commissioners not only for Board meetings but also for the other 17 committees on which I serve.

"Political travel" is under careful scrutiny and it is the media's job to question. I thank the media for its diligence, and I thank the editors for allowing me to clarify the importance of attending the conference and my reason for going early.

For more information on the 2005 Hawaii Conference, or the 2006 Cook County Conference, please contact my office listed below.

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Senior Lifestyle Expo

This year's 10th annual Senior Lifestyle Expo, held on Sept. 7th and 8th, begins its two-day event with a Caregiver Seminar on Sept. 6th featuring Keynote Speaker Lola Gillebaard who will humorously address the issues of caregiving in her program, "Caregiving, What's Funny About That! Learn to Laugh Your Stress Away." This seminar will be presented Tuesday, Sept. 6th at 6 p.m. at the Drury Lane Theatre & Conference Center, 100 Drury Lane in Oakbrook Terrace. The Senior Lifestyle Expo Caregiver Seminar is offered free of charge but reservations are requested to (630) 293-5990.

The event will explore the challenges of caregiving, help one to laugh away stress, and offer practical advice and support from experts in the field.

Presented by the Northeastern Illinois Area Agency on Aging, the Senior Lifestyle Expo is a two-day festival of activities. This year's Expo offers a diverse range of entertainment on the Drury Lane Theatre stage, over 100 exhibitors, a health and wellness area, educational seminars, Game Show Challenge, and much more throughout the show hours of 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Wednesday and Thursday.

Congressman Dan Lipinski Invites Constituents To Open House At New Oak Lawn Office

U.S. Rep. Dan Lipinski (IL-3rd) invites his constituents to visit his new Oak Lawn service office, 5205 W. 95th St. during an Open House, from 4 to 6 p.m. on Friday, Aug. 19th.

"I am excited to be a part of the southwest suburbs with the opening of my constituent service office in Oak Lawn," Congressman Lipinski said. "I encourage my constituents to stop by on Aug. 19th."

Rep. Lipinski's staff and other local officials are expected at the Open House and refreshments will be served. More information can be obtained by calling (312) 886-0481.

Entrepreneurial Woman's Conference

The 19th annual Entrepreneurial Woman's Conference, to be held at Chicago's Navy Pier, 600 E. Grand Ave., on Tuesday and Wednesday, Sept. 13 and 14, will offer women business owners the opportunity to increase the profitability of their businesses by building relationships with corporate and government buyers as well as learning from business experts and other women business owners.

Presented by the Women's Business Development Center (WBDC), the Conference will again feature the Women's Business & Buyers Mart at which women entrepreneurs can present their credentials and forge business relationships. The Mart will feature more than 150 corporations and government exhibitors seeking to do business with women business owners.

The popular Women's Forum Luncheon, to be held on Tuesday, Sept. 13, promises to be a lively, candid discussion by nationally-recognized women entrepreneurs who will talk about the challenges faced and success they have achieved in their business. Moderated by Chicago Sun-Times financial columnist Terry Savage, the panelists this year will be Margaret D. Garner, president and CEO of Broadway Consolidated Companies, Inc.; Monica Ramirez, founder of Zalia Cosmetics; Sharon Hoffman Avent, president and CEO of Smead Manufacturing Company; and Melody Spann-Cooper, chairman of Midway Broadcasting Company and president, WVON Radio.

On Wednesday, September 14th, the Hall of Fame Awards Luncheon will be held at which the WBDC presents awards that honor exemplary entrepreneurs, business advocates, and government and corporate supporters for women's economic development and supplier diversity programs. Keynote speaker at this event will be Tami Longaberger, board chair and CEO of The Longaberger Company and chair of the National Women's Business Council.

A series of panel discussions will bring together attendees with business experts on topics such as "Principled Networking: The Program for People Who Hate To Network," "Is This Dream for You? The Ins and Outs of Owning a Franchise Business," and "The Good, the Bad and the Ugly. Real Life Stories of Business Ownership." Smaller sessions, "Ask the Experts," will feature roundtable discussions where successful women entrepreneurs discuss issues like taxes, branding your business, sales and marketing, business financing, and a host of other topics relevant to both fledgling and established businesses. The "Get Down to Business" Networking Reception will be held on Tuesday, Sept. 13 from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. in Navy Pier's Lakeview Terrace.

Participants can register online at www.wbdc.org or by phone at (312) 853-3477, ext. 24. Tickets for Women's Business Enterprises

(WBEs) are \$175 and for all others \$200 before Aug. 31; after Aug. 31 the cost to attend becomes \$225 for everyone in advance and at the door. This is an all-event fee and includes access to all Conference events. Individual tickets for the Women's Business & Buyers Mart, the Hall of Fame Awards Luncheon, and/or the Women's Forum Luncheon are \$100 each.

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New Mobile Unified Command Post

Illinois Terrorism Task Force Chairman Mike Chamness presented a new mobile Unified Command Post to the DuPage County Sheriff's Office on behalf of Governor Blagojevich, saying the vehicle will enhance response coordination and communications to emergencies throughout the Chicago area.

In July 2004, the Illinois Terrorism Task Force (ITTF) awarded \$18 million in grants to the state's 19 homeland security regions to help build response and communications capabilities throughout the state. Thirteen regions were selected to receive the mobile Unified Command Post vehicles that will be used during disasters to facilitate communications and coordination between local, state and federal on-scene response organizations.

Chamness noted that while the vehicle will be maintained by the DuPage County Sheriff's Office, it will be used any place in the region or the state where it's needed. DuPage and Kane counties comprise Homeland Security Region 4.

Funds for the vehicles and other equipment approved under the grants come from the state's federal homeland security funding and was allocated by the ITTF and approved by Gov. Blagojevich. The DuPage County Sheriff's Office will provide maintenance, license fees and insurance — costs that are not allowable under federal grant guidelines.



Donation For Tilton Playground

Pictured left to right are Chicago Park District Superintendent Timothy J. Mitchell, Dr. Karen Sheehan of Children's Memorial Hospital and of the Injury Free Coalition for Kids, Tilton Park Advisory Council member and community residents Lily Jacquette, Nick Vanella, regional manager of Kohl's, Tom Sullivan, President of Children's Memorial Foundation and Alderman Ed Smith (28th Ward) pose with the \$5 million check presented by Kohl's to the Children's Memorial Hospital Injury Free Coalition for Kids of Chicago. Through this valued partnership with Kohl's and Children's Memorial, the Chicago Park District can add Tilton Park to the list of more than 25 new, accessible playgrounds completed in recent years.

Cop On Horseback Cross Country

Howard Wooldridge is a retired Michigan policeman. Now, he is in the process of riding his horse from L.A. to New York City wearing a t-shirt bearing the comment, "Cops Say Legalize Drugs. Ask Me Why." This is a cause sponsored by LEAP (Law Enforcement Against Prohibition).

Wooldridge believes that just as Paul Revere rode to alert the colonists of impending invasion, so too, he rides now to alert Americans about the failures of Drug Prohibition.

Ask him why and he will tell you that after three decades of fueling the U.S. War on Drugs with over half a trillion tax dollars and increasingly punitive policies, our court system is choked with ever-increasing prosecutions of nonviolent drug violations. Prison population has quadrupled. In fact, building prisons has become the nation's fastest growing industry.

What impact has this had on drugs? They are more prevalent, more potent and less expensive! Wooldridge and LEAP believe that a system of regulation and control is more effective than one of prohibition.

In all, Wooldridge and his horse, Misty, will have traveled 3,660 miles for his cause.

Apply For Refunds

Cook County Treasurer Maria Pappas said on Aug. 1st her office is mailing applications to 43,780 property owners to advise them of nearly \$60 million in refunds available for property taxes that have been overpaid since the start of 2004.

Pappas encouraged taxpayers to use her office's Web site and phone system to check their properties from earlier years, because another \$67 million in overpayments remain available on earlier years. Valid claims have yet to be filed on those funds, despite earlier mailings. Pappas noted a refund search is available at www.cookcountytreasurer.com, and that the phone system at (312) 443-5100 provides the same information 24 hours a day in English, Spanish and Polish.

The mailing of applications is due to overpayments in calendar years 2004 and the first half of 2005. In all, there are 116,814 overpayments worth \$126.75 million that remain available. Signed applications and complete proofs of payments must be submitted for the Office to verify that the applicant is entitled to the refund.

Under state law, refund claims must be initiated before the statute of limitations expires five years after an overpayment is made. "We want to make sure valid claims are filed and processed before the deadline passes when we are unable to recapture those funds from the taxing districts," Pappas said.

Overpayments available to be claimed include:

Tax Year 1999 payable in 2000 — 13,368 PINs, \$8,890,051
Tax Year 2000 payable in 2001 — 21,776 PINs, \$19,411,052
Tax Year 2001 payable in 2002 — 15,806 PINs, \$16,532,695
Tax Year 2002 payable in 2003 — 22,084 PINs, \$22,279,847
Tax Year 2003 payable in 2004 — 32,636 PINs, \$42,740,794
Tax Year 2004 payable in 2005 — 11,144 PINs, \$16,896,490

"Because we want taxpayers to get what is rightfully theirs, we have designed our Automated Phone System and Web site to make it easy to check on possible refunds," Pappas said.

A taxpayer returning a refund application should include proofs of all payments made in that tax year. Examples include:

A copy of the front of a canceled personal check.

A copy of the receipt or front of a cashier's check or money order.

A copy of the teller receipt, if paid by cash.

A bank statement showing funds transferred to the Treasurer's Office, is paid online.

A title company closing statement showing which party paid.

A statement from the mortgage firm, bank or title company, showing the PIN, taxpayer's name and address, and amount of date of payment, if paid by escrow.

"We need proof of payment so that we can issue the refund to the correct party," Pappas said, noting that false claims are made. "Although many double-payments are homeowners paying in addition to their mortgage companies, other times the current or past owner might be the one entitled to the refund. That is why proof is required."

Taxpayers who cannot find records from past years can write for assistance to Attn: Tax Research, Cook County Treasurer's Office, 118 N. Clark St., Suite 112, Chicago, IL 60602-1332.

Moraine Valley Rates High

Moraine Valley Community College graduates who transfer to four-year schools pay the college the ultimate compliment: they would recommend it to their friends.

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The graduate transfers survey is conducted every spring, and the results over the past eight years have remained consistent: Nearly 100 percent of the respondents would recommend Moraine Valley to friends, and class size, variety of courses, quality of instruction, and class scheduling have been the top five favorable aspects of the college.

Graduates also were successful after transferring to four-year schools to complete their undergraduate degree. Eighty-five percent of all respondents transferred to a four-year institution with 12 percent of them already graduating and 71 percent still enrolled.

The most popular public transfer four-year schools were Eastern Illinois University, Governors State University, Illinois State University, and University of Illinois at Chicago. The most popular private institutions were Columbia College, DePaul University, Robert Morris College, St. Xavier University, and Trinity Christian College.

The most popular four-year college majors were business; community service, criminal justice, social work; education; health and medical professions; social sciences, economics, psychology; and biological and physical sciences.

Graduates also gave top marks to their overall educational preparation to transfer to a four-year institution, instructors' interest in students, instructors' availability, academic skills center, transfer materials available, registration process, library services, computer services, and lab equipment and supplies.

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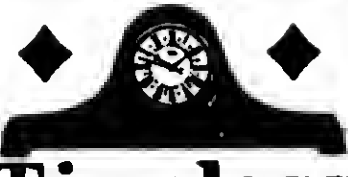
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(847) 888-1820. 143695C Sell Your Auto In The Classified Section. Call (708) 388-2425 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Washington Mutual Bank, FA, Successor in Interest to Homestead Lending, Inc., Plaintiff, vs. Stephanie A. Woods a/k/a Stephanie Woods a/k/a Stephanie Woods, et al., Defendants. Case No. 03Ch-5793. PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on May 22, 2003, The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 a.m. on August 29, 2005, in its office at 33 N. Dearborn St., 10th Floor, Chicago, IL 60602-3100, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as: 3833 W. 86th Place, Chicago, IL 60652. The real estate is improved with a single family residence. The judgment amount was \$96,088.47. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; the balance, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate, water bills, etc., and any prior mortgages of record and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to plaintiff and in "as is" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. Upon payment in full of the bid amount, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale. The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information. For information contact Plaintiff's Attorney: The sales clerk, SHAPIRO & KREISMAN, 4201 Lake Cook Road, Northbrook, IL 60062, (847) 498-9990, between the hours of 1:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. only. Please refer to file number 03-80120. NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act you are advised that Plaintiff's Attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. 142863C	IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., Plaintiff, vs. Nettye V. Hill a/k/a Nettye V. Hill-Murphy a/k/a Nettye Veronica Murphy, et al., Defendants. No. 04Ch-5379. PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on May 18, 2005, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Monday, August 22, 2005, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 W. Madison St., Suite 718A, Chicago, IL, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described property: Commonly known as: 6854 W. Lode Dr., #2-A, Worth, IL 60482. The improvement on the property consists of a condominium residence. Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, by certified funds. No refunds. The judgment amount was \$79,622.41. The property will NOT be open for inspection. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the premises after confirmation of the sale. For information: Visit our website at http://service.ally-pierce.com, between 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. only. Pierce & Associates, Plaintiff's Attorneys, One N. Dearborn St., Ste. 1300, Chicago, IL 60602. Tel. No. (312) 476-5500. PIERCE & ASSOCIATES File No. PA0402155. 143668C IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., Plaintiff, vs. Allen J. Thrasher a/k/a Allan Thrasher, et al., Defendants. Case No. 03Ch-18547. PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on February 17, 2004, The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 a.m. on August 29, 2005, in its office at 33 N. Dearborn St., 10th Floor, Chicago, IL 60602-3100, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as: 3326 W. 84th Place, Chicago, IL 60652. The real estate is improved with a single family residence. The judgment amount was \$133,576.31. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; the balance, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. 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Please refer to file number 03-11100. NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act you are advised that Plaintiff's Attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. 147865C	IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as Nominee for Fifth Third Bank f/k/a Old Kent Mortgage Company, Plaintiff, vs. Michelle L. Beushausen, et al., Defendants. Case No. 02Ch-5990. PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on May 31, 2005, The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 a.m. on September 2, 2005, in its office at 33 N. Dearborn St., 10th Floor, Chicago, IL 60602-3100, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as: 3825 W. 123rd St., Alsip, IL 60803. The real estate is improved with a condominium. The judgment amount was \$63,721.00. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; the balance, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale. The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information. For information contact Plaintiff's Attorney: The Sales Clerk, CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 N. Frontage Road, Suite 100, Burr Ridge, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876 Ext. 1320. Please refer to file number 14-02-2699. NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act you are advised that Plaintiff's Attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. 142622C IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Bank of America, N.A., Successor to Nationsbank Corporation Assignee of GN Mortgage Corporation, Plaintiff, vs. Brian J. Coleman, et al., Defendants. No. 04Ch-4616. PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on May 19, 2005, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Tuesday, August 23, 2005, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 W. Madison St., Suite 718A, Chicago, IL, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described property: Commonly known as: 14938 San Francisco Ave., Posen, IL 60469. The improvement on the property consists of a single family residence with separate 2 car garage. Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, by certified funds. No refunds. The judgment amount was \$75,451.63. The property will NOT be open for inspection. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the premises after confirmation of the sale. For information: Visit our website at http://service.ally-pierce.com, between 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. only. Pierce & Associates, Plaintiff's Attorneys, One N. Dearborn St., Ste. 1300, Chicago, IL 60602. Tel. No. (312) 476-5500. PIERCE & ASSOCIATES File No. PA0408138. 143722C	IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. National City Mortgage Company d/b/a Commonwealth United Mortgage Company, Plaintiff, vs. Everardo Espitia, et al., Defendants. No. 05Ch-1495. PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on May 9, 2005, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Thursday, September 2, 2005, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 W. Madison St., Suite 718A, Chicago, IL, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described property: Commonly known as: 4100 W. 101st St., Oak Lawn, IL 60453. The improvement on the property consists of a single family residence with a small shed at the end of the driveway. 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PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on April 27, 2005, The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 a.m. on September 7, 2005, in its office at 33 N. Dearborn St., 10th Floor, Chicago, IL 60602-3100, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as: 15553 Lockwood Ave., Oak Forest, IL 60452. The real estate is improved with a single family residence. The judgment amount was \$108,984.57. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; the balance, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale. The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information. For information contact Plaintiff's Attorney: The Sales Clerk, CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 N. Frontage Road, Suite 100, Burr Ridge, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876 Ext. 1320. Please refer to file number 14-05-842. NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act you are advised that Plaintiff's Attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. 142130C	IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Washington Mutual Bank, FA, Plaintiff, vs. Ayana Modley, et al., Defendant. Case No. 05Ch-995. PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on March 10, 2005, The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 a.m. on August 30, 2005, in its office at 33 N. Dearborn St., 10th Floor, Chicago, IL 60602-3100, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as: 4592 W. 131st St., Unit 1N, Alsip, IL 60803. The real estate is improved with a condominium. The judgment amount was \$101,082.24. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; the balance, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale. The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information. For information contact Plaintiff's Attorney: The Sales Clerk, CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 N. Frontage Road, Suite 100, Burr Ridge, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876 Ext. 1320. Please refer to file number 14-05-521. NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act you are advised that Plaintiff's Attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. 142652C IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Chase Manhattan Mortgage Corporation, Plaintiff, vs. Marc R. Moat, et al., Defendants. No. 04Ch-21667. PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on 5/11/05, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Wednesday, August 31, 2005, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 W. Madison St., Suite 718A, Chicago, IL, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described property: Commonly known as: 4119 Southwest Highway, Homewood, IL 60456. The improvement on the property consists of a single family residence with separate one car garage. Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, by certified funds. No refunds. The judgment amount was \$111,754.51. The property will NOT be open for inspection. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the premises after confirmation of the sale. For information: Visit our website at http://service.ally-pierce.com, between 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. only. Pierce & Associates, Plaintiff's Attorneys, One N. Dearborn St., Ste. 1300, Chicago, IL 60602. Tel. No. (312) 476-5500. PIERCE & ASSOCIATES File No. PA0410246. 142990C	IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Green Tree Servicing, LLC f/k/a Conesco Finance Servicing Corp. f/k/a Green Tree Financial Servicing Corp., Plaintiff, vs. La Vaughn Fuller a/k/a La Vaughn O. Fuller a/k/a La Vaughn Fuller, et al., Defendants. No. 04Ch-17742. PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on January 11, 2005, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Thursday, September 8, 2005, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 W. Madison St., Suite 718A, Chicago, IL, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described property: Commonly known as: 13307 S. Kildare Ave., Robbins, IL 60472. The improvement on the property consists of a single family residence. Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, by certified funds. No refunds. The judgment amount was \$71,744.86. The property will NOT be open for inspection. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the premises after confirmation of the sale. For information: Visit our website at http://service.ally-pierce.com, between 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. only. Pierce & Associates, Plaintiff's Attorneys, One N. Dearborn St., Ste. 1300, Chicago, IL 60602. Tel. No. (312) 476-5500. PIERCE & ASSOCIATES File No. PA0406421. 142446C IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. The Bank of New York, Trust u/a dated 12/1/01 (EQCC Trust 2001-2), Plaintiff, vs. Edward J. Bradshaw, et al., Defendants. Case No. 02Ch-12328. PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on September 15, 2003, The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 a.m. on September 1, 2005, in its office at 33 N. Dearborn St., 10th Floor, Chicago, IL 60602-3100, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as: 14749 Sunset Ct., Oak Forest, IL 60452. The real estate is improved with a single family house 2 stories yellow/red frame/wood, brick and stucco with attached 2 car garage. The judgment amount was \$181,610.00. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; the balance, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale. The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information. For information: Visit our website at http://service.ally-pierce.com, between the hours of 3 and 5 pm only. PIERCE & ASSOCIATES, Plaintiff's Attorneys, One N. Dearborn St., Ste. 1300, Chicago, IL 60602, (312) 476-5500. Please refer to file number PA0205474. 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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Chase Manhattan Mortgage Corporation, Plaintiff, vs. Yolanda Y. McElroy /a/k/a Yolanda Y. Hardy, et al., Defendants. No. 04Ch-20969. NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE Fisher & Fisher file #62488 (It is advised that interested parties consult with their own attorneys before bidding at mortgage foreclosure sales.) PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered on May 2, 2005 in the amount of \$114,525.83, Kallen Financial & Capital Services, Inc. as Selling Official will at 11:30 a.m. on September 14, 2005 at 175 W. Washington Street, Chicago, IL, sell the following described real property to the highest bidder at auction for cash: C/K/A: 7716 S. Sawyer Ave., Chicago, IL 60652. The improvements on the property consist of a masonry one-story single-family dwelling with separate garage. The property will NDT be open for inspection. 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NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act you are advised that Plaintiff's Attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. 149655C	IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Amerquest Mortgage Company, Plaintiff, vs. Cynthia M. Uddah a/k/a Cynthia Uddah, Defendant. Case No. 05Ch-1025. PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on March 16, 2005, The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 a.m. on August 30, 2005, in its office at 33 N. Dearborn St., 10th Floor, Chicago, IL 60602-3100, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as: 9113 S. Utica, Evergreen Park, IL 60805. The real estate is improved with a single family residence. The judgment amount was \$174,518.21. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; the balance, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale. The property will NDT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information. For information contact Plaintiff's Attorney: Dawn K. Krone, Law Offices of Ira T. Nevel, 175 N. Franklin Street, Suite 201, Chicago, IL 60606. (312) 357-1125. Please refer calls to Dawn K. Krone. NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act you are advised that Plaintiff's Attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. 142549C	IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. M & T Trust Company, as Trustee, in Trust for the holders of Securitization Series 1996-4, Plaintiff, vs. Unknown Heirs of Legatees of Ethel Knox, et al., Defendants. No. 04Ch-20527. PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on March 29, 2005, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Thursday, August 25, 2005, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 W. Madison St., Suite 718A, Chicago, IL, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described mortgaged real estate: Commonly known as: 14001 Lydia, Robbins, IL 60472. The improvement on the property consists of a single family residence. Sale terms: Bidders must present, at the time of sale, a cashier's or certified check for 10% of the successful bid amount. The balance of the successful bid shall be paid within 24 hours, by similar funds. The property will NOT be open for inspection. For information call Mr. David C. Kluever at Plaintiff's Attorney, Kluever & Platt, L.L.C., 65 E. Wacker Place, Chicago, IL 60601. (312) 236-0077. 143683C	IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Bank of New York, as Trustee, Plaintiff, vs. Debbie L. Vanderwarren-Scholl a/k/a Debbie Vanderwarren-Scholl, et al., Defendants. No. 03Ch-12241. PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on December 18, 2003, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Tuesday, September 6, 2005, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 W. Madison St., Suite 718A, Chicago, IL, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described property: Commonly known as: 3812 W. 86th Pl., Chicago, IL 60652. The improvement on the property consists of a single family residence. Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, by certified funds. No refunds. The judgment amount was \$96,237.33. The property will NOT be open for inspection. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the premises after confirmation of the sale. For information: Visit our website at http://service.ally-pierce.com, between 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. only. PIERCE & ASSOCIATES, Plaintiff's Attorneys, One N. Dearborn St., Ste. 1300, Chicago, IL 60602. Tel. No. (312) 476-5500. PIERCE & ASSOCIATES File No. PA0305910. 142469C	IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Indymac Bank, FSB, Plaintiff, vs. Patricia E. Karczewski a/k/a Patricia Karczewski, et al., Defendant. Case No. 04Ch-21485. PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on June 2, 2005, The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 a.m. on September 7, 2005, in its office at 33 N. Dearborn St., 10th Floor, Chicago, IL 60602-3100, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as: 14327 Harrison Ave., Posen, IL 60469. The real estate is improved with a single family residence. The judgment amount was \$102,788.27. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; the balance, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale. The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information. For information contact Plaintiff's Attorney: The Sale Clerk, CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 N. Frontage Road, Suite 100, Burr Ridge, IL 60527. (630) 794-9876 Ext. 1320. Please refer to file number 14-04-0765. NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act you are advised that Plaintiff's Attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. 142127C	IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Bank One, N.A., as Trustee, Plaintiff, vs. Dedrick Shannon, et al., Defendant. Case No. 04Ch-109. PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on March 18, 2005, The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 a.m. on August 29, 2005, in its office at 33 N. Dearborn St., 10th Floor, Chicago, IL 60602-3100, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as: 13350 S. Hamlin Ave., Robbins, IL 60472. The real estate is improved with a single family residence. The judgment amount was \$34,627.23. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; the balance, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale. The property will NDT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information. For information contact Plaintiff's Attorney: Kropik, Papuga & Shaw, 120 S. LaSalle St., Suite 1327, Chicago, IL 60603. (312) 236-6405. Please refer to file number 34385. Pursuant to Sec. 15-1507(c)(7) of the Illinois Code of Civil Procedure, no information other than the information contained in this notice will be provided. NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act you are advised that Plaintiff's Attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. 142375C
HAPPY SUMMER IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Countrywide Home Loans, Inc. d/b/a America's Wholesale Lender, Plaintiff, vs. Paul Navarro a/k/a Pablo Navarro, et al., Defendant. Case No. 05Ch-1642. PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on May 10, 2005, The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 a.m. on September 7, 2005, in its office at 33 N. Dearborn St., 10th Floor, Chicago, IL 60602-3100, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as: 10839 S. Massasoit Ave., Chicago Ridge, IL 60415. The real estate is improved with a single family residence. The judgment amount was \$153,329.65. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; the balance, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale. The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information. For information contact Plaintiff's Attorney: The Sale Clerk, CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 N. Frontage Road, Suite 100, Burr Ridge, IL 60527. (630) 794-9876 Ext. 1320. Please refer to file number 14-05-826. NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act you are advised that Plaintiff's Attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. 142233C					



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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois, County Department - Chancery Division, Countrywide Home Loans, Inc., Plaintiff, vs. Geraldine Phiphus, a/k/a Geraldine Phiphus Wells, et al., Defendants. Case No. 01Ch-714.

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on July 23, 2003, The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 a.m. on August 25, 2005, in its office at 33 N. Dearborn St., 10th Floor, Chicago, IL 60602-3100, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

Commonly known as: 2812 W. 84th Pl., Chicago, IL 60652. The real estate is improved with a single family one story brick (red) residence with two car garage detached. The judgment amount was \$106,123.70.

Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; the balance, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale. The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information.

For information: Visit our website at <http://www.service.ally-pierce.com> between the hours of 3 and 5 pm only. PIERCE & ASSOCIATES, Plaintiff's Attorneys, One N. Dearborn St., Ste. 1300, Chicago, IL 60602, (312) 476-5500. Please refer to file number PA0088369.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois, County Department - Chancery Division, Bank United, FSB, Plaintiff, vs. Thomas Macey a/k/a Thomas E. Macey, et al., Defendant. Case No. 05Ch-2567.

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on March 31, 2005, The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 a.m. on September 14, 2005, in its office at 33 N. Dearborn St., 10th Floor, Chicago, IL 60602-3100, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

Commonly known as: 6918 W. 112th Pl., Worth, IL 60482. The real estate is improved with a single family residence. The judgment amount was \$231,243.38.

Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; the balance, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagee, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale. The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information.

For information contact Plaintiff's Attorney: The Sale Clerk, CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 N. Frontage Road, Suite 100, Burr Ridge, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876 Ext. 1320. Please refer to file number 14-05-1418.

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Enter Letters About Literature Contest

Secretary of State and State Librarian Jesse White is encouraging students in grades four through 12 to enter the annual Letters about Literature contest sponsored by the Illinois Center for the Book, the Center for the Book/Library of Congress and Target Stores.

To enter, readers write a personal letter to an author, living or deceased, from any genre - fiction or nonfiction, contemporary or classic - explaining how that author's work changed the student's way of thinking about the world or themselves. The Illinois Center for the Book will select the top essayists in the state on each of the three competition levels: Level I for children in grades four through six; Level II for grades seven and eight, and Level III, grades nine through twelve.

At the state level, the winning essayist on each competition level will receive a cash award from the Illinois Center for the Book, a \$50 Target Gift Card, a plaque and will have the opportunity to meet Secretary White. The first-place winners will then advance for national judging. Two national winners will be selected on each competition level. These six national winners will each receive a \$500 gift card from Target Stores. Target Stores will also sponsor travel to the 2006 National Book Festival in Washington, D.C., for the winners and their parents or guardians. The national winners will read their winning letters during the festival, and will tour sites within the nation's capitol.

White said the deadline for entries is Dec. 1. All state and national winners will be notified in March, 2006. Contestant participation guidelines and entry coupons have been mailed to all Illinois schools housing grades 4-12. A teacher guide along with additional entry coupons

and contest participation guidelines are available at www.loc.gov/loc/cbook/letters-teachersguide.html. For further information, contact the Illinois Center for the Book at (217) 558-2065, or check the ICB website at http://www.cyberdriveillinois.com/departments/library/who_we_are/icb.html.

Target Stores, along with its parent company Target Corporation (NYSE:TGT), gives back more than \$2 million a week to its local communities through grants and special programs. Since opening its first store in 1962, Target has partnered with nonprofit organizations, guests and team members to help meet community needs.

New Law Strengthens Protections For Day Laborers

Governor Rod R. Blagojevich signed legislation that will make Illinois the most aggressive state in the nation when it comes to safeguarding day laborers from abuses at the hands of day and temporary labor agencies.

House Bill 3471 provides the Illinois Department of Labor (IDOL) with stronger enforcement tools, imposes stiffer penalties on violators, and provides important protections for vulnerable day and temporary laborers. The law will protect over 300,000 day laborers across the state.

According to a survey conducted by the National Employment Law Project, 50 percent of day laborers in Los Angeles, Chicago and Long Island reported non-payment of wages by temporary and day labor agencies. The survey included a day labor study done in Chicago, which revealed that 46 percent of workers who participated in the survey were concerned about their health and safety on the job.

Sponsored by Rep. Cynthia Soto (D-Chicago) and Sen. Miguel del Valle (D-Chicago), HB 3471 will help clean up the day labor industry, by going after those labor agencies that operate outside of IDOL's enforcement radar.

Day laborers and temporary workers are short-term employees working in industries such as landscaping, construction, food processing, domestic and factory work, agriculture and food service industries. According to the National Employment Law Project, the majority of workplace laws protecting day laborers and temporary workers were written for full-time, permanent employees. The short-term nature of the day labor and sub-contracting pose significant barriers to enforcement of laws and the workers do not receive the same benefits or wages as full-time permanent employees performing the same work.

This new law will allow IDOL to impose a \$500 penalty against a day labor agency for each day it is not registered. For all other violations, the department may fine first-time violators up to \$6,000 and repeat violators up to \$2,500 per violation per day. To pay for increased enforcement of the day and temporary labor industry, the legislation increases agency registration fees to \$1,000 and adds a fee of \$250 per branch office.

If one is a day or temporary laborer and is a victim of unfair working conditions, call the Day Labor Services Hotline at (877) 314-7052 to file a complaint or get information online at www.state.il.us/agency/idol/.

HB 3471 becomes effective Jan. 1.

New Laws Give Homeowners Access To Information

Governor Rod R. Blagojevich signed into law three bills that will help homebuyers and homeowners obtain access to accurate and important information about their properties, including the status of tax payments and tax exemptions. The Governor also signed legislation that will help simplify home repair contracts.

The Governor signed into law House Bill 1428, which requires lenders to notify homebuyers of accurate and timely property tax payment from the buyer's escrow account; House Bill 2462, which requires property tax exemption information to be included on the seller's transfer declaration; and House Bill 2594, which requires home repair contracts to increase consumer awareness of contract clauses that waive the homeowner's right to trial by jury for repair disputes.

HB 1428 will allow homeowners to know if their lender paid their property taxes in a timely manner. It requires all mortgage lenders to notify a homeowner of payment dates and amounts as well as property identification information used to pay property taxes out of a homeowner's escrow account within 45 days of the payment. To secure the mortgage, lenders often require the buyer to pay into an escrow account from which the lender pays the property taxes. Prior to this legislation, homeowners had no way to know if their lender paid property taxes on time, nor did they have access to documentation that would allow them to dispute late fee charges assessed for delinquent property tax payments.

HB 2462 helps homebuyers be aware of property tax exemptions received by the previous owner. The legislation requires the sellers of a home to detail that information, received on their most recent property tax bills. Declaration of these exemptions will help homebuyers determine more accurately what property taxes they will be required to pay when they purchase the home. This bill becomes effective immediately.

be settled through binding arbitration. This bill becomes effective Jan. 1.

Wash Hands After Contact With Pet Rodents

The Illinois Department of Public Health and Agriculture reminded Illinoisans of the importance of washing their hands after coming into contact with pet rodents in order to prevent diseases, such as lymphocytic choriomeningitis (LCMV).

The recommended way to wash hands is as follows: wet hand with running water; place soap in palms and rub hands together to make a lather; scrub hands vigorously for 20 seconds; rinse soap off hands with running water; and dry hands with a disposable towel and, if possible, use a disposable towel to turn off the water.

Dr. Eric E. Whitaker, state public health director, said that people should wash their hands after contact with all animals because animal fur, hair, skin and saliva can become contaminated with fecal organisms. Transmission can occur when persons pet, touch or are licked by animals or from fecal contamination of environmental surfaces.

LCMV infection usually is either asymptomatic or causes mild self-limited illness in otherwise healthy persons. LCMV, however, can cause aseptic meningitis, but the infection is rarely fatal. Infection during pregnancy, can result in transmission of the virus from mother to fetus, and infection during the first or second trimester can lead to severe illness in the fetus.

LCMV is not normally found in pet rodents, such as hamsters, gerbils and guinea pigs. However, pet rodents can become infected if they have contact with wild house mice in, for example, the breeding facility, pet store or home.

Animals can become ill or can be asymptomatic. Infection in humans occurs primarily through exposure to secretions or excretions of infected animals.

Human-to-human transmission of LCMV has not been reported, with the exception of transmission by organ transplantation or by an infected mother to fetus.

Attract Foreign Businesses & Tourists

Boosting efforts to spur economic growth in innovative ways, Gov. Rod R. Blagojevich signed legislation on July 29th creating the Illinois Global Partnership (IGP), a not-for-profit corporation that will build on the state's successful efforts at spurring international economic development and creating more jobs throughout Illinois.

A 14-member Board of Directors, who will not receive any compensation, but are to be reimbursed for expenses, will govern IGP. The members will consist of the following: five members appointed by the Governor with the advice and consent of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the House Minority Leader, the President of the Senate, the Senate Minority Leader, the Lieutenant Governor, the Director of the Illinois Dept. of Commerce and Economic Opportunity, the Director of the Illinois Dept. of Agriculture, the Executive Director of the Illinois Finance Authority and the Chair of the Illinois Arts Council.

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Southwest Area Obituaries

Donald A. Williams

Services were held on Tuesday at the Chapel Hill Gardens South Funeral Home, Oak Lawn, with a private interment, for Donald A. Williams Sr., 74, formerly of Oak Lawn.

He is survived by his children, Donald A. (Renate), Susan Becker, Dorothy Burrow, Jeffrey (Nancy) & Gary; five grandchildren; his brother, Harold Jr. (Alice); and his sisters Beverly (Carl) Tallon, and Darlene (John) Bruzas.

Dorothy B. Reynolds

Services were held on Tuesday at the Vandenberg Funeral Home, Tinley Park, with interment at Chapel Hill Gardens South Cemetery, for Dorothy B. Reynolds, 93.

She is survived by her children, Earline Soderstrom and Barbara (Paul) Bladen; eleven grandchildren; & many great and great-great grandchildren.

David A. Faucher

Services were said Tuesday at Kenny Brothers, Evergreen Park, with interment at Oak Hill Cemetery, for David A. Faucher, 92. He was the former owner of the Ruth and Rene Flower Shop.

He is survived by his children, Diane R. Marens, Lorene I. Garland and Suzette M. Gridley; eight grandchildren; twelve great-grandchildren; and six sisters.

Evert O. Hillbloom

Services were held Tuesday, at the Edgar Funeral Home, Oak Lawn, with interment at Chapel Hill Gardens South Cemetery, for Evert O. Hillbloom, 83, of Alsip. He was a U.S. Army D-Day Veteran of World War II.

He is survived by his wife Ida R.; his children, Kenneth (JoAnn), Bruce (Rita), Lynda (Donald) Bauch and Jack Hillbloom; six grandchildren; and his sister, Elsie Strom.

Micka B. Kluss

Services were held on Monday at Beverly Ridge Funeral Home, Chicago, with interment at St. Mary Cemetery, for Micka B. Kluss, 82.

She is survived by her four grandchildren; eleven great-grandchildren; and her sisters, Sophia (Frances) Mosillo, Ann (Tom) McManus, Amy and Nancy Babich; and her brother, Mike (Dolores).

George Georgakopoulos

Mass was said on Monday at St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church, Oak Lawn, with interment at Bethania Cemetery, for George Georgakopoulos, 75. He was a long-time member of the Gargalian Society.

He is survived by his wife, Mary; his children, Vasiliki (Allan) Kaminski & Nikoas (Mary Lee); 2 grandchildren; his brothers, Gus (Christina) and George; and his sister Mary Petropoulos.

Laurie L. Valfre

Services were held Monday, at the Vandenberg Funeral Home, Tinley Park, with a private interment, for

Laurie L. Valfre, 43, of Tinley Park. She was a graduate of Lincolnway Central High School in New Lenox.

She is survived by her husband, James; her children, Jimmie, Dominic, and Gia Valfre; her parents, Wendell and Diane Sims; and her sisters Christina (Jeff) Benedict, Michelle Daly and Wendy (Steve) Binner.

Anthony C. Berardi

Services were held Monday, at the Robert J. Sheehy & Sons Funeral Home, Orland Park, with a private interment, for Anthony C. Berardi.

He is survived by his children Carol (Frank) Dalissandro, Tony (Sally) Berardi Jr., Tricia (Rich) Willie; his stepdaughter Patricia (Sanford) Dvorin; sixteen grandchildren; twenty great grandchildren; his sister, Theresa (Paul) Vandenberg; and his brothers Pat (Maxine), Al (Helen) and Mike Pompa.

William F. Donnelly

Mass was said on Monday at St. Louis de Montfort Church, Oak Lawn, with interment at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, for William F. Donnelly.

He is survived by his wife Dorothy; his children, Thomas (Jan), Daniel, Joseph (Maryam) and Karen (Brian) White; and two grandchildren.

Mary Ann Doyle

A Memorial Mass was said Tuesday at St. Michaels Catholic Church, Orland Park, with interment at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, for Mary Ann Doyle, 69.

She is survived by her children, John (Bobi), Mark (Marie), Kathleen, Dan (Sandi) & Christopher (Andrea) Doyle; seven grandchildren; and her sister, Dolores (Mike) Cleary.

Marie L. Bartolini

Mass was said at St. Stephen Church on Tuesday, with entombment in Queen of Heaven Mausoleum, for Marie L. Bartolini, 89, of Tinley Park.

She is survived by her children, Donna Harder, Dorothy (Robert) Chay, Nancy (James) Stables, Jack (Lorraine) Mayfield, Patricia Wilkins, Beverly (Al) Hughes; twelve grandchildren; 14 great grandchildren; 1 great-great-grandchild; & her sister, Jerri Felish.

Edwin K. Ennenbach

Mass was said Monday at Sacred Heart Church, Palos Hills, with interment at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, for Edwin K. Ennenbach, 87, of Palos Hills. He was a long-time employee of Navistar/West Pullman and a member of the retirees club.

He is survived by his daughter, Karen (Phil) Pursley; five grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Russell F. Apitz

Services were held Monday at the Zimmerman & Sandeman Funeral Home, Oak Lawn, with interment at Mounl Greenwood Ceme-

tery, for Russell F. Apitz, 82. He was a devoted member of the Hickory Hills Presbyterian Church and an avid bicyclist with a membership in the Bike Psychos.

He is survived by his daughter, Nancy Sanneman; three grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; and his sister, Evelyn (Jay) Preston.

Shirley A. Tedeski

Mass was said Monday at St. Julie Billiard Church, Tinley Park, with interment at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, for Shirley A. Tedeski, 79.

She is survived by her children, Patricia (Thomas) Pacourek, Elizabeth (Dave) Wills and Mary (Pat) Swanson; eight grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; her sisters, Laveme (Don) Tedeski, Gerry Riggi, Bonita (John) Fulkerson, Barbara (Bill) Mosser; & her brothers Hank (Agnes) Ford and Mel Butz.

Eleanor N. Bauer

Private Services and interment were held for Eleanor N. Bauer. She was a member of the Quilting Guild of Greater Chicago.

She is survived by her children, Ed "Snook", Tom Pala; Elizabeth (Scott) Blankenship & Rebecca (Christopher) Bauer Long; eight grandchildren; her mother, Alta Basile; her sister, Shirley Kreft and her brother Butch.

Bernice M. Piowowski

Mass was said on Monday at St. Linus Church, Oak Lawn, with interment at Resurrection Cemetery, for Bernice M. Piowowski, 91. She was a member of Kasinka Malla, the St. Linus Friendship Club and The Knitters.

She is survived by her children, Virginia Kowalski, Teresa (Len) Osbrink; seven grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Anne Long

Mass was said Monday at St. Christina Church, Mt. Greenwood, for Anne "Kay" Long.

She is survived by her husband, Robert; her children Marylyn (Art) Regal, Pattie (Robert) McGlynn, Kathleen, Robert (Jenny) and Sherry (Darius) Matonis; six grandchildren; and her sister, Mary Ellen Conway.

Stephanie R. Mikulak

Mass was said Monday at Sacred Heart Church, Palos Hills, for Stephanie R. Mikulak, 87, of Tinley Park.

She is survived by her children, Walter Berry and Joan (Bernard) Golab; four grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; her sisters Charlotte

Malopy Alfrieda, Susz and her brother Henry Michael.

Nancy M. O'Malley

Mass was said Monday at Queen of Martyrs Church, Evergreen Park, for Nancy M. O'Malley, 50.

She is survived by her son, Christopher, SFC-U.S. Army, (McLodie) O'Malley; two grandchildren; her parents Joseph and Mary Alice O'Malley; her sisters, Peggy Kuna, Joan Kelly, Sheila (Ron) Mattson and her brother, Patrick O'Malley.

Timothy J. Moriarty

Mass was said Wednesday at St. Louis de Montfort Church, Oak Lawn, with interment at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, for Timothy J. Moriarty, 79. He was a U.S. Army Veteran and a 36-year blacksmith-welder for the Chicago Fire Department at the repair shop on 31st street.

He is survived by his brother, Jeremiah and his sister, Kathleen "Kitty" Kennedy.

Joseph Colletta Sr.

Chapel Services were held Wednesday at the Hills Funeral Home, Ltd., Palos Hills, with interment at Mt. Hope Cemetery, for Joseph Colletta Sr., a World War II Army Veteran.

He is survived by his children, Joseph Jr. (Diane), Patricia (Michael) Naroleski, Noreen (Charles) Krzyzowski; 18 grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; & his brothers, Thomas (Carmella), Frank, Anthony (Carol), and Samuel.

Edward H. Bielanski

Services were held Saturday at the Hann Funeral Home, Bridgeview, with private interment, for Edward H. Bielanski, 78. He was a mechanic at Iwema Excavating for over 40 years and a resident of Bridgeview.

He is survived by his son, William (Patricia) Bielanski; five grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Mary E. McCue

Mass was said Wednesday, with interment at St. Mary Cemetery, for Mary E. McCue, 94, a native of Castleblayney County Monaghan, Ireland.

She is survived by her children, Paul F., Thomas Jr. (Nancy) and Richard A.; 3 grandchildren; 4 great-grandchildren & her brother, Patrick.

Dr. Carlo S. Checchia M.D.

Services were held Tuesday at the Palos-Gaidas Funeral Home, Palos Hills, with interment at St. Casimir Lithuanian Cemetery, for Dr. Carlo S. Checchia, M.D., 82.

He practiced for over 40 years as an internist and cardiologist at Holy Cross Hospital in Chicago.

He is survived by his wife, Dr. Irene Kuras-Checchia; his children, Christina (Leighton) Wiste and Paul (Joni) Checchia; two grandchildren; and his sister Nelia Florio.

Alfreda W.

"Tiny" Modschiedler

Private services and interment were held for Alfreda W. "Tiny" Modschiedler, 78.

She is survived by her children, Jo Ann, and John (Maria); four grandchildren; and one great-grandchild; and her sister, Regina.

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Maxwell Street Market Set To Expand And Move

The Maxwell Street Market plans to expand and move in 2007.

Eleven years after the open-air market relocated to Canal Street to accommodate the expansion of the University of Illinois at Chicago, the Market could gain a permanent home at Desplaines Street and Roosevelt Road.

The temporary relocation of the Market is due to the construction of South Gate Market and the reconstruction of the Canal Street bridge over 16th Street, which according to the Chicago Department of Transportation, is scheduled for completion by May 2006.

To protect the Market's vendors and patrons from current and upcoming construction hazards, some vendors will be shifted outside the market's current borders.

The expanded borders are on Taylor Street between Clinton Street and Canal; on Canal, north of Taylor and south of Northern Trust's entrance, which is accessible on Sundays; and on Canal, south of Depot Place to 18th Street.

The market is currently on Canal, from Taylor to Depot Place.

Bargain hunters, tourists and families visit Chicago's oldest outdoor market every Sunday. A proud link to Chicago's past, the Maxwell Street Market has been supported by generations of immigrants and residents. The market is open to the public - at no cost - from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. every Sunday, year round.

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Groundbreaking Ceremony

Mayor Richard M. Daley is pictured at the Groundbreaking Ceremony for the North Wing expansion for the Art Institute of Chicago.

"For over a century, the Art Institute of Chicago has been an important part of Chicago's cultural fabric and an internationally acclaimed showplace for the world's finest paintings, sculpture and decorative arts," said Mayor Daley.

In attendance with Mayor Daley were such notables as First Lady of Illinois Patricia Blagojevich, President of the Art Institute James Cuno, Board Chairman of the Art Institute John Bryan, Maggie Daley, Chairman and CEO JP Morgan Chase William B. Harrison Jr., CEO JP Morgan Chase Midwest Region William Daley and Renzo Piano, architect of the North Wing expansion.

Bulls Schedule Open Auditions

In preparation for the 2005-06 season, the Bulls have scheduled open auditions for three of its most popular on-court entertainment teams. The IncrediBulls, Matadors and BullsKidz will host separate auditions for qualified candidates during August and September.

The IncrediBulls, an entertainment troupe that performs at all home games, will host applicants at the United Center on Sunday, Aug. 14th beginning at 10 a.m. All interested male and female entertainers age 21 or older are encouraged to audition. The 2005-06 IncrediBulls team will continue its tradition of energizing Bulls home crowds by hosting fan contests, distributing prizes, leading cheers and working with other Bulls entertainers to generate excitement in the arena. Information is available at www.bulls.com or by calling (312) 455-4000.

After two incredibly popular seasons, the Matadors will host the first open auditions since the team initially formed in 2003 on Monday, Sept. 12th. Men over the age of 21 who are BIG Bulls fans with an even bigger sense of humor are invited to submit an application prior to Sept. 6th. Auditions for invited candidates will be held at the United Center on Sept. 12th beginning at 6 p.m. Applications are available online at www.bulls.com or by calling (630) 668-7915.

The BullsKidz debuted to enthusiastic applause from Bulls fans of all ages during the 2004-05 season. The kids' hip-hop dance team featuring boys and girls ages 6 to 12 years will audition new members on Monday, Sept. 19th at the United Center. BullsKidz hopefuls must submit an application prior to Thursday, Sept. 15th to be considered. Applications are available online at www.bulls.com or by calling (630) 668-7915.

Information on all Bulls open auditions including applications is available online at www.bulls.com or by calling the Bulls at (312) 455-4000.

Craft Fair Planned

Trinity Lutheran Church, 9701 S. Brandt Ave. (two blocks west of Cicero Ave.) is pleased to announce its 19th Annual Craft Fair will be held on Saturday, Nov. 12th from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Crafters who are interested in applying for a space should contact the church office at (708) 422-0193 for an application. The cost to rent a space is \$25.



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Park Lawn Players Return To The Stage

The Park Lawn Players returned to the stage for their second musical review, "Give My Regards to Broadway," a spectacular musical celebration held at Park Lawn School and Activity Center. The choir is made up of 29 individuals with developmental disabilities enrolled in various Park Lawn programs.

The stage was picture perfect as the curtain opened to a brightly lit city sky scene. The choir, directed by Park Lawn staff, Debbie Alba and Nikki Miller, Jill Tysko, performed to an audience of over 300. They enjoyed the music of some time honored classics such as "Singing in the Rain," "Put on a Happy Face" and "Yankee Doodle Dandy" to selections from today's hit musicals including "Dancing Queen" and "Hakuna Matata." The show concluded with a group sing-along of "Somewhere over the Rainbow."

The production raised over \$1500 for future Park Lawn Player productions. The group is already gearing up for a special performance at Park Lawn's 50th anniversary dinner-dance on Oct. 1st at DiNolfo's Banquets in Homer Glen.

NARFE Meeting

The National Active and Retired Federal Employees Assn. (NARFE) Southwest Chicago Metro Chapter 1106, will hold its next meeting on Friday, Aug. 19th at 10 a.m. The meeting will take place in the Oak Lawn Municipal Building, 9446 S. Raymond Ave. (5300 west).

NARFE accepts all current federal employees, federal retirees, their spouses and survivors into membership.

At the meeting members are given the latest updates on legislation that affects the federal employee and retiree community. There usually is a guest speaker as well. The speaker scheduled for the Aug. 19th meeting is Dr. Adam Cohen, Chief Operations Officer at Argonne National Laboratory, who will talk about cleaner fuel.

For more information, come to the meeting or call president John Altar at (708) 458-4990 or secretary Cathy Siciliano at (708) 599-1601.

Chicago Symphony Orchestra

Tickets for all 2005-06 Chicago Symphony Orchestra and Symphony Center Presents concerts - now available only in subscription packages - will go on sale to single-ticket buyers beginning Friday, Aug. 12th. Tickets for CSO and Symphony Center Presents Piano, Orchestra, Chamber, Jazz, and Special concerts can be purchased by calling Phone Charge at (312) 294-3000; online at www.cso.org; or by visiting the box office at 220 S. Michigan Ave. from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

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Check Immunizations Before School Starts

It's back to school time and Dr. Eric E. Whitaker, state public health director, reminds parents to check their children's immunization and physical records before the 2005-2006 school year begins.

Illinois law requires that children attending any public, private, independent or parochial elementary or secondary school be immunized against nine diseases and children entering school for the first time, kindergarten, fifth and ninth grades must have a school physical examination.

Dr. Whitaker said a child without the state-mandated vaccinations will not be allowed to attend school until all the immunizations have been received or until medical proof has been provided that the child has had the disease or is currently on an acceptable medical schedule to receive needed immunizations. School districts must demonstrate at least 90 percent compliance with the immunization requirements no later than Oct. 15 each year or face a 10 percent loss of state aid. School districts have the option of enforcing the requirement anytime from the opening day of school until Oct. 15.

State law does provide exemptions from the immunization requirements for religious or medical reasons.

For an exemption on religious grounds, the parent or legal guardian must submit a written and signed statement to the local school authority detailing the religious belief that conflicts with immunizations.

A medical exemption must be from a licensed physician and indicate the medical condition that precludes the child from receiving the required immunizations.

To be protected from these diseases and to be in compliance with state law, children entering Illinois elementary or secondary schools for the first time must show vaccination proof for the following: measles; polio; diphtheria; tetanus (lockjaw); pertussis (whooping cough) (DTaP or DTP); mumps; rubella; and varicella.

Hepatitis B is required for those entering daycare or preschool and fifth grade. Three doses of hepatitis B vaccine should be given, with the first two shots at least four weeks apart. The interval between the first and third doses must be at least four months. Laboratory proof of prior or current infection may be submitted as proof of immunity.

Vaccines are available statewide through health care providers, local health department and public clinics. For information on obtaining immunizations or a school physical, individuals should contact their local health department.

In addition to immunizations and a physical exam, state law requires children six months to six years of age who are entering a licensed day care facility, preschool or kindergarten to be screened or assessed for lead poisoning.

Children living in areas determined by the Department to be high-risk for lead poisoning must be screened using a blood lead test. Those who live in low-risk areas must be evaluated individually using a lead risk assessment questionnaire developed by the Department.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

AUGUST 19 - Friday - "Wizard of Oz." Under the Stars, Memorial Park, 102nd and Major, Movie Begins at 8 p.m.
AUGUST 22 - Monday - School Dist. 123 Board of Education Meeting, 4201 W. 93rd St., training center, 7:30 p.m.
AUGUST 23 - Tuesday - OL Village Board Meeting, Municipal Building, 9446 Raymond, 8 p.m.
AUGUST 25 - Thursday - OL Senior Citizens Commission, 5330 W. 95th St., 10 a.m.
AUGUST 25 - Thursday - Legal & Ordinance Meeting, 9446 S. Raymond, 7:30 p.m.
AUGUST 25 - Thursday - Worth Township Regular Board Meeting, 11601 S. Pulaski Road, 7:30 p.m.
AUGUST 28 - Sunday - St. Paul Lutheran Church Picnic, 4660 W. 94th St., Regular Worship Service 8 a.m.; Worship and Communion 10:30 a.m. outdoors in picnic grove; Food service at 12:30 p.m.

Governor Vetoes Bill That Would Allow Teenagers To Get Tattoos

Governor Rod. R. Blagojevich amendatorily vetoed legislation that would have allowed Illinois teenagers to legally get tattoos. The Governor's amendatory veto of House Bill 29 keeps the legal age to get a tattoo at 21 years of age, instead of lowering the age to 18.

By amendatorily vetoing HB 29, the Governor struck down the provision that would have lowered the legal age to get a tattoo, but the Governor supports other parts of the bill becoming law - including

increases in penalties for tattooing or body piercing a minor. Penalties for tattooing or piercing a minor would go from a Class C to a Class A misdemeanor. The bill also established a Class A misdemeanor for anyone younger than the age of 18 to be on the premises where tattooing or body piercing is being performed unless that person is accompanied by a parent or legal guardian.

House Bill 29 does not apply to ear piercing or to licensed medical procedures, such as acupuncture.

The Governor's changes to House Bill 29 will go before the General Assembly during the Fall Veto Session. If lawmakers vote to accept his changes, the law will take effect on Jan. 1st.

According to the National Council of State Legislatures, 39 states currently regulate tattooing. Illinois remains one of two states where the minimum age to get a tattoo is 21. The minimum age in the other 37 states is 18. The legal age in Illinois for body piercing will remain 18.

Audio Visual Fee Waiver For Troops And Their Families

To show support for U.S. troops in a time of war, the Oak Lawn Public Library, 5300 W. 95th Street, will waive audio visual borrowing fees for active duty military personnel and their immediate family members (including spouse and children under the age of 21 or full-time students, parents and siblings residing in the same Oak Lawn household). This is made possible in cooperation with the "Fee Waiver for the Families of our Troops" program administered by the Oak Lawn Park District. To receive the library's fee waiver, you must present a discount card issued by the park district.

For additional information, call the Oak Lawn Public Library, (708) 422-4990 or the Oak Lawn Park District, (708) 857-2225.



Secretary Of State Jesse White & The Chicago White Sox Team Promoting Organ Donation

Illinois Secretary of State Jesse White along with Chicago White Sox pitcher Jon Garland, White Sox catcher A.J. Pierzynski and White Sox announcers Ed Farmer and John Rooney were at the James R. Thompson Center signing the backs of drivers' licenses and giving autographs to encourage people to become organ donors. At the event, White presented Farmer, a kidney recipient, with an Illinois Organ Donor commemorative license plate in appreciation of his efforts to promote organ and tissue donation. To become an organ donor, one can call the organ donor registry at (217) 782-6258 or visit the Illinois Secretary of State's website at www.lifegeeson.com.

Honor Memory Of Hall Of Famer Jack Brickhouse

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Florida Company Sued For Deceptive Advertising

Attorney General Lisa Madigan recently announced the filing of a lawsuit against a Florida corporation that allegedly used deceptive practices to advertise and market its services to uninsured elderly and low-income patients and patients with disabilities eager to find assistance with their high prescription drug costs.

Filed on Aug. 10th in Cook County Circuit Court, Madigan's lawsuit names as a defendant Consumer Savings Direct, Inc., a Florida corporation doing business as Free Medicine Direct. The defendant is charged with violations of the Illinois Consumer Fraud and Deceptive Business Practices Act and the Illinois Uniform Deceptive Trade Practices Act.

Since at least September 2004, Free Medicine Direct allegedly has charged Illinois consumers to assist them in researching and applying for pharmaceutical companies' Patient Assistance Programs (PAPs). These programs often provide free prescription medications to low-income, uninsured patients for a limited time.

Madigan alleges in the lawsuit that Free Medicine Direct charges consumers yearly fees of \$199.95 or \$299.95 for services that are otherwise available free to low-income, uninsured patients through their doctors' offices, the Illinois Dept. on Aging and other local programs. Using local newspaper advertisements, television advertisements and an Internet site to promote its services, Free Medicine Direct allegedly falsely represented to consumers that it was authorized by pharmaceutical companies to assist patients with services that otherwise would not be available to them.

Madigan's lawsuit asks the court to prohibit the defendants from engaging in the business of advertising, offering for sale or selling consulting services with regard to PAPs and from further violating Illinois' consumer protection laws. The lawsuit also seeks a civil penalty of \$50,000 and additional penalties of \$50,000 for each violation found to be committed with the intent to defraud. Additionally, the suit seeks \$10,000 per violation committed against a person 65 or older. Finally, Madigan's lawsuit asks the court to order the defendants to pay restitution to consumers.

Legislative Package Aimed At Halting The Ravages Of Methamphetamine In Illinois

In an effort to curb the alarming problem of methamphetamine production and use ravaging Illinois communities, Gov. Rod R. Blagojevich signed several new laws that give law enforcement more tools to protect Illinois families and farmers. The comprehensive legislative package creates new criminal offenses to help law enforcement crack down on people who assist in the dangerous meth-manufacturing process, gives meth-addicted inmates access to treatment and help before they're released back into their communities and provides local law enforcement agencies with more support in closing down and cleaning up illegal meth labs.

The Governor was joined by Attorney General Lisa Madigan, lawmakers and law enforcement.

Methamphetamine or meth, is a powerful stimulant that affects the central nervous system and is derived from ephedrine or pseudoephedrine, commonly used in cold medicine.

Statistics show that meth is a growing problem in Illinois. In 1997, law enforcement seized 24 meth labs. By 2004, that number increased substantially to 959. The drug has quickly become the most dangerous and perplexing problem for law enforcement, particularly in Central and Southern Illinois.

The Governor signed Senate Bill 562, the new Methamphetamine Control and Community Protection Act. The new law creates a new dedicated statute for crimes related to the manufacture, distribution and use of meth.

The new statute created by Senate Bill 562 is expected to improve the ability of law enforcement and prosecutors to hold meth offenders responsible for their crimes. It goes into effect 30 days on September 11th, 2005.

In addition to signing critical legislation to combat meth, the Governor earmarked more than \$3.5 million in federal funding to crack down on meth-making, selling and use of meth and other illicit drugs throughout Illinois. This funding will aid 20 multi-jurisdictional narcotics units fighting drug crimes in 61 Illinois counties.



Mayor Richard M. Daley is joined by Ald. Leslie Hairston (5th), Chicago Fire Department Commissioner Cortez Trotter and members of a local Boy Scout Troop as they welcomed the Greater Grand Crossing community to the official dedication of the Fire Department's new Engine 63 Firehouse located at 1440 E. 67th Street.

Recruit Tutor / Mentor Volunteers

The 2005 Chicagoland Back-To-School Tutor/Mentor Volunteer Recruitment Campaign runs from the first of August through the end of September. The campaign links over 300 volunteer-based programs in the Chicago region in a public awareness campaign that is intended to increase the number of volunteers involved in helping kids succeed in school and in life.

Throughout America many children, youth and adults struggle to be part of the American dream because they lack basic education and literacy skills. In the city of Chicago, more than 130,000 children attend poorly performing public schools that are concentrated in inner-city neighborhoods. Without extra help from volunteers, business and professional organizations, faith communities and political leaders, the gap between the prosperous America and the one with no hope will continue to grow.

The 11th Annual Volunteer Recruitment Campaign is a grassroots effort organized by tutor/mentor programs searching for volunteers. It aims to increase awareness of the need for thousands of volunteers to serve in youth and adult tutoring, mentoring and literacy programs throughout the Chicagoland area.

Volunteers can make an incredible impact on youth and adults through their service in tutoring, mentoring and literacy programs. By connecting children with adult tutors and mentors, we broaden their expectations, build their learning skills and help prepare and motivate them to excel in school and beyond. We also enrich the lives of volunteers who become part of this movement and we narrow the gap that divides the many diverse populations in this great country.

Volunteer roles can range from direct service, to tech support, web building, accounting and to leadership and fund raising roles that help build mentoring bridges between school and careers. Anyone who seeks to learn more about tutoring/mentoring in Chicago can use the PROGRAM LOCATOR Directory at <http://www.tutormentorexchange.net>, or the <http://www.chicagovolunteer.net> web service. During August and September, program descriptions will also appear on the Chicago Access CAN CALL42TV.

While the recruitment campaign launches in August, the Tutor/Mentor Connection will host a Tutor/Mentor Volunteer Recruitment Fair at the James Thompson Center in Chicago on Thursday, September 8th from 10:00 a.m. till 3:00 p.m. This will provide opportunities for potential volunteers to meet face-to-face with up to 25 different programs. Additional fairs will be held in September and October. A listing of recruitment fairs in the Chicago region can be found at the www.tutormentorexchange.net web site.

Sign Intermodal Facilities Bill

To capitalize on Illinois' role as a national transportation hub, Gov. Rod R. Blagojevich signed legislation on August 11th making it easier for local communities to work with the private sector to build efficient and effective intermodal rail facilities. Intermodal rail facilities are state-of-the-art transportation terminals that serve as interchange hubs and loading/unloading points for rail shipments moving throughout the state's transportation infrastructure.

Senate Bill 572, sponsored and championed by Senate President Emil Jones Jr. and State Rep. Robert Rita, permits local municipalities to designate areas within their boundaries as intermodal terminal facilities and makes it easier to offer Tax Increment Financing, which is a critical economic development that will help new projects get off the ground. The legislation also provides a sales tax exemption on building materials for each proposed project.

The Chicagoland area is our country's main transportation hub. In fact, Southern Cook County is the only location where all six of the nation's Class I railroads meet and where 50% of our country's industrial economy is within a day's trucking.

In recent years, there have been two major intermodal facility developments in northeastern Illinois: one near Joliet and one in Rochelle. There are roughly 20 rail freight intermodal facilities across Illinois, including several in the Chicagoland area, Decatur, Dupont, East Peoria and East St. Louis. This legislation will spur other intermodal facilities throughout Illinois.

SB 572 is effective January 1, 2006.

Better Business Bureau Issues Alert

The Better Business Bureau system issued an alert about online pharmacy sites that are displaying the BBB's trademarks to market drugs on the Internet. People from every region of the United States are contacting the BBB to inquire about the legitimacy of a "business" that is targeting consumers through spamming. The e-mail messages contain claims that the company is "Verified by the BBB" and include a hyperlink to different web sites all using the same name MyCanadianPharmacy, Ltd. (not to be confused with Canada Drugs, Ltd. that owns www.canadadrugs.com and www.mycanadianpharmacy.com). The web sites involved in this scam use at least the following addresses: www.newhealth-pill.info, www.loveamericaonline.info, www.pillsathome.info, www.onlinepills4u.info, www.directmedz.biz, www.tabletsforall.info, www.exclusivetablets.info and www.pills4life.info.

All of the web sites use the same template, display the BBBOnline Reliability Logo and an untrue message claiming to be "Listed at Better Business Bureau." This practice misleads consumers and violates United States trademark, counterfeiting and copyright laws.

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BBB does not recommend visiting these sites, as there is some evidence that the sites may try to download software to visitors' computers.

The Council of Better Business Bureaus is unable to identify precisely who is behind these fraudulent Web sites because whoever registered them submitted phony contact information to the registrar. It does appear, however, that most of the spam messages originate from Korea.

To check if a particular company is a legitimate participant in the BBBOnline program, go to <http://www.bbbonline.org/consumer/>. A BBBOnline Seal MUST be clickable; meaning that once one clicks on the seal, a confirmation window opens and explicitly states that the company is a participant in the BBBOnline program. Also, the address bar on that BBBOnline confirmation page must show an address including <http://www.bbbonline.org>. For example, see the BBBOnline "confirmation page" for BBBOnline participant Procter and Gamble at <http://www.bbbonline.org/cks.asp?id=292000103>.

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Chicago Man Sentenced For Stealing From Elderly Investors

Illinois Secretary of State Jesse White announced on Aug. 12th that a Chicago man who fraudulently sold promissory notes to elderly investors, then gambled away the money at casinos, was sentenced to 56 months in prison and ordered to pay over \$465,000 in restitution to victims.

Douglas Damon, president of Rothchild Leasing Services, Inc., which operated out of an office at 1212 S. Michigan Ave., falsely represented to investors that he leased hospital equipment, such as dialysis machines, to numerous hospitals, had collateral for promissory notes and had registered with the State of Illinois.

Instead of investing the money as promised, Damon gambled away the investors' funds at casinos, causing a loss of at least \$465,415 to at least 14 investors, many of whom were elderly and immigrants.

Damon, who sold promissory notes to investors promising an 11% return, gave investors fraudulent documents with false information about his company. He was sentenced on July 29th.

Damon plead guilty on May 6th to one count of devising and participating in a scheme to defraud and to obtain money and property by means of material false and fraud-

ulent pretenses and misrepresentations.

The Illinois Securities Dept. had previously issued an order of prohibition against Douglas Damon on Aug. 31st, 1990. Damon was permanently prohibited from offering or selling securities in the state of Illinois.

In the past year, the Secretary of State's Office issued over 300 administrative orders against violators of the Illinois Securities Act and assisted prosecutors in 13 criminal cases. Although over \$4.5 million was returned to investors through restitution actions, most investors in securities fraud cases never recover the full extent of their losses.

Brokers and investment advisers are required to register in order to conduct business in Illinois. Investors who have questions about an investment opportunity, a broker or an investment adviser should contact the Illinois Securities Dept. at (800) 628-7937.

Nature Works Cafe

"Nature Works Café" is a free, adult (age 16 minimum) book-discussion group that meets every other month to share their thoughts on a nature-oriented book selection. The books and the discussions are provocative, interesting, many times philosophical, and mostly fun. The group is friendly and sociable, and the discussions can be lively. The next "Nature Works Café," sponsored by the Forest Preserve District of Will County, will be held on Thursday, Sept. 8th at 7 p.m. at Plum Creek Nature Center in Beecher.

The selection to be discussed at the program is Pilgrim at Tinker Creek by Annie Dillard. Participants should read the book beforehand and bring a copy to the program.

Pastries and gourmet coffee, tea and hot chocolate will be served.

For information, call (815) 727-8700.

Plum Creek Nature Center is located in Goode-nov Grove Forest Preserve, 1.25 miles east of the intersection of Routes 1 and 394 on Goodenow Rd., south of Crete.

Laws To Improve Airport Safety And Prevent Terrorist Attacks

Gov. Rod R. Blagojevich signed legislation on Aug. 11th to improve airport safety and prevent terrorist attacks on airlines in Illinois. House Bill 1559, sponsored by Sen. Kirk Dillard (R-Westmont) and Rep. Tom Cross (R-Plainfield), outlaws the impersonation of a pilot in restricted areas of Illinois airports. The governor also renewed his call to federal officials to limit the availability of pilots' uniforms on the Internet.

HB 1559 makes the impersonation of a pilot, airline employee, airport employee or contractor in restricted areas of an airport a Class 4 felony, punishable by one to three years in prison. The bill also prohibits anyone from claiming or falsely representing that they are a pilot, airline employee, airport employee, or contractor at an airport in order to obtain the uniform, identification card, or license of any airport or airline employee.

HB 1559 was prompted by a CLTV investigative report that documented how easy it was for someone to obtain a pilot's uniform and use it as a disguise to deceive airport security. Reporter Bob Arya found that he was able to purchase a pilot's uniform off the Internet without any form of official identification, and it arrived at his doorstep less than two days later. Arya's probe also found that about a third of the time, airline pilot identification is not thoroughly examined at TSA checkpoints, making it likely that someone with a uniform and a fake identification would have access to restricted areas of airports, including airplanes.

On Aug. 11th the governor also signed HB 349, which stiffens penalties for trespassing in an airport's restricted area. The bill makes trespassing in an airport's restricted area a Class 4 felony, and trespassing while in possession of a weapon, replica of a weapon, or ammunition a Class 3 felony. Previously, trespassing in an airport's restricted area was a Class A misdemeanor.

HB 1559, effective immediately, and HB 349, effective Jan. 1st, 2006, build on the state's ongoing homeland security and preparedness efforts.

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- Incorrectly inflated tires decrease fuel efficiency. Check vehicle and tire manufacturer for proper inflation.
- Don't turn on the air conditioner as a first response to the heat. Start your drive off with the windows open to exhaust the hot air out of the rear windows and then put on the A/C if needed. This will also enable the air conditioning to work faster and more efficiently when turned on.
- Smooth out your driving style by avoiding "jack rabbit" starts and sharp braking. Both expend gas and can present a hazard for others on the road.
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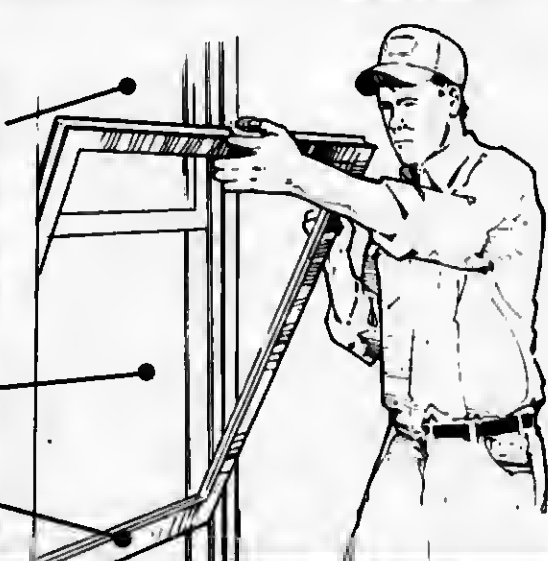
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Lipinski Delivers Millions In Transportation Dollars Congress Passes \$286.4 Billion Federal Highway Bill

Recently Congressman Daniel Lipinski joined his colleagues in passing the Transportation Equity Act a Legacy for Users, a five year reauthorization of federal highway and transit funding. Congressman Lipinski worked hard to ensure that the Third Congressional District of Illinois and the City of Chicago received a significant share of federal transportation funds from this bill.

"I am very pleased to announce that the Third District will receive \$26 million in federal dollars to improve our roads, enhance our sidewalks and pedestrian areas, build intermodal parking facilities, construct bike paths, and increase pedestrian safety in our neighborhoods," said Lipinski.

La Grange Village President Elizabeth Asperger commended the Congressman's "steadfast effort" in securing \$3.23 million in funds for the village.

"This legislation will have a tremendous impact upon this region's economic health and well-being," President Asperger said. "La Grange residents are grateful for the Congressman's dedication to this community."

Westchester President Paul Gattuso thanked the Congressman for securing \$224,000 in funds for road improvements in the village.

"Dan Lipinski has been working since Day One to help Westchester and the other communities in his District improve their transportation infrastructure," President Gattuso said. "His hard work has really paid off for us."

Stickney Township Supervisor Louis Viverito, whose communities will receive more than \$2.2 million for street improvements, was also thankful for the Congressman's work.

"This is wonderful news, Rep. Lipinski has really hit the ground running in his first term. We are truly excited about the possibility of improving roads and other infrastructure," Supervisor Viverito said.

Following is a list of projects that were requested by local communities and the amount of federal money secured by Congressman Lipinski:

- Upgrading of streets and implementation of traffic and pedestrian safety signalization improvements in Oak Lawn - \$4,112,000
 - A streetscaping project on Harlem Ave. from 71st St. to I-80 in Cook County - \$3,280,000
 - Construction of pedestrian walkways and streetscaping projects in Western Springs - \$3,553,600
 - Construction of a parking facility in LaGrange - \$3,232,000
 - Construction of a parking facility and pedestrian walkways at 94th and South Oak Park Ave. in Oak Lawn - \$192,000
 - Construction of bike/pedestrian paths in Chicago, \$2,480,000
 - Upgrading streets in Stickney Township - \$2,206,400
 - Construction of a bike path, parking facility, and related transportation enhancement projects in North Riverside - \$1,920,000
 - Upgrading roads around the Brookfield Zoo - \$1,200,000
 - Construction of the Leon Pass overpass in Hodgkins - \$768,000
 - Upgrading or roads in Summit - \$768,000
 - Construction of a bike/pedestrian path and related facilities in Spring Rock Park in Western Springs - \$576,000
 - Street improvements in Merrionette Park - \$480,000
 - Street improvements in Westchester - \$224,000
 - Streetscaping on Ridgeland Ave., Oak Park Ave., and 26th St. in Berwyn - \$768,000
- In addition to the \$26 million, Congressman Lipinski was able to secure \$100 million directly from the House Democrats for the Chicago Region Environmental and Transportation Efficiency Program (CREATE). This multi-million dollar project will overhaul Chicago's antiquated rail system to alleviate the rail bottleneck that creates days of congestion for our nation's freight rail. This project will upgrade unsafe rails, reduce pollutants and separate rail traffic from commuter traffic.
- "This could not have been accomplished without the backing and direct support of the House Democrats, particularly the great efforts made by Ranking Member Jim Oberstar," stated Lipinski.
- This legislation has been a top priority for Congressman Lipinski and critical to the Third District and Chicago. After its approval by the House, this bill must be passed by the Senate and then quickly sent to the President to be signed and enacted.

SCORE Workshop

Attend a half-day workshop on Tuesday, Aug. 23rd from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., offered by SCORE, Counselors to America's Small Business. Learn to protect yourself and your business from potential damage and lawsuits. You will also learn the basics of record-keeping, federal, state and local taxes. The workshop is one required for a SCORE Workshop Completion Certificate, helpful when seeking a loan. Attendees should be in business or planning to start a business.

Register and pay the \$35 fee on line, www.scorechicago.org. Walk-in same day registration and pay at the door \$45. Space is limited. Call (312) 353-7724 any weekday morning with questions.

SCORE, a resource partner of the U.S. Small Business Administration, is located in the Citicorp Center, Suite 1250, 500 W. Madison St. in downtown Chicago. For more information, call (312) 353-7724 or visit the web site www.scorechicago.org.



All Points Southwest

By THOMAS E. GAVIN

This weekend the City of Chicago hosts for the forty-seventh year, the world famous Chicago Air and Water Show on Lake Michigan's magnificent shores. The City anticipates that over two million spectators will visit the lakefront between Saturday, Aug. 20th and Sunday, Aug. 21st to be entertained by the largest and oldest FREE show of its kind held in the United States. The geographic location encompasses Fullerton Avenue to Oak Street, with North Avenue Beach serving as the epicenter of event festivities. The U.S. Army Golden Knights Parachute Team and the U.S. Air Force Thunderbirds are this year's headliners. The water show begins at 9 a.m. and the air show runs from 11 a.m. until 4 p.m. both days.

The U.S. Army Golden Knights Parachute Team will plunge from altitudes high above to their target on North Avenue Beach, attaining speeds in excess of 120 miles per hour. This precision team has been entertaining audiences worldwide for over 40 years.

Since 1953, the U.S. Air Force Thunderbirds have been dazzling audiences with their precision flying. Piloting their F16 Fighting Falcons, this select group of Air Force Pilots performs intricate maneuvers that represent the skills and techniques demanded of every Air Force pilot and are considered a "mirror image" of every front-line fighter pilot.

Strong in tradition and considered one of the world's premier aviation events, the show also includes a wide variety of civilian and military acts. This year's civilian lineup includes the Aero Shell Aerobatic Team, Lima Lima Flight Team, Red Baron Pizza Squadron, Red Bull MIG Magic and Sean D. Tucker and Team Oracle. The Liquid X Freestyle extreme water show will kick off the festivities both days at 9 a.m. performing in Lake Michigan off of North Avenue Beach.

For more information on the Chicago Air and Water Show, call the Mayor's Office of Special Events Hotline, (312) 744-3370, TTY (312) 744-2964 or visit the web at www.cityofchicago.org/specialevents.

News from Springfield...the Illinois Commerce Commission adopted Gov. Blagojevich's Sustainable Energy Plan, which will greatly increase the use of renewable energy and improve energy efficiency. Potential dividends from this bill include the creation of new jobs, additional investment in rural communities, the promotion of energy independence, the stabilization of energy prices, and a cleaner environment.

Under the plan's Renewable Portfolio Standard, the state's largest electric utilities will begin supplying 2% renewable energy to their Illinois customers by Jan. 1st, 2007, increasing 1% to 8% by 2013. Illinois currently gets only about one-half of one percent of its electricity from renewable resources and has only about 100 megawatts of wind energy in operation. Under this plan, this requirement will lead to more than 3,000 megawatts of power generated from renewable resources by 2013, enough to serve about 1 million Illinois households. At least 75% of this renewable energy - or more than 2,000 megawatts - would be generated by wind power, Illinois' most abundant and affordable renewable energy resource.

Both consumer advocates and environmental groups have praised the Sustainable Energy Plan. And both of Illinois two largest electric utilities - ComEd and Ameren Corporation - have pledged to implement the plan and will begin accepting proposals from wind developers this fall.

On the state political scene both parties seem to be busy gearing up for the next gubernatorial race. On the GOP front, Republican candidate Ron Gidwitz secured a major endorsement from one of Illinois' most influential and respected leaders when Congressman Henry Hyde endorsed Gidwitz in the Republican gubernatorial primary. Hyde called Gidwitz the candidate for Governor who will "restore Illinois to the proud land of opportunity for everyone." Congressman Hyde further pointed to Gidwitz's successes as a businessman, education advocate and community leader.

On the Democratic gubernatorial front, the top two Democrats in the Illinois legislature have announced their intention to co-chair Gov. Rod Blagojevich's 2006 reelection campaign committee. Senate President Emil Jones, Jr. and House Speaker Mike Madigan will head the Friends of Blagojevich campaign commit-

tee. With this trio of strong, effective Democratic leaders exhibiting such party unity, it is unlikely that other fellow Democrats will consider trying to unseat the present Governor in a primary race.

Locally, a bill co-sponsored by State Senator Maggie Crotty (D-Oak Forest) has been signed into law expanding judges' ability to issue orders of protection when the victim and the offender are family members or otherwise living under the same roof.

Currently, the court can issue an order of protection for a number of alleged crimes, including murder, child abduction, soliciting for a juvenile prostitute, aggravated assault, battery, aggravated battery, aggravated domestic battery, reckless conduct, home invasion, criminal sexual assault, or predatory criminal sexual assault of a child.

The new law, which began as House Bill 793, adds these new offenses which include: unlawful restraint, aggravated unlawful restraint, child pornography, domestic battery, stalking, criminal trespass, or harassment by telephone.

"Anyone who is in a situation where they think they might need an order of protection should get help as soon as possible, and I urge them to contact the Illinois Coalition Against Domestic Violence at (800) 799-SAFE or contact a local shelter for help," noted Senator Crotty.

The Illinois Arts Council (IAC) has scheduled its tri-annual meeting for Friday, Aug. 19th at the Beverly Art Center, 2407 W. 111th St. The meeting is open to the public and will begin at 9:30 a.m. All interested persons are encouraged to attend.

The Council meeting agenda includes approval and ratification of grants. Funding decisions for Artist-in-Residency, Community Arts Access, Partners in Excellence, and Program Grants will be announced following the meeting.

The Illinois Arts Council is committed to the cultural, educational and economic growth of the diverse people and communities of our state through the support and encouragement of the arts and artists.

Further information can be obtained by contacting the Public Information Office at IAC at (312) 814-6762; toll-free in Illinois at 1(800) 237-6994 or via email at ann@arts.state.il.us.

The Village of Worth is pleased to announce that on Friday, Aug. 19th, a live blues performance featuring Gloria Shannon will be held in the outdoor pavilion at Water's Edge Golf Club, 115th and Harlem Ave., from 7 to 11 p.m. There is no cover charge for this event and food and drink specials will be featured.

Gloria Shannon, backed by her trio of bass, drums and guitar, will perform five decades of classics including the Blues, R&B and Bluesy Jazz. For more information, call Water's Edge at (708) 671-1032.

The Little Company of Mary Hospital Foundation reminds All Points that their sixth annual golf outing will be held on Friday, Sept. 9th at Green Garden Country Club in Frankfort. Registration and a buffet lunch will commence at 11 a.m. A shotgun start highlights the start of play at noon. Upon the completion of play, cocktails will be served (approx. 5 p.m.) with dinner at 6:30 p.m. Tickets for the complete day and evening are \$175 each or \$700 per foursome. Dinner tickets only are \$60 each. Hole sponsorships are \$250 each and exclusive hole sponsorships (limited to 10 holes) cost \$1,000 each.

For golf participation, dinner or sponsorship opportunities, contact the Little Company of Mary Hospital Foundation at (708) 422-6200, ext. 5066.

Stroger Outlines Budget Challenges For 2006, Officials Project \$186 Million Shortfall

After meeting with his financial team, the Bureau of Health and other senior staff, Cook County Board President John H. Stroger Jr. released preliminary budget numbers that mirror the challenges facing other governments throughout Illinois and the nation. Citing increases in labor, health care, public safety and other operational areas, County officials are anticipating a shortfall of at least \$186 million as they prepare the Fiscal Year 2006 budget.

"These challenges are no different than what the City of Chicago and the State of Illinois are experiencing. We have experienced increased demand for services and declining resources as more and more people are using our health care systems and as the Federal Court is asking for additional correctional officers in our jail," said Stroger.

The Cook County Bureau of Health had in excess of one million visits to its clinic system in 2004 while demands for prescriptions increased from 2.2 million to 2.9 million during the same period. The Bureau of Health is on a pace to fill 3.8 million prescriptions this year.

The status of health care funding from the Federal Government is further adding to the challenge of pinpointing the shortfall for next year. Cook County typically receives \$573 million from the federal government for Medicaid patients. Through various Bush Administration proposals, up to \$70 million in these funds may be threatened according to Bureau of Health officials.

"We are actively pursuing this matter in Washington. Any decrease in federal funding may result in health care service cuts at a time when more and more Americans are without insurance and relying on the public health system," Stroger added.

Last year, the Board added 283 new correctional officers, at a cost of \$14 million, in response to the Duran Consent Decree which has attempted to address overcrowding issues at Cook County Jail, the largest single site jail complex in the nation. That cost will grow to at least \$19 million next year depending on the demands of the Federal Court.

"In the status hearing, the court made it perfectly clear to us that more correction officers will be required this year and

while I do not know at this time what that number will be, I am prepared to adhere to the court's wishes," said Stroger.

Adding to the uncertainty is the fact that the County is in negotiations with 15 of its unions representing approximately 18,000 employees. Wage increases and health insurance costs drive \$100 million of the shortfall. "We are actively pursuing these matters with our unions. It is my hope that they will come to the table with a commitment to share these increasing costs to the taxpayers. If not, the result may be service cuts and corresponding reductions in staffing," said Stroger.

Stroger pledged his commitment to preparing a budget focused on quality, yet cost-effective delivery of services to the taxpayers of Cook County and urged commissioners to refrain from playing politics this year.

"It is my hope that commissioners will set aside the political rhetoric that infiltrated last year's budget for the good of the people who rely on us for some of their very basic needs," said Stroger. "I am committed to remaining fiscally responsible but I can honestly say that this budget will be the most challenging of my tenure as President."

Unlike many other units of government, Stroger has resisted the urge to increase property taxes or cut services since taking office. "I have remained committed to reducing the reliance on property taxes to fund this government. Unfortunately though, everything is on the table this year because I will not turn my back on the medically indigent or our obligations to the County's public safety system."

Since taking office, Stroger has eliminated nearly 2,000 positions, saving taxpayers millions of dollars in the offices he directly controls. Stroger is asking the separately elected officials from the State's Attorney to the Circuit Court Clerk to seek increased efficiencies and bring them to the table during this budget season. "I do not run the day-to-day operations of these offices so I have to rely on the expertise of each of the eleven separately elected officials to do what is in the best interest of the taxpayers," Stroger added. County officials noted that the budgets of these offices represent half of the County's operating budget.

"It is my intention to release the 2006 budget in a timely manner but I am asking the commissioners to give serious consideration to the challenges we are facing, especially in the areas of public health and public safety, and to sincerely assist us in adopting a responsible budget for 2006," said Stroger.

Over the course of the next several weeks, Stroger will meet with commissioners, department heads and elected officials as well as civic, business and community groups to discuss the challenges in the 2006 budget.

Hotel Burnham Announces Fall Architecture Series

Architecture aficionados, building buffs and landmark lovers are in for a special treat this fall. In celebration of the 110th anniversary of the Reliance Building, an internationally recognized historic landmark, the Hotel Burnham is teaming with the Chicago Architecture Foundation to host the first ever Burnham Breakfast Series.

Set for Sept. 10, Oct. 8 and Nov. 12 (the second Saturday of each month), the Burnham Breakfast Series starts at 8 a.m. with breakfast and an introduction to the building in the elegant Atwood Café. After breakfast, at 8:45 a.m., participants will break into small groups and join a certified Chicago Architecture Foundation docent for an intimate and informative 45 minute tour. Each participant also will receive a goody bag filled with special keepsakes.

One of Chicago's great architectural jewels, the Reliance Building is a historic, living landmark developed in 1895 that is the first direct predecessor to Chicago's modern skyscrapers. At the time it was completed, its 14 floors seemed to defy gravity due to its interior iron and steel frame construction and delicate glass and terra cotta façade.

As part of its rebirth as the Hotel Burnham, the Reliance Building underwent a \$27.5 million refurbishment and renovation. The first floor's storefront façade was recreated to resemble the original bronze and granite design with wide glass windows. The elevator lobby was reconstructed using imported Italian marble for the walls, ornamental metal elevator grilles and stairwell railings, and an elaborate mosaic tile floor modeled after the original - which had been completely destroyed.

Restoration architects also focused on preserving the upper floors (7-14) where some authentic elements remained in the floor lobbies, guest rooms and corridors. Terrazzo floors and marble walls and ceilings were cleaned and honed in the floor lobbies. Intact plaster ceilings, patterned (Florentine) plate glass, interior storefronts and varnished mahogany doors and trim were restored, as well.

The Burnham Breakfast Series is \$25 per person. Space is limited and advance registration is required. Call (312) 325-3521 to reserve a space. A portion of the proceeds will benefit the Chicago Architecture Foundation. The Hotel Burnham is located at 1 W. Washington St. (at the corner of Washington and State streets), in downtown Chicago.

Architecture enthusiasts can enjoy overnight accommodations for two in this historic landmark with a deluxe guestroom or executive suite that also includes passes for both to the Burnham Breakfast Series. For every package booked, the Hotel Burnham will donate ten percent to the Chicago Architecture Foundation.

Offered September through November, this package is based on single or double occupancy, subject to availability and rates are subject to tax. To reserve a space or for more information on the Architecture Loyalty Package call (312) 325-3521.

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Atwood Café, at 1 W. Washington St., in the historic Reliance Building, is an 80-seat restaurant featuring Heather Terhune's modern interpretation of classic American café fare. The seasonal menu celebrates local farmers and purveyors. For more information go to www.atwoodcafe.com.

The award-winning Hotel Burnham is located in one of Chicago's great architectural jewels. This beautiful 122-room, European-style hotel resides in an historic, living landmark developed in 1895 that is the first direct predecessor to Chicago's modern skyscrapers. Located across from Marshall Field's famous flagship store on State Street, the Hotel Burnham combines a passionate architectural style with a flair for contemporary luxury. For reservations or more information, call (312) 782-1111 or visit www.burnhamhotel.com.

Campfire Program

"Animals in Song," a free, all-age family program sponsored by the Forest Preserve District of Will County, will be on Friday, Sept. 9th at 7:30 p.m. at Plum Creek Nature Center in Beecher.

Can you think of any animal songs? Share them with us at this campfire program. A few animal stories will also be told around the campfire.

Plum Creek Nature Center is located in Goodenow Grove Forest Preserve, 1.25 miles east of the intersection of Routes 1 and 394 on Goodenow Road, south of Crete.

For more information, call (815) 727-8700.

Work Together To Prevent Tobacco Sales To Minors

On Aug. 11th, Attorney General Lisa Madigan announced the signing of an agreement with 7-Eleven convenience stores, the largest national retailer of tobacco products, aimed at curbing the sale of tobacco to minors. Madigan is joined by 40 additional Attorneys General, all of whom have reached similar agreements with the 7-Eleven stores in their jurisdictions.

Under the agreement, all corporate-owned 7-Eleven stores will be required to establish new policies and procedures aimed at reducing the number of minors who illegally purchase tobacco products at their stores. In addition, 7-Eleven will take steps to ensure compliance by its franchisees. There are a total of 5,931 7-Eleven stores in the participating 40 states and Washington, D.C., including 185 stores in Illinois.

This agreement comes as a result of a five-year, nationwide investigation into the sale of tobacco to minors by retail stores conducted by the offices of many Attorneys General. The group's data indicates that when checked for compliance, 7-Eleven made sales of tobacco to minors. The corporate policies or practices behind these sales violate the Consumer Protection statutes of each state.

Madigan announced that Illinois has entered into an Assurance of Voluntary Compliance (AVC) agreement with 7-Eleven. The AVC agreement ensures reform by requiring that 7-Eleven implement tobacco retailing practices. These practices include:

- Providing training to employees on state and local laws regarding the sale of tobacco to minors and the health-related reasons for such laws.
- Conducting internal and external compliance checks to determine whether its stores and staff are complying with youth access laws and the AVC.
- Using registers that prompt the cashier to check identification before the sale of tobacco products.
- Posting signs to inform customers that identification is required to purchase tobacco products.

Madigan said research indicates that every day in the United States, more than 2,000 people under the age of 18 begin smoking and one-third of those persons will one day die from a tobacco-related disease. Young people are particularly susceptible to the addictive elements in cigarettes, with research showing that 80 percent of all adult smokers began smoking before the age of 18.

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ENTERTAINMENT NEWS

Holy Family Parish Jazz Fest

The 3rd Annual Holy Family Parish Jazz Festival will take place on Friday, August 19th from 6 p.m. to 11 p.m. at the Holy Family Church grounds at 1080 W. Roosevelt Road (at May Street 1000 West) in Chicago.

As a musical prelude to the main event, the Festival will feature an eclectic array of high-profile jazz and folk acts, including: Ernest Dawkins Quartet & Friends, led by none other than Ernest Dawkins, a composer, arranger, educator and internationally acclaimed Chicago saxophonist; Ted Sirota's Jazz Rebels, an improvisational jazz drum group will perform a unique musical confluence of Afro-pop, funk, reggae and hip-hop; and, finally, Gerry Dignan, a modern day troubadour, will perform Celtic, African and South American folk songs throughout the main event.

And the highlight of this year's festivities will be an up-close exhibition of 29 recently restored and gilded 19th century wooden angels. These precious artifacts represent the largest collection of sculpture by internationally acclaimed Canadian artist, Charles-Olivier Dauphin (1807-1874).

Dauphin created the wooden art pieces in his Montreal workshop, shipped them to Chicago for placement atop Holy Family's famed hand organ case, hand-carved by another famous Montrealer, Louis Mitchell.

The angels have been declared by officials of the National Gallery of Canada to be "the most elaborate ornamental statues ever carved in Canada" for a church organ case.

Finally, former Holy Family parishioners are invited to

view a collection of late 1940's-50's photos of family, school events and celebrations from the parish archives to help identify missing persons in anticipation of Holy Family's 150th anniversary in 2007.

Tickets are \$25. You must be at least 21 to enter. Food and beverages will be available to purchase. For more information, you may call Sara Conley or Megan Kortemeyer at (312) 558-1770 or just visit www.holyfamilychurchchicago.info.

Boating Is Big Business

When most people think of boating they think of states with warm year-round climates that border oceans. Florida, California, and Texas no doubt spring to mind. While they are in fact popular boating states, the overwhelming majority of boat owners are located right here in the Great Lakes states.

The eight Great Lakes states - Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Minnesota, New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania, and Wisconsin - have about 3.7 million registered recreational boats, or about a third of the nation's total (there are just over 12 million registered boats nationwide).

All told, the Great Lakes boasts five of the top ten boating states in the nation, as determined by number of registered boats. Michigan ranks second (California is first) with just under one million registered boats, Minnesota is fourth, Wisconsin is sixth, Ohio is eighth, and Illinois comes in tenth.

Why Great Lakes states, with short boating seasons and unpredictable weather patterns, prove so popular with boaters can be summed up with one word: Opportunity. The Great Lakes - Huron, Ontario, Michigan, Erie, and Superior - hold more than 1/5 of the freshwater in the entire world. This awesome natural resource provides world-class fishing, sailing, cruising, and lately shipwreck diving opportunities.

The boating lifestyle - cruising, sailing and fishing - will be celebrated at the 26th annual Michigan City In-Water Boat Show. Lake Michigan's biggest in-water boat show, an easy drive from parts of four states (Illinois, Michigan, Wisconsin and of course Indiana) drops anchor Aug. 25-28 at Washington Park Marina in Michigan City, Indiana.

For complete information about the Boat Show, visit www.michigancityboatshow.com.

Art Plus For Fall

The Art Institute of Chicago, 111 S. Michigan Ave., has announced a new season of Art Plus for Fall 2005.

Art Plus presents a series of diverse cultural events from musical and dance performances by artists to commentaries and readings by renowned art historians and poets.

Beginning with Dancer Loie Fuller in the Time of Lautrec on Thursday, Sept. 28th, Art Plus will present, among others, performance artist Laurie Anderson; poet Billy Collins; and other performers such as the Kabuki Children's Troupe of Damine, Japan; the Fisk Jubilee Singers; and the Maxwell Street Band.

Tickets are available by calling (312) 575-8000 or at any ticket counter.

For Art Plus information, call (312) 443-3680 during business hours.

Music Program For Adults

"Groovin' at Goodenow," an outdoor music series for persons at least 16 years of age, will be on Sunday, Aug. 14th at 8 p.m. at Plum Creek Nature Center in Beecher. Tickets for this Forest Preserve District of Will County program cost \$7.50 per person if purchased in advance or \$10 at the gate.

The performer for this concert is Keith Pulvermacher, who performed for the first "Groovin' at Goodenow" last year. Pulvermacher plays lead guitar in a three-piece band and performs original songs and contemporary pop.

Bring your blankets, lawn chairs and picnic baskets filled with snacks and beverages, and enjoy a relaxing two hours of musical reverie.

Tickets can be purchased in advance at Plum Creek Nature Center located in Goodenow Grove Forest Preserve, 1.25 miles east of the intersection of Routes 1 and 394 on Goodenow Rd., south of Crete.

For information, call the nature center at (708) 946-2216. For advance ticket purchases, the nature center is open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday and from 12 noon to 4 p.m. on Sunday. The nature center is closed on Monday.

Beverly Arts Center Early Bird Discounts

The early bird gets the 10% discount at the Beverly Arts Center, 2407 W. 111th St. Sign up for fall School of the Arts classes by Aug. 31st to receive a 10% discount on tuition. Beverly Arts Center members can save 20% by using their membership discount.

The BAC School of the Arts offers classes for children, teens & adults in a variety of media & performance disciplines.

Taught in partnership with the Studio of Hubbard Street Dance Chicago and Hubbard Street 2 at the BAC, offers classes in creative movement, pre-ballet, ballet, jazz, break dancing and Hip Hop for children, teens and adults at beginning, intermediate and advanced levels.

Popular classes offered by May 1 Have This Dance in four-week sessions that begin in October, November and December include Latin club dancing, salsa, basic tango, jitterbug/swing, and ballroom.

Youth and teen fine arts classes include Preschool for the Arts for ages three through five, Family Circle, a story-based art class for toddlers and their caregivers; and the new Art Around the World class for ages nine to 12; drawing and painting classes, and ceramics.

Adult fine arts classes include sculpture, photography, oil painting, and hand-building ceramics.

Music classes include ensemble and private lessons in piano, string, kids studio, and voice.

Movement classes cover various levels of Pilate's, yoga and tai chi.

Special classes for seniors include painting in the garden, bridge, garden art, ceramics and knitting.

Computer classes include creating a web page and Photoshop.

Class tuition and fees vary. For a complete class and workshop schedule, stop by the center, 22407 W. 111th St., call (773) 445-3838, or go online to <http://www.beverlyartcenter.org>. Beverly Arts Center gift certificates can be used for classes.

CLASS REUNIONS

Evergreen Park Grammar School is seeking alumni for a 60th reunion in 2005. Call Evelyn (Meisner) Vargas at (773) 978-0829.

Gage Park High School class of January 1955 reunion in September 2005. Call (708) 598-8104.

D.S. Wentworth Grade School class of 1955 is looking for classmates for a reunion. Call Jim Franzen at (630) 789-6803 or Marla Zack at (630) 887-9346.

Our Lady of Holy Mount class of 1951 is looking for classmates. Call (630) 739-7390.

Reavis High School class of 1975, 30-year reunion on Oct. 7th at Gaelic Park, 6119 W. 147th St. Call (708) 226-1617, ext. Reavis Reunion.

St. Rita Cascia Parish 100th Anniversary (several scheduled events), contact Pat Buckley at pat.buckley@advocatehealth.com or call Nancy at (773) 536-0224.

St. Walter School - All-School Reunion on Saturday, Sept. 24th at 118th and Western. Call Loretta Ryan Kennelly at (773) 881-8237.

Sullivan High School class of 1966 will hold a reunion on Sept. 3rd and 4th. Call (847) 374-5080.

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Southside Golf Event

The Southside-Suburban Real Estate Board will hold its annual golf outing Wednesday, Aug. 31st, at Silver Lake Country Club, 147th St. and 82nd Ave., Orland Park.

The outing is for realtors, appraisers, lenders and related professions. Tee times will be from 9-10:04 a.m. To reserve tee times, call (708) 349-6940 on or after Mon., Aug. 22nd.

Open bar will be from 6 to 7 p.m. and 8:30 to 9 p.m. Dinner will be served at 7 p.m. Door prizes and a raffle will be included.

To sponsor a hole, make a donation or pick up a sponsorship and/or donation form, contact Debbie Dudek at (708) 636-9304 or Rita Young at (815) 462-0086.

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ENTERTAINMENT NEWS

Stage Benefit For Outdoor Sign

Drawing on singing, acting and dancing talent that comes from as close as down the street in Beverly to as far away as Darien, the Beverly Theatre Guild's Broadway on the Corner is a vehicle for the Beverly Arts Center (BAC) and its mission as the area's state of the art, regional arts center. Broadway on the Corner, a musical revue, will be staged at the Center, 2407 W. 111th St., Chicago, on the weekend of August 19 through 21. The production is a benefit to raise funds for an outdoor sign at the BAC.

Produced by Martin Donovan of Orland Park and Cynthia McKown of Palos Hills, Broadway on the Corner showcases a cast of more than 40 adults and children from throughout the south side and south/southwest suburbs under the direction of Fred Eberle of Chicago, with music director Peg Mooney of Evergreen Park, and choreographer Barbara Moore of Tinley Park.

Performing in the ensemble cast are: Michael A. Barr, Nissa A. Harvey, Mandy J. Barry, Frankie M. Scalzi, Kate L. Kingery and Jared A. Lathon, all of Chicago; Kevin M. LeCompte, Sean M. Brady and Cheri N. Brodsky, all of Oak Lawn; Brian S. Brady of Evergreen Park; John R. Hillman of New Lenox; Dan Murphy of Darien; Amy L. Kazin of Hickory Hills; Brian J. Rigg of Orland Park; Carol J. Kearney of Palos Heights; and Kim J. Brines and Jaime L. Volk, both of Tinley Park.

Singing in the children's choir are Colin J. Allpow, Julia M. Allpow, Matthew W. Allpow, Rebecca M. Allpow and Sara E. Johnson, all of Evergreen Park; Adam J. Gonzalez, Amelia A. Gonzalez, Amy C. Meyer, Diane M. Haberkorn, Meredith T. Byrnes, Tricia M. Cody, Shea H. Pender, Bailey C. Connelly, Danielle Mascorro and Carley M. Sullivan, all of Oak Lawn; Ian D. McCafferty of Burbank; Bianca M. Minniti of Burr Ridge; Caroline E.

Get Your Shark Fix At Shedd

Sad that the Discovery Channel's "Shark Week" has ended? Come out to Shedd Aquarium where every week is "Shark Week!" Shedd's 400,000-gallon Wild Reef habitat is home to more than 25 sharks representing six different species. In fact, two female sandbar sharks have recently made Wild Reef their home. Both sharks are over six feet in length and weigh 108 and 136 pounds.

Wild Reef provides visitors with a diver's-eye view of a re-creation of an Apo Island coral reef. The Indo-Pacific Island in the Philippines is home to one of the most diverse areas of aquatic life.

Now is a better time than ever to come to Shedd, as we celebrate our 75th anniversary! To thank visitors for the tremendous support they have shown over the aquarium's last 75 years, in August Shedd is providing the first 75 people from the general public that come to the aquarium each day with free general admission (Aquarium Galleries Pass) and discounted admission to Wild Reef - home to the most diverse shark collection in North America - the Oceanarium and CRABS! (new special exhibit!)

Shedd will continue its 75th celebration all year long! Log onto www.shedd-aquarium.org throughout the year for more information.

Harolow, Brian P. Moore, Dan K. Moore, Maura F. Manahan and Nicole Liriano, all of Chicago; Meghan K. Breitenhucher of LaGrange; Rose Murphy of Darien; and Elizabeth Rose Ruf of Orland Park.

Broadway on the Corner will bring the energy of Broadway shows to the BAC stage at the corner of 111th and Western Avenue, in sequences that draw the music together with themes like dreams, children, music of the night, ladies and gentlemen. Selections have been chosen from nearly 40 different Broadway shows including Annie, Bye, Bye Birdie, The Sound of Music, Chicago, Spamalot, West Side Story, Damn Yankees, How to Succeed in Business, and Guys & Dolls. The musical revue was developed by Beverly Theatre Guild members Emil Zbella of Chicago, Marty Donovan of Orland Park, Cheryl Miller of Crestwood, and Cynthia McKown of Palos Hills.

Proceeds from Broadway on the Corner will go toward the purchase of an electronic sign to be installed on the Beverly Arts Center building. The sign will provide information on BAC events to the thousands of cars that pass each day on 111th Street and Western Avenue.

The Beverly Theatre Guild has been supporting the Beverly Arts Center since funds were being raised to build the original Center in the late 1960s. The Center's stage was inaugurated in 1969 with the Beverly Theatre Guild's production of Moss Hart's Light Up the Sky. The Guild has been staging their performances at the BAC ever since, an integral part of the Center's theater season.

The Beverly Theatre Guild also took an active role in the campaign to build the new facility in 2002.

The Beverly Theatre Guild has a long history, first formed in 1929 as a program of the Chicago Park District and performing in Graver and Ridge Parks in the Beverly/Morgan Park neighborhood. The Beverly Theatre Guild usually produces a three-show season at the Beverly Arts Center, traditionally staging a musical, a comedy and a drama. Broadway on the Corner was added to the schedule as a special fund raiser. The BAC is a not-for-profit regional arts facility.

The Beverly Theatre Guild's Broadway on the Corner will be staged Fri., Aug. 19 and Sat., Aug. 20, 8 p.m., and Sun., Aug. 21, 2 p.m. at the Beverly Arts Center, 2407 W. 111th St., Chicago. Tickets are \$18.50; \$17.50 for seniors and students. 773-445-3838 or www.beverlyartcenter.org.

"Marriage On The Midway"

James and Jeanette Cabit may be the happiest pair at the 2005 Illinois State Fair. The lucky couple has been selected by popular vote to be "Married on the Midway," a special event sponsored by Clear Channel Radio Group/KISS FM in Springfield, and the Illinois State Fair.

James and Jeanette of Lincoln met on a blind date at the Illinois State Fair on Aug. 19th, 1927. That evening was so special that James kept the newspaper from that day. The couple was among 35 other applicants competing for the grand prize. A panel of judges selected the top 10 essays and photos, which were then posted on the Illinois State Fair web site, www.illinoisstatefair.info, and the public voted for the winner. Now James and Jeanette will be renewing their vows in front of 100 of their closest friends and family members at the Carnival Midway area at the 2005 Illinois State Fair.

James and Jeanette and their friends will have access to all the midway has to offer - rides, food and fun. All the needed elements for this special occasion will be provided gratis including a justice of the peace, bouquets from 1-800 Flowers, wedding

dress from ABS Gowns, Direct TV package, photographer, cake, Midway food, and unlimited rides for the couple and their guests.

The ceremony will take place on Aug. 20th at 10 a.m.

Lectures At Museum

The Field Museum, 1400 S. Lake Shore Drive, Chicago, will host lectures about China and Africa.

"Field Museum Research in China" will take place at 2 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 17th, Oct. 22nd and Nov. 5th.

Some of China's most fascinating sites will be discussed as well as paleontologists inspecting dinosaur fossils and an anthropologist studying ancient Chinese societies.

"The Real Eve: Modern Man's Journey Out of Africa" will be discussed at noon Wednesday, Sept. 7th.

Dr. Stephen Oppenheimer, a world-renowned expert, known for tracking human migration through is use of human molecular DNA studies and the latest archaeological evidence, will present the program.

He will provide a ground-breaking account of the past 85,000 years of the human journey out of Africa to the farthest corners of the world.

He will survey archaeological, climatological and genetic evidence drawn from every stage of this journey, presenting new in-sights into the roots of all of Earth's modern human inhabitants.

The lectures are free with museum admission.

Further information is available by calling (312) 665-7400.

Museum's Dinosaur Discovery

Dino Discovery will take place from 10 to 11:30 a.m. Saturdays, Sept. 10th & 17th, at the Field Museum, 1400 S. Lake Shore Dr., Chicago.

The workshops, for families with children ages seven to twelve, will explore the difference between Asian

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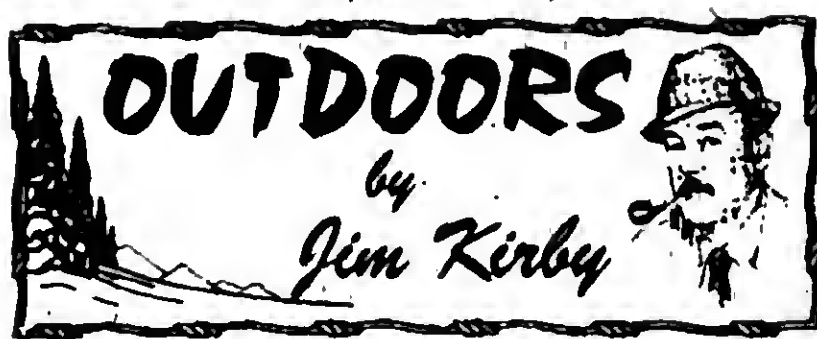
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WING SHOOTING CLINIC: The IDNR and a variety of participating sponsors are hosting a series of wingshooting clinics for beginners and hunters this summer. Saturday session instruction is available for young wingshooters 10-15 years of age. Sunday sessions are for girls and women and are open to all those ages 10 and older.

Instructors are certified by the National Sporting Clays Association. Hunters with wingshooting skills from beginner to advanced are encouraged to attend. A small fee is assessed each hunter clinic participant to cover the cost of clay targets and refreshments.

The closest clinic will be held this weekend, Aug. 20th and 21st, at Shabona Lake State Park in DeKalb County. For information, call (815) 758-2773. These clinics can serve as a tune-up for the upcoming hunting season.

ATTENTION ARTISANS: Illinois artisans are invited to submit applications for the Illinois Artisans Program, a program of the Illinois State Museum. Begun in 1985, the program promotes the work of artisans living in Illinois through exhibitions and activities. All areas of original art and craft are eligible including folk, traditional, contemporary, ethnic and fine art forms. For more information and an application, call (312) 814-1794.

WORMS HOOKED FOR FISHING FEEL NO PAIN: The anti's won't like this! (Great Lakes Basin Report) Worms squirming on a fishhook feel no pain - nor do lobsters and crabs cooked in boiling water, a study funded by the Norwegian government has found. "The common earthworm has a very simple nervous system - it can be cut in two and continue with its business," said Professor Wenche Farstad, who chaired the panel that drew up the report.

Norway might have considered banning the use of live worms as fish bait, if the study had found they felt pain, but Farstad said, "It seems to be only reflex curling when put on a hook...they might sense something, but it not painful and does not compromise their well-being."

IT'S A FACT: The Congressional Sportsmen Foundation says "Sportsmen contribute \$54 every second, \$3,240 every minute, \$194,400 every hour, \$4.7 million every day, adding up to \$1.7 billion every year for conservation."

TIRE FAILURES TOP LIST OF 2004 BOAT TRAILER BREAKDOWNS: Burdened by the weight of their loads, infrequent use, potholes, the sun's blistering UV rays, winter's freezing temperatures and submersion in water, boat trailers don't have an easy life. Of the thousands of requests for roadside assistance made by Boat U.S. Trailering Club members in 2004, the number one call for assistance was for flat tires, more than twice as many as the next runner-up.

To start with, make sure your tires were made for trailering. A "ST" designation on the sidewall indicates special trailer use for boat trailers. Also, never mix bias ply with radial tires.

Inflation is the most basic tire maintenance issue. Tires should be inflated while cold, before the trip. A spare tire is a must.

A tire's worst enemy is dry rot. If you store your boat and trailer outside during the winter, remove the tires and keep inside if possible.

Moisture can doom a tire if the trailer sits idle on grassy damp ground. Removing the tire is best, but parking on plywood or hard surface can help.

Blue Knights vs. Midlo

Come to Hawkinson Ford Field, 14011 S. Kenton, Crestwood, to see the CPD Blue Knights go against the Midlothian Police Department. This Charity Baseball Game will be held on Saturday, Aug. 27th. The first pitch will be at 6:05 p.m.

The game will benefit the families of police officers and firefighters that were killed in the Line of Duty. Funds collected will be donated to organizations that support benefits and to memorials for the officers.

Hawkinson Ford Field is two blocks east of Cicero Ave., off the Midlothian Turnpike. General Admission is \$8 with children five and under free. Senior citizens (65 or older), children wearing Little League jerseys, children wearing Girl Scout, Boy Scout any other youth organizations shirts, all police or fire cadets and Active Armed Services members are \$5.

The Public Safety Officers Fund will sponsor a raffle during the game. First prize is \$200; second prize is \$150; third, fourth and fifth prizes are \$50 each. Tickets are \$2 each or three for \$5. Prizes will be awarded Aug. 27. The winner need not be present. After the game, there will be a huge fireworks display to close the festivities.

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Veto Bill Allowing Hunters To Use Snare Traps

Taking action on Aug. 12th to protect Illinois' wildlife, Gov. Rod R. Blagojevich vetoed House Bill 1486, which would have allowed hunters to use cable restraints, also known as snares, to trap several species of fur-bearing animals. According to animal rights groups, if not killed immediately by the snares, captured animals may die slowly and painfully from dehydration, starvation, exposure to severe weather or predation from other animals.

Snares generally are made of a light wire cable looped through a lock device, and are designed to tighten around the neck or leg of an animal. According to the animal rights organization Animal Protection Institute (API), snares painfully and cruelly strangle their prey. The more the animal struggles against the snare, the tighter the noose draws. API and other groups call snares an indiscriminate killing method that sometimes catches and kills non-target animals, including house pets, hunting dogs and endangered species.

HB 1486 would have allowed hunters to use snares to trap animals such as raccoons, foxes and beavers on land. Even though the bill required that snares had a mechanism to help reduce the chance of strangulation, the safety provisions were still inadequate to protect animals from suffering. These traps have been banned in Illinois for over 50 years because the trap's wire hoop strangles the animal. Twenty-one states in the nation do not allow the use of snares. Most national animal rights groups, several of which have Illinois chapters, opposed the legislation.

The Humane Society of the United States said snares are the most primitive, indiscriminate and inhumane traps used in the United States. Neck and body snares strangle their victims or crush their vital organs, leading to an agonizing and often prolonged death. These traps are particularly cruel to their targets because the muscles around the animal's windpipe and arteries slow death. According to the Humane Society, animals killed in neck

snares are often referred to as "jelly-heads" because of the thick, bloody lymph fluid that swells their heads and necks.

Organizations opposing this legislation further argued that these traps:

May increase the number of animals trapped and killed for their fur. This increase will likely occur because, since cable restraints are cheaper and easier to use than other traps, trappers will use more of them to blanket an area.

Despite new safety mechanisms that are supposed to reduce the chance of strangulation, snares are still inhumane and unsafe.

While hunters place traps in areas where they think they will catch the species of animal they want, these traps can catch any animal whose head or leg fits through the snare's noose.

Host The 3rd Annual Jack Brickhouse Tribute

United Cerebral Palsy Association of Greater Chicago (UCP Chicago) teamed up with the Chicago White Sox to honor the memory of Hall of Fame broadcaster Jack Brickhouse during the White Sox game against the Minnesota Twins on Wednesday, Aug. 17th.

Jack Brickhouse was a founding member of UCP Chicago and dedicated his time, talent and energy by serving on UCP Chicago's Board of Directors for over 35 years. To commemorate Jack's amazing spirit and dedication to UCP Chicago's mission, UCP Chicago instituted the Jack Brickhouse Award for Inspirational Leadership. "I know Jack would be proud to think this award was presented to deserving individuals as a way to carry on his legacy," said Jack's widow, Pat Brickhouse, who presented this year's award at home plate to Richard Melman.

Richard Melman is the Founder and Chairman of Lettuce Entertain You Enterprises, a Chicago-based corporation that owns over 50 restaurants nationwide. He is supportive in many of the same causes as Jack Brickhouse and portrays the same selfless spirit in leading others.

Along with a special presentation of the Jack Brickhouse Award, UCP Chicago had the opportunity to participate in an on-field parade prior to the start of the game. This year's parade grand marshal was Cliff Kelley, talk host of WVON-AM's Cliff Kelley Show.

Those who would like to support the memory of Jack Brickhouse and UCP Chicago's mission can call Kathy Overbeck, Marketing & Special Events Coordinator, at (312) 464-1604, ext. 12 for more information.

Chicago Bulls Announce 2005-06 Schedule

The Chicago Bulls have announced the official schedule for the upcoming 2005-06 season. The team will open its 40th NBA regular season with a home contest versus the Charlotte Bobcats on Wednesday, Nov. 2nd at the United Center. The 82-game regular season will conclude on Wednesday, April 19th with a home game versus the Toronto Raptors.

The Bulls will also play eight pre-season games beginning with a road contest versus the Detroit Pistons in Grand Rapids, Mich. on Tuesday, Oct. 11th. Four pre-season games will be played at the United Center on Oct. 15th, 17th, 21st and 25th.

Tickets for every home game including pre-season contests will go on sale at 10 a.m. on Saturday, Oct. 8th at the United Center box office, Ticketmaster locations, online at www.bulls.com, or by calling 1(800) 4NBA-TIX. Season tickets and 11-Game Plans are available now by calling (312) 455-4000.

De La Salle Soccer Program To Host Alumni Event

De La Salle Institute's soccer program will be hosting its annual family picnic on Sunday, Aug. 21st from noon to 5 p.m. at Dan Ryan Field, 3455 S. Wabash Ave. in Chicago.

The tentative schedule for the day includes a girls match (12:30 p.m.), boys match (1:15 p.m.), alumni match (2 p.m.) and an all-inclusive match (3 p.m.). There will be food and beverages throughout the event with all donations accepted to defer the cost.

For more information, contact head soccer coach Tom Dufficy at (312) 842-7355, ext. 203, or visit the web site at www.dls.org.

Kid's Fishing Derby

Calling all kids between the ages of 5 and 15! The Forest Preserve District of Will County is hosting a fishing derby that promises to reel in plenty of excitement! The "Kid's Fishing Derby" will be held on Saturday, Sept. 10th from 7 a.m. to noon at Monee Reservoir. The cost is \$8 per entry, and registration is required by Sept. 3rd.

Participants will fish along the shoreline, and great prizes will be awarded for the largest fish, smallest fish, and the greatest number of fish caught within each of three age groups: 5-7, 8-11 and 12-15.

Everyone will go home a winner, however, because all entered in the derby will receive a goody bag.

Kids should bring their own fishing poles and pack a lunch; bait will be provided.

Monee Reservoir is located on Ridgeland Ave. west of Route 50 and south of Pauling Road, 2.0 miles south of Monee.

For registration information and a registration form, call (708) 534-8499.

2006 ThunderBolts Travelers Tryout Camp

The Windy City ThunderBolts Travelers, an independent not-for-profit organization affiliated with the Windy City ThunderBolts, announce they will be holding an open tryout on Aug. 27th at Hawkinson Ford Field for its newly formed 14-Year-Old Travel Baseball Club. Registration will be from 7:30 to 8 a.m. with a non-refundable \$20 tryout fee will be charged to defer field costs. Each player will receive a free ticket to the Windy City ThunderBolts' Aug. 31st game for attending the tryout. Tryout camp will begin at 8 a.m.

The ThunderBolts Travelers will be a competitive travel team focusing on the fundamentals of the game. The team will play selected home games at Hawkinson Ford Field, home of the Windy City ThunderBolts. Mike Kashirsky, bench coach for the Windy City ThunderBolts, will be on hand assisting with the tryouts.

Once selected, a non-refundable fee of \$2,000 will be charged per player to cover team expenses, training and coaching fees. Payment plans will be discussed on an individual basis. The ThunderBolts Travelers are looking for serious players with a good attitude for the game. A minimum of two years of travel experience is expected.

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Americans Are Spending Less On Back To School Supplies

According to the annual Back-to-School Survey conducted by Myvesta, a nonprofit consumer education organization, Americans plan to spend \$225 less this year on back-to-school expenses. The average shopper plans to spend \$3,164 this year, down 6.6 percent from \$3,389 in 2004. This year's survey shows a return to the back-to-school spending of 2003, where the average shopper planned to spend \$3,184. Of those surveyed, 47 percent plan to spend less than \$1,000 on their back-to-school expenses in 2005.

"Back-to-school is the most expensive time of year for many American families; more costly than summer vacations and holiday shopping combined," said Steve Rhode, president of Myvesta. "Most families don't have extra cash this year to splurge on the latest and greatest back-to-school gadgets, clothing or dorm room decorations and when they are spending they are looking to get the most for their dollar."

The Myvesta Back-to-School Survey was conducted July 29-31 in a random telephone poll of 1,000 adult Americans. Each respondent was asked about their back-to-school purchases for themselves, family members and others. The average spending in each of seven categories includes: electronics, \$281 in 2005, \$395 in 2004 (computers, printers, software, calculators, cell phones, etc.); clothing, \$374 in 2005, \$431 in 2004 (coats, shoes, uniforms, backpacks, accessories, etc.); fees,

\$1,952 in 2005, \$1,455 in 2004 (application fees, tuition, health assessments, deposits, etc.); sporting/extracurricular activities, \$141 in 2005, \$207 in 2004 (equipment, jerseys, uniforms, coaching fees, etc.); dorm room supplies, \$98 in 2005, \$178 in 2004 (bedding, towels, toiletries, refrigerators, cooking supplies, etc.); desk supplies, \$146 in 2005, \$142 in 2004 (pens, pencils, notebooks, reference materials, etc.); transportation, \$462 in 2005, \$1,030 in 2004 (air, bus and rail travel, car purchase, subway passes, etc.); total for back-to-school, \$3,164 in 2005, \$3,389 in 2004 (the average of all responses).

Five of the seven categories included in the survey showed decreases in spending with the largest percentage drops in the categories of transportation and dorm room supplies. The average American plans to spend 55.2 percent less on transportation related expenses and 45 percent less on dorm room supplies. Spending on desk supplies remained relatively unchanged with a slight increase in spending of 2.8 percent. The only category where spending significantly increased was fees, where the average American plans to spend 21.4 percent more than they did last year.

For information and money saving tips on back-to-school shopping, read the Myvesta publication "Back To School: How to save money and teach your kids at the same time." It can be downloaded free by visiting Myvesta.org online.

LOCAL SCHOLARS

Oak Lawn residents Colleen T. Healy, Allison M. Naddy and Maura E. Prunty were among graduates of Loras College, Dubuque, Iowa. Healy and Naddy each earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in elementary education. Healy graduated with cum laude honors. Prunty received a Bachelor of Arts degree in teacher education.

Jacqueline Schabold of Oak Lawn was named to the A Honor Roll for the third quarter of the 2004-05 school year for Nazareth Academy, La Grange Park. The A Honor Roll indicates a grade point average of 3.5 to 4.0 on a 4.0 scale.

Jennifer Marie Campbell of Hometown is among spring 2005 graduates of Illinois State University, Normal. She received a Bachelor of Science degree in Education. She graduated with cum laude honors.

Oak Lawn residents were among students named to the spring 2005 dean's list for Benedictine University, Lisle. They are Jacqueline Antonia Rose Carty, Sophia Matariyeh, Eric Michael Molenhouse, Stephen B. Nesci, Vickie Ann Paprocki, Dana Mary Sullivan, Brian Joseph Walczak and Bradley J. Weyer. A full-time student who achieves a 3.5 grade point average or above is listed on the dean's list.

Oak Lawn residents Heather Finn, David Lundeen and Kristin Vanoni were among Elmhurst College's 2005 graduating class. Finn earned a Bachelor of Science degree in management. She graduated with cum laude honors. Lundeen received a Bachelor of Science degree in music business/business administration. He graduated with magna cum laude honors. Vanoni earned a Master of Arts degree in industrial/organizational psychology.

Melisa A. Darga was among students at Grand Valley State University, Allendale Mich., named to the winter 2005 dean's list. An eligible student has maintained a 3.5 grade point average and has been enrolled in a minimum of 12 credits.

Christie Buckingham of Oak Lawn was among students at Illinois College, Jacksonville, named to the dean's list. A senior and the daughter of James and Celeste Buckingham is a graduate of Richards High School. Candidates for the dean's list must complete at least 14 semester hours and post a grade point average of 3.5 or higher on a 4.0 scale. All grades must be C or better, and no more than one C grade is allowed.

Oak Lawn residents Kathleen Marie Durkin, Erin Elizabeth Kupres and Ryan John Sullivan were among spring 2005 graduates of Miami University, Oxford, Ohio. Durkin and Kupres each received a Bachelor of Arts degree. Kupres graduated with magna cum laude honors. Sullivan earned a Bachelor of Science degree in business.

Deanne L. Drechsler was among students at Millikin University, Decatur, named to the spring 2005 high dean's list. Drechsler is a senior in the College of Arts and Sciences. A student on the high dean's list must earn a perfect 4.0 grade point average.

Oak Lawn residents were named to the spring 2005 dean's list for Northern Illinois University, DeKalb. They were David Alan Berezewski, Michelle M. Bradbery, James Robert Bruno, Lauri Beth Colc, Frank V. Gambino, Mary E. Gustafson, Ashley R. Henning, Lindsey M. Lachiana, Amanda Lynn May, Andrea Lorraine Meade, Kathryn H. Rosellini, Alison Ruth Shoesmith, Ashley Jean Singer and Elizabeth L. Williams. The dean's list is compiled by NIU colleges according to varying criteria.

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POLICE CALLS

On July 22nd Ladell Bryant, 35, of Chicago was arrested and charged with criminal sexual abuse after trapping a female in a store, then fondling her.

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On July 25th Keyin Barchowski, 22, of Oak Lawn was arrested and charged with aggravated battery of a police officer, resisting arrest, two counts of battery, and two counts of criminal damage to property. Barchowski shot out the window of a neighbor's bathroom in the 10200 block of Kildare and shot at a passing car with a BB gun. When officers arrived, he shot at one of them. When the officers attempted to question him, he punched an officer in the face.

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On July 26th Szymon Pinkowski, 22, of Chicago was arrested and charged with deceptive practice after he attempted to return a DVD player that had been purchased the previous evening with a check that had been discovered to be fraudulent. Store associates were made aware and Pinkowski was recognized as he entered the store. During the custodial search, officers discovered credit cards and a blank checkbook in another person's name. Police state that Pinkowski had used the fraudulent checks and identification to make several other purchases.

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On July 31st Anthony DiGangi, 46, of Chicago was arrested and charged with retail theft after being observed placing three bags of meat into a cart, then exiting the store in the 9400 block of Pulaski without paying.

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On August 2nd Jason Gutson, 28, of Oak Lawn was arrested and charged with possession of a controlled substance after waving down police in the 8900 block of McVicker because he had been in an altercation with three men driving around in a 2004 Nissan. Gutson hoped police would be able to locate the car. Police observed a pipe and crack cocaine on the drivers floor when the offender was arrested.

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Drive S.A.F.E. This Summer

With thousands of motorists sharing the highways, accidents are inevitable. In addition to inconvenience, crash victims often suffer medical injuries and costly vehicle repairs. The Illinois Insurance Hotline, an industry-sponsored consumer resource, encourages motorists to be S.A.F.E. drivers. Keep these points in mind as you head to the roadways this summer.

Seatbelts: Seatbelts enable vehicle occupants to absorb the force of a crash without slamming into the steering wheel, windshield, or other interior object. They also prevent occupants from being ejected from the vehicle. Seatbelts were responsible for saving more than 14,500 lives, according to 2002 statistics from the National Highway Safety Administration. Buckle up before putting the car in gear.

Automobile Maintenance: Poorly maintained vehicles are more likely to be involved in accidents. Monitor tires for wear and sufficient air pressure. Replace, rotate and balance tires as appropriate. Examine headlights, taillights, brake lights and blinkers for proper working condition. Replace bulbs as needed. Regularly service the engine. Confirm air and fuel filters, belts and hoses, and radiator, battery and oil fluid levels are in good shape. Replace windshield wipers and replenish wiper fluid when necessary. Take care of your automobile.

Focus: Avoid driver distractions. Anything that diverts attention away from driving increases the likelihood of a crash. Routine activities like talking with passengers, adjusting the radio or CD player, eating or drinking, talking on the cell phone, dealing with children in the back seat, and reading printed materials cause you to lose focus when you're behind the steering wheel. Make a conscious effort to minimize distractions. Focused drivers are less likely to be involved in vehicle crashes.

Expect the Unexpected: Be alert. Anticipate what other motorists will do. Signal turns and lane changes. Maintain a safe distance between vehicles. Confirm intersections are clear before entering. Adjust speed to changes in road conditions. Give aggressive drivers plenty of room. Keep emotions and egos out of the driver's seat. In short, be a defensive driver.

Motorists are more likely to reach their destinations unharmed when they use S.A.F.E. driving strategies. Wear a seatbelt. Maintain your automobile. Stay focused. Drive defensively. In addition, responsible and law abiding motorists have automobile insurance. Buy a policy suitable to your coverage needs.

The Illinois Insurance Hotline is an industry sponsored consumer resource. The hotline can be reached by calling 1(800) 444-3338 Monday through Friday between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m.

Oak Lawn Public Library's Glorious Gardens Day Trip

The Friends of the Oak Lawn Library will host a "Glorious Gardens" day trip on Monday, Sept. 19th. In-person registrations will be accepted from 9 to 11 a.m. on Saturday, Aug. 27th at the Oak Lawn Public Library, 5300 W. 95th St.

A full day of beauty and tranquility starts off at the Rotary Gardens in Janesville, WI, with a stroll through eighteen sensational theme gardens. Then dine on a four-star lunch of filet mignon at the Cliffbreakers Restaurant overlooking the Rock River in Rockford, IL.

Afterwards, find serenity in the Anderson Japanese Gardens. Participants should wear comfortable shoes, for there is a fair amount of walking required. Please be advised that this trip is not wheelchair accessible. The cost of this trip is \$66 for Friends members and \$71 for others. The bus will depart from the library at 6:30 a.m. and return at 4:30 p.m.

After the in-person registration closes, call the library to find out how you can purchase ticket, (708) 422-4990.

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Thoughts On Health & Nutrition

by
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NEOTAME: NEW KID ON THE BLOCK

The average stick of chewing gum holds its flavor for about ten minutes. Not so for a new sweetener called neotame, which is 8000 times sweeter than sugar, according to Mike Scott, Jupiter, Florida, resident who heads Sweetener Solutions LLC of Savannah, Georgia, a strategic partner of NutraSweet Co. of Chicago, inventor of the new product which won FDA approval in 2002. Neotame joins the artificial sweeteners aspartame (Equal) saccharin (Sweet n Low) and sucralose (Splenda), as part of a \$2.1 billion sweeteners market which also includes natural substances such as sugar and honey.

With all the publicity lately about diet sodas and artificial sweeteners adding to the obesity problem in our country, neotame and its partners have come along, according to a recent Palm Beach Post article, "to play a key role in the growing demand by consumers for no-calorie products which taste good, but won't add to the epidemic."

Demand for high intensity, no-calorie sweeteners as food additives is projected to increase to 8.2 percent a year to \$89 million in 2008, according to Atlanta-based market analysts The Freedonia Group. The much-publicized shortage of Splenda, used in over 4000 products by food and beverage companies, has boosted the interest in neotame.

Neotame is not sold directly to consumers. Instead it appears as an ingredient on the labels of more than 350 products such as Hershey's Ice Breakers, Liquid Ice Mints and Roman Meal Carb Aware Bread. Neotame can also appear in a blend with sweeteners such as sugar aspartame and Acc-K, which are sold to food and beverage manufacturers.

Neotame's selling points are its clean taste and high potency, giving manufacturers a way to save money, because smaller amounts of neotame can replace larger amounts of other sweeteners. A number of food and beverage manufacturers are working with food chemists at NutraSweet to reformulate their products to make the switch to neotame. "We are not doing this as a way to attack sugar," Scott said. "We are doing it because manufacturers are asking for it. We have the most cost-effective sweetener in the business."

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Addictions Workshop Series

Five workshops for professionals practicing in the field of addictions have been scheduled for this fall by Haymarket Center. Workshops will be held on Saturdays from September into November.

Qualified attendees can earn five hours of continuing education units for each seminar. All sessions will take place at Haymarket Center's conference facility, 124 N. Sangamon in Chicago's West Loop. Sessions begin at 9 a.m. and end at 2:30 p.m.

The program dates and topics are: Cannabis Dependence: Withdrawal and Recovery (Sept. 10th); Advanced Training in Clinical Supervision (Sept. 24th); Substance Abuse and Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Population (Oct. 8th); Educating the Community About Sexual Assault, Sex Offenders and the Treatment and Management of Sex Offenders in the Community (Oct. 22nd); and I Am Woman, Help Me Soar (Nov. 5th).

Workshops are \$95 each with discounts for attending three or more sessions, for group registrations and for students and senior citizens. Continental breakfast and lunch are included in the registration fee. For information, contact Carol Blyskal at (312) 226-7984, ext. 314, or fax her at (312) 226-8048.

The Illinois Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse Professional Certification Assn. (IAODAPCA), Certified Alcohol and Drug Counselors, and the Illinois Dept. of Professional Regulation offer five continuing education credits to social workers, Licensed Professional Counselors and Licensed Clinical Professional Counselors. This series is funded in part by the Illinois Dept. of Human Services.

Renee Wilson Performs At Smith Village

Smith Village features Harpist Renee Wilson who will perform music from the 1930s and 1940s at a free afternoon concert on Thursday, Aug. 18th at 2 p.m. at the Smith Village Information Center, 10400 S. Western Ave. in Chicago.

The Morgan Park resident has been playing the harp



for 30 years. She performs regularly with the South Bend Symphony and with Harping on the Classics, a harp duo that presents concerts at schools. She also teaches in a Suzuki program with students as young as four years old.

The intimate 30-minute concert will be followed by a reception at Smith Village Information Center. Wilson will join guests during the social hour, answering questions about the instrument and inviting visitors to try their hand at the instrument.

Dog Tick Spreads Illness

Rocky Mountain spotted fever has always been a problem, but one which has been fairly well contained due to the simple dynamics of how the disease is spread.

Only two types of ticks were known to transmit this bacteria-caused disease; neither was particularly common, and only rodents and wild and/or rural dogs occasionally served as carriers.

Now, a common type of tick has been revealed as a capable transmitter of the, sometimes, fatal disease. There is no place on the planet where this tick is not prevalent, and it is a parasite that is common among house pets.

At the moment, experts can provide only one comfort - the already-infected ticks of this type have only been found in Arizona thus far. However, spotted fever cases throughout the United States have been on the rise.

Whether human or pet, there are no symptoms at first. In fact, there may not be for up to ten days at which point fever, bad headaches, nausea, muscle pain and lack of appetite become telltale signs.

"Renee's beautiful music is a refreshing treat," says Bunny Sugarman, director of marketing for Smith Village. "Her wonderful selections evoke terrific memories. And, when you hear them on the harp, it gives old favorites a new life."

While at the Smith Village Information Center, visitors are invited to enjoy complimentary refreshments, view a scale model of Smith Village, which is now under construction, and learn more about the community that will reinvent retirement living for Beverly residents and those in the surrounding area.

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Veterans And Soldiers News

By Lori Taylor

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On Sunday, Aug. 14th at Veterans Day at the State Fair, Governor Rod Blagojevich signed three pieces of legislation to improve the lives of veterans, active duty servicemembers and their families.

House Bill 2190 expands the list of mental illnesses that insurance companies must cover to include Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD). PTSD is a chronic mental health problem that results from experiencing or witnessing life-threatening events such as military combat, natural disasters, terrorist incidents, serious accidents, or violent personal assaults like rape. This bill becomes effective immediately.

House Bill 3472, the "Illinois Veterans' Health Initiative," creates the Illinois Veterans' Assistance Trust Fund. The Fund will be financed by a new instant scratch-off lottery game modeled on West Virginia's popular "Veterans Cash 5" game that raised \$2.4 million to benefit West Virginia veterans nursing homes. A similar game in Illinois is projected to generate as much as \$10 million for veterans' health programs. The new veterans' lottery tickets will go on sale Jan. 1st, 2006.

Senate Bill 1827 creates the Family Military Leave Act. The new Act provides 15 to 30 days of leave time to the spouse or parents of a soldier who has been called to more than one month of active duty. This bill becomes effective immediately.

The Moving Wall, a replica of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial, was on display in Country Club Hills from Aug. 10th to 17th. Midlothian Memorial VFW Post 2580 did their "Remembrance Table" ceremony on Sunday, Aug. 14th. The Moving Wall is half the size of the Vietnam Memorial in Washington, D.C. John Devitt, an Army veteran, created the mobile wall after attending the 1982 dedication of the Washington memorial. The names of those who gave their lives in Vietnam and those who are still missing are inscribed on the wall. There are 58,228 names on the wall. The Moving Wall has toured the country for over 20 years. It is made of aluminum panels and stands 6 feet high at the center and gradually tapers to 4 feet at each end and it is about 100 yards long. If you would like more information on the Moving Wall, visit www.themovingwall.org.

Evergreen Park American Legion Post 854 will hold their annual picnic on Sunday, Aug. 28th at 12 noon at the post, 9701 Kedzie Ave. The post is also looking for flags to fly over the Post home. Anyone wishing to have their flag flown over the post is asked to drop it off with the name of the person you want mentioned. You will be notified whose flag is flying through the newsletter. Also, if you have a flag that is tattered or soiled and want to dispose of it, drop it off at the post and it will be properly taken care of.

Midlothian VFW Post 2580 and its Ladies Auxiliary will hold their annual picnic at the Midlothian Park District, 14500 Kostner Ave., from 12 noon until dusk. The post will be closed on that day and there will be no breakfast that morning. There will be games, food available, and the raffle drawing will be held at the close of the picnic.

Bremen VFW Post 2791 and the Ladies and Men's Auxiliaries in Tinley Park will hold their annual picnic on Sunday, Aug. 28th on the post grounds, 172nd and Oak Park Ave. The picnic will begin at noon with the flag raising ceremony by the post color guard. There will be free refreshments and free draft beer. The Tinley Park Fire Department will have a fire truck on exhibit for several hours and also the Tinley Park Police Department will have an exhibit. Games will be played and the Men's Auxiliary will hold a Meat Raffle drawing.

So many of us are at the age (29 for women, 39 for men) when we have loved ones who are disabled or are disabled ourselves so I would like to share this information with you. It comes from Jesse White, Secretary of State: Many people are uncomfortable when dealing with persons with disabilities, according to John D. Kemp, a Washington, D.C. attorney, who advises businesses and individuals on disability policy. Kemp was born with arms that end just above the elbow and legs that end near the knees. He wears prostheses and uses a scooter. According to Kemp: Do not pretend not to see a person with disabilities. Some people think if they avoid the person with the disability, they do not have to deal with the disabled. Do not stare. Persons with disabilities know their differences generate stares, but it is disrespectful if the staring continues too long. When approaching a person with disabilities who may need help ask "How may I help you?" Don't barge ahead on the assumption that your assistance is needed or wanted in a specific way. Use body language to show respect. If you are talking with someone in a wheelchair, for example, try to sit at eye-level with the person. Avoid labels, such as "the blind man" or "the deaf woman." It is more respectful to put the person first - the man who is blind or the woman with a hearing impairment.

Good-bye for this week and may God bless you and your loved ones, and God Bless America.

New Law To Prevent "Baby Tamia" Cases

Governor Rod R. Blagojevich signed legislation providing sweeping protections for families involved in the adoption process in Illinois, and giving the Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS) broader oversight of adoption agencies. The measure takes significant steps toward preventing instances such as the recent "Baby Tamia" case that involved a for-profit adoption agency and led to a court order to return an infant to her mother in Illinois.

House Bill 3628 aligns Illinois law with the best international standards and practices aimed at improving adoption practices, including better access to information about the adoption process, which marks this legislation as a model for other states.

The family of Baby Tamia joined the Governor, who signed the bill at Bishop Larry D. Trotter's Sweet Holy Spirit church on Chicago's South Side. The "Baby Tamia" case brought the tactics of predatory adoption agencies to the public's attention earlier this year. The six-month-old Chicago girl was nearly adopted by alleged drug users in Utah after her birth mother, who was suffering from post-partum depression, gave the baby to a for-profit agency doing business in Illinois through newspaper ads. A legal challenge by the baby's grandmother resulted in a court order returning the infant to Illinois in April.

HB 3628, also known as the *Adoption Reform Act*, provides basic protections for families including: the creation of a Bill of Rights for Biological Parents and Adoptive Parents; assurances that agencies disclose policies, fees and any circumstances material to a child's placement to prospective adoptive parents in advance of adoption and requirements

that the fees agencies charge are reasonable.

Further, the bill requires all child welfare organizations involved in providing adoption services to be 501(c)(3) organizations no later than 24 months after the law becomes effective, moving Illinois to the forefront of protecting families and child against profiteering in the adoption process.

Additionally, the measure bans unlicensed companies from advertising adoption services and requires adoption agencies to disclose their policies, the rights of the birth parents and any fees charged for a child's placement. The bill also requires DCFS to establish a statewide adoption complaint registry and a toll-free telephone number for the public to access substantiated licensing violations.

HB 3628, which is effective immediately, also closes loopholes in the definitions of "adoption services" by including all types of placement services and requires DCFS to license an entity providing adoption services for compensation.

Gov. Blagojevich Proclaims John H. Johnson Day in Illinois

In recognition of John H. Johnson's remarkable achievements and tremendous contribution to the African American community across the country, Gov. Rod R. Blagojevich on August 15th proclaimed John H. Johnson Day in Illinois. Publisher John H. Johnson passed away on August 8, 2005 at the age of 87.

John H. Johnson was the founder, publisher and chairman of Johnson Publishing Company, Inc., which includes such publications and products as EBONY and JET magazines, Fashion Fair Cosmetics and EBONY Fashion Fair. He began his incredible career with an initial investment of \$500. From there, he went on to become the first nationally recognized African-American business person and is known by many as the founder of the African-American consumer market.

Because of his outstanding dedication and tremendous entrepreneurial spirit, Mr. Johnson received numerous awards and honors throughout his career, including the Presidential Medal of Freedom, the Magazine Publisher's Association Publisher of the Year Award and the Advertising Hall of Fame Award. In 2003 Howard University in Washington, D.C. established the John H. Johnson School of Communications in his honor.

You Can Go Online To Apply For Extra Help With Medicare Prescription Drug Coverage

By: John Flynn
Social Security District Manager

Medicare beneficiaries who want to apply for the extra financial help that is available under the new prescription drug program can do so at Social Security's website—www.socialsecurity.gov. For anyone who qualifies, this extra help can go a long way in paying for the premiums, deductibles and co-payments related to the Medicare prescription drug program that goes into effect in January 2006. If you are a Medicare beneficiary who qualifies for the extra help, you could save an average of \$2,100 annually.

Who qualifies?

Basically, to qualify for the extra help, a person or married couple living together must have limited income and limited resources. You can qualify for this help as an individual if your total annual income is below \$14,355 and your resources are valued below \$10,000. The limits for a married couple living together are higher: \$19,245 in combined annual income and \$20,000 in resources. These resources can be slightly higher—an additional \$1,500 per person—if you will be using some of your money for burial expenses. Even if your income is higher, you still may be able to get some extra help.

Social Security is working to make sure that everyone who might be eligible for this extra help applies for it. We are mailing letters to nearly 19 million people who are potentially eligible for this extra financial help. And we are working with federal and state agencies, advocacy groups and other interested parties in communities across the country to get the word out about the new program and the extra help that is available.

If people think they might be eligible for the extra help, one of the fastest, easiest and most convenient ways to apply is by going online.

How to apply online

Social Security's website is www.socialsecurity.gov. Just go there and click on "New Medicare Prescription Drug Plan." To get a quick idea as to whether or not you could be eligible for the extra help, choose "Qualifier Tool." After answering a brief series of questions, you will know whether you probably do or do not qualify for the extra help with prescription drug costs.

If you do seem to qualify, simply fill out an Application while online. The Application is easy-to-understand and helpful instruction sheets guide you through the Application process.

It is also especially important for everyone who applies to understand that even if they qualify for the extra help, they still need to enroll in a Medicare-approved prescription drug plan to obtain both coverage and the extra help.

If you don't have Internet access, you can call Social Security at 1-800-772-1213 (TTY 1-800-325-0778) and representatives will be glad to assist you or send you an Application for the extra help with Medicare prescription drug costs.

To learn more about the Medicare prescription drug plans, which you can sign up for beginning November 15, call 1-800-Medicare (1-800-4227) or visit www.medicare.gov.

Seek Prospective Members

The Evergreen Park Post 854 of the American Legion is looking for men and women who have honorably served or are now serving in the Armed Forces of the United States. Post meetings are held at 7 p.m. on the first and third Tuesday of each month at 9701 S. Kedzie Ave.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., Plaintiff, vs. Earnest Hairston, et al., Defendants. No. 02Ch-9740. PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above entitled cause on August 2, 2004, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Monday, September 12, 2005 at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 W. Madison St., Suite 718A, Chicago, IL, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described mortgaged real estate. Commonly known as 3300 W. 83rd Place, Chicago, IL 60652. The mortgaged real estate is improved with a single family residence and will NOT be open for inspection. The judgment amount was \$81,288.21. Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance, by certified funds, within 24 hours. The sale shall be subject to general taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and any prior first mortgages. The subject property is offered for sale without any representation as to quality of title or recourse to Plaintiff. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information. For information: Sale Clerk, Shapiro & Kreisman, 4201 Lake Cook Road, 1st Floor, Northbrook, IL 60062. (847) 498-9990, between the hours of 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. only. 141588C IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Washington Mutual Bank, FA, Successor in Interest to HomeSide Lending, Inc., Plaintiff, vs. Stephanie A. Woods a/k/a Stephanie Woods, et al., Defendants. Case No. 03Ch-5793. PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on May 22, 2003, The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 a.m. on August 29, 2005, in its office at 33 N. Dearborn St., 10th Floor, Chicago, IL 60602-3100, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as: 3633 W. 86th Place, Chicago, IL 60652. The real estate is improved with a single family residence. The judgment amount was \$96,088.47. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; the balance, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate, water bills, etc., and any prior mortgages of record and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to plaintiff and in "as is" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. Upon payment in full of the bid amount, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale. The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information. For information contact Plaintiff's Attorney: The sales clerk, SHAPIRO & KREISMAN, 4201 Lake Cook Road, Northbrook, IL 60062, (847) 498-9990, between the hours of 1:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. only. Please refer to file number 03-80120. NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act you are advised that Plaintiff's Attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. 142863C	IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Washington Mutual Bank, FA, successor by Merger to Bank United, Plaintiff, vs. Debra A. Holliday a/k/a Debra A. Holiday a/k/a Debra Holiday, et al., Defendants. No. 03Ch-1910. PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above entitled cause on August 19, 2003, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Monday, September 12, 2005 at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 W. Madison St., Suite 718A, Chicago, IL, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described mortgaged real estate: Commonly known as 2868 W. 83rd Place, Chicago, IL 60652. The mortgaged real estate is improved with a single family residence and will NOT be open for inspection. The judgment amount was \$77,552.10. Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance, by certified funds, within 24 hours. The sale shall be subject to general taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and any prior first mortgages. The subject property is offered for sale without any representation as to quality of title or recourse to Plaintiff. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information. For information: Sale Clerk, Shapiro & Kreisman, 4201 Lake Cook Road, 1st Floor, Northbrook, IL 60062. (847) 498-9990, between the hours of 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. only. 141586C IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., Plaintiff, vs. Allen J. Thrasher a/k/a Allan Thrasher, et al., Defendants. Case No. 03Ch-18547. PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on February 17, 2004, The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 a.m. on August 29, 2005, in its office at 33 N. Dearborn St., 10th Floor, Chicago, IL 60602-3100, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as: 3326 W. 84th Place, Chicago, IL 60652. The real estate is improved with a single family residence. The judgment amount was \$133,576.31. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; the balance, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate, water bills, etc., and any prior mortgages of record and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to plaintiff and in "as is" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. Upon payment in full of the bid amount, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale. The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information. For information contact Plaintiff's Attorney: The sales clerk, SHAPIRO & KREISMAN, 4201 Lake Cook Road, Northbrook, IL 60062, (847) 498-9990, between the hours of 1:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. only. Please refer to file number 03-11100. NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act you are advised that Plaintiff's Attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. 142863C	IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as Nominee for Fifth Third Bank f/a Old Kent Mortgage Company, Plaintiff, vs. Michelle L. Beushausen, et al., Defendant. Case No. 02Ch-5990. PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on May 31, 2005, The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 a.m. on September 2, 2005, in its office at 33 N. Dearborn St., 10th Floor, Chicago, IL 60602-3100, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as: 3825 W. 123rd St., Alsip, IL 60803. The real estate is improved with a condominium. The judgment amount was \$63,721.00. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; the balance, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale. The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information. For information contact Plaintiff's Attorney: The Sale Clerk, CODILUS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 N. Frontage Road, Suite 100, Burr Ridge, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876 Ext. 1320. Please refer to file number 14-02-2699. NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act you are advised that Plaintiff's Attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. 142622C Sell Your Auto In The Classified Section. Call (708) 388-2425 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Federal National Mortgage Association, Plaintiff, vs. Dawn Rolo, et al., Defendants. No. 04Ch-19281. PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above entitled cause on February 9, 2005, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Monday, September 12, 2005 at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 W. Madison St., Suite 718A, Chicago, IL, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described mortgaged real estate: Commonly known as 8841 S. Central Ave., Oak Lawn, IL 60453. The mortgaged real estate is improved with a single family residence and will NOT be open for inspection. The judgment amount was \$175,291.45. Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance, by certified funds, within 24 hours. The sale shall be subject to general taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and any prior first mortgages. The subject property is offered for sale without any representation as to quality of title or recourse to Plaintiff. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information. For information: Sale Clerk, Shapiro & Kreisman, 4201 Lake Cook Road, 1st Floor, Northbrook, IL 60062. (847) 498-9990, between the hours of 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. only. 141591C	IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. National City Mortgage Company d/b/a Commonwealth United Mortgage Company, Plaintiff, vs. Everardo Espitia, et al., Defendants. No. 05Ch-1495. PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on May 9, 2005, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Thursday, September 2, 2005, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 W. Madison St., Suite 718A, Chicago, IL, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described property: Commonly known as: 4100 W. 101st St., Oak Lawn, IL 60453. The improvement on the property consists of a single family residence with a small shed at the end of the driveway. Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, by certified funds. No refunds. The judgment amount was \$198,434.92. The property will NOT be open for inspection. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the premises after confirmation of the sale. For information: Visit our website at http://service.ally-pierce.com, between 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. only. Pierce & Associates, Plaintiff's Attorneys, One N. Dearborn St., Ste. 1300, Chicago, IL 60602. Tel. No. (312) 476-5500. PIERCE & ASSOCIATES File No. PA0500438. 143006C IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Chase Home Finance, LLC successor by Merger to Chase Manhattan Mortgage Corporation, Plaintiff, vs. Renee K. Johnson Burns a/k/a Renee Burns, et al., Defendant. Case No. 05Ch-1758. PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on April 27, 2005, The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 a.m. on September 7, 2005, in its office at 33 N. Dearborn St., 10th Floor, Chicago, IL 60602-3100, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as: 15553 Lockwood Ave., Oak Forest, IL 60452. The real estate is improved with a single family residence. The judgment amount was \$108,984.57. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; the balance, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale. The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information. For information contact Plaintiff's Attorney: The Sale Clerk, CODILUS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 N. Frontage Road, Suite 100, Burr Ridge, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876 Ext. 1320. Please refer to file number 14-05-842. NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act you are advised that Plaintiff's Attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. 142130C	IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Washington Mutual Bank, FA, Plaintiff, vs. Ayana Modley, et al., Defendant. Case No. 05Ch-995. PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on March 10, 2005, The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 a.m. on August 30, 2005, in its office at 33 N. Dearborn St., 10th Floor, Chicago, IL 60602-3100, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as: 4592 W. 131st St., Unit 1N, Alsip, IL 60803. The real estate is improved with a condominium. The judgment amount was \$101,082.24. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; the balance, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale. The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information. For information contact Plaintiff's Attorney: The Sale Clerk, CODILUS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 N. Frontage Road, Suite 100, Burr Ridge, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876 Ext. 1320. Please refer to file number 14-05-521. NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act you are advised that Plaintiff's Attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. 142652C IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Chase Manhattan Mortgage Corporation, Plaintiff, vs. Marc R. Moad, et al., Defendants. No. 04Ch-21667. PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on 5/11/05, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Wednesday, August 31, 2005, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 W. Madison St., Suite 718A, Chicago, IL, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described property: Commonly known as: 4119 Southwest Highway, Hometown, IL 60456. The improvement on the property consists of a single family residence with separate one car garage. Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, by certified funds. No refunds. The judgment amount was \$111,754.51. The property will NOT be open for inspection. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the premises after confirmation of the sale. For information: Visit our website at http://service.ally-pierce.com, between 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. only. Pierce & Associates, Plaintiff's Attorneys, One N. Dearborn St., Ste. 1300, Chicago, IL 60602. Tel. No. (312) 476-5500. PIERCE & ASSOCIATES File No. PA0410246. 142990C	IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Green Tree Servicing, LLC f/a Conesco Finance Servicing Corp. f/a Green Tree Financial Servicing Corp., Plaintiff, vs. LaVaughn Fuller a/k/a LaVaughn O. Fuller a/k/a LaVaughn Fuller, et al., Defendants. No. 04Ch-17742. PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on January 11, 2005, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Thursday, September 8, 2005, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 W. Madison St., Suite 718A, Chicago, IL, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described property: Commonly known as: 13307 S. Kildare Ave., Robbins, IL 60472. The improvement on the property consists of a single family residence. Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, by certified funds. No refunds. The judgment amount was \$71,744.86. The property will NOT be open for inspection. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the premises after confirmation of the sale. For information: Visit our website at http://service.ally-pierce.com, between 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. only. Pierce & Associates, Plaintiff's Attorneys, One N. Dearborn St., Ste. 1300, Chicago, IL 60602. Tel. No. (312) 476-5500. PIERCE & ASSOCIATES File No. PA0406421. 142446C IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois, County Department — Chancery Division. The Bank of New York, Trust u/a dated 12/1/01 (EQCC Trust 2001-2), Plaintiff, vs. Edward J. Bradshaw, et al., Defendants. Case No. 02Ch-12328. PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on September 15, 2003, The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 a.m. on September 1, 2005, in its office at 33 N. Dearborn St., 10th Floor, Chicago, IL 60602-3100, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as: 14749 Sunset Ct., Oak Forest, IL 60452. The real estate is improved with a single family house 2 stories yellow/red frame/wood, brick and stucco with attached 2 car garage. The judgment amount was \$181,610.00. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; the balance, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale. The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information. For information: Visit our website at http://service.ally-pierce.com, between the hours of 3 and 5 pm only. PIERCE & ASSOCIATES, Plaintiff's Attorneys, One N. Dearborn St., Ste. 1300, Chicago, IL 60602, (312) 476-5500. Please refer to file number PA0205474. NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act you are advised that Plaintiff's Attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. 142637C

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Chase Manhattan Mortgage Corporation, Plaintiff, vs. Yolanda Y. McElroy f/k/a Yolanda Y. Hardy, et al., Defendants. No. 04Ch-20969. NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE Fisher & Fisher file #62488 (It is advised that interested parties consult with their own attorneys before bidding at mortgage foreclosure sales.) PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered on May 2, 2005 in the amount of \$114,525.83, Kalien Financial & Capital Services, Inc. as Selling Official will at 11:30 a.m. on September 14, 2005 at 175 W. Washington Street, Chicago, IL, sell the following described real property to the highest bidder at auction for cash: C/K/A: 7716 S. Sawyer Ave., Chicago, IL 60652. The improvements on the property consist of a masonry one-story single-family dwelling with separate garage. The property will NOT be open for inspection. Sale terms: property offered "as is," with no express or implied warranties; sale subject to general real estate taxes, special taxes, special assessments, and superior liens, if any; 10% of successful bid to be paid at conclusion of auction and balance by noon the next business day, both by cashier's checks; and no refunds. After confirmation of the sale by the court, the successful bidder will receive a Selling Official's Deed. For information, contact the Sales Officer at the office of the Plaintiff's attorneys, Fisher & Fisher, 120 N. LaSalle Street, Chicago, IL (312) 372-4784, between 1:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. Monday through Friday; however, under Illinois law the Sales Officer is not required to provide information in addition to that contained in this notice. 149665C IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Bank One, N.A., as Trustee, Plaintiff, vs. Dedrick Shannon, et al., Defendant. Case No. 04Ch-109. PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on March 18, 2005, The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 a.m. on August 29, 2005, in its office at 33 N. Dearborn St., 10th Floor, Chicago, IL 60602-3100, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as: 13350 S. Hamlin Ave., Robbins, IL 60472. The real estate is improved with a single family residence. The judgment amount was \$34,627.23. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; the balance, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale. The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information. For information contact Plaintiff's Attorney: Kropik, Papuga & Shaw, 120 S. LaSalle St., Suite 1327, Chicago, IL 60603, (312) 236-6405. Please refer to file number 34385. Pursuant to Sec. 15-1507(c)(7) of the Illinois Code of Civil Procedure, no information other than the information contained in this notice will be provided. NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act you are advised that Plaintiff's Attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. 142375C	IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Ameritrust Mortgage Company, Plaintiff, vs. Cynthia M. Uddah a/k/a Cynthia Uddah, Defendant. Case No. 05Ch-1025. PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on March 16, 2005, The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 a.m. on August 30, 2005, in its office at 33 N. Dearborn St., 10th Floor, Chicago, IL 60602-3100, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as: 9113 S. Utica, Evergreen Park, IL 60805. The real estate is improved with a single family residence. The judgment amount was \$174,518.21. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; the balance, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale. The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information. For information contact Plaintiff's Attorney: Dawn K. Krones, Law Offices of Ira T. Nevel, 175 N. Franklin Street, Suite 201, Chicago, IL 60606. (312) 357-1125. Please refer calls to Dawn K. Krones. NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act you are advised that Plaintiff's Attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. 142549C IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Wachovia Bank, N.A., assignee of Rock Financial Corporation, Plaintiff, vs. John Lucas, et al., Defendants. Case No. 05Ch-1021. PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on March 22, 2005, The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 a.m. on August 30, 2005, in its office at 33 N. Dearborn St., 10th Floor, Chicago, IL 60602-3100, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as: 15545 S. Natalie Dr., Oak Forest, IL 60452. The real estate is improved with a single family residence. The judgment amount was \$49,635.50. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; the balance, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale. The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information. For information contact Plaintiff's Attorney: Dawn K. Krones, Law Offices of Ira T. Nevel, 175 N. Franklin Street, Suite 201, Chicago, IL 60606. (312) 357-1125. Please refer calls to Dawn K. Krones. NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act you are advised that Plaintiff's Attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. 142683C	IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Washington Mutual Bank, F.A., Plaintiff, vs. Leatheia Brady Rhodes a/k/a Leatheia Brady Rhodes, et al., Defendants. No. 02Ch-6948. PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on April 19, 2005, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Friday, September 16, 2005 at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 W. Madison St., Suite 718A, Chicago, IL, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described mortgaged real estate: Commonly known as: 2825 W. 84th Pl., Chicago, IL 60652. The mortgaged real estate is improved with a single family residence and will NOT be open for inspection. The judgment amount was \$145,960.45. Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance, by certified funds, within 24 hours. The sale shall be subject to general taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and any prior first mortgages. The subject property is offered for sale without any representation as to quality of title or recourse to Plaintiff. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information. For information: Sale Clerk, Shapiro & Kreisman, 4201 Lake Cook Road, 1st Floor, Northbrook, IL 60062. (847) 498-9990, between the hours of 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. only. 141496C	IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Bank of New York, as Trustee, Plaintiff, vs. Debbie L. Vanderwarren-Scholl a/k/a Debbie Vanderwarren-Scholl, et al., Defendants. No. 03Ch-12241. PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above cause on December 18, 2003, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Tuesday, September 6, 2005, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 W. Madison St., Suite 718A, Chicago, IL, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described property: Commonly known as: 3812 W. 86th Pl., Chicago, IL 60652. The improvement on the property consists of a single family residence. Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, by certified funds. No refunds. The judgment amount was \$96,237.33. The property will NOT be open for inspection. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the premises after confirmation of the sale. For information: Visit our website at http://service.ally-pierce.com, between 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. only. PIERCE & ASSOCIATES, Plaintiff's Attorneys, One N. Dearborn St., Ste. 1300, Chicago, IL 60602. Tel. No. (312) 476-5500. PIERCE & ASSOCIATES File No. PA0305910. 142469C IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. The Bank of New York, acting solely in its capacity as Trustee for EQCC Trust 2001-2, Plaintiff, vs. Zena Johnson, et al., Defendants. Case No. 02Ch-20412. PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on June 11, 2005, The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 a.m. on September 12, 2005, in its office at 33 N. Dearborn St., 10th Floor, Chicago, IL 60602-3100, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as: 14441 San Francisco Ave., Posen, IL 60469. The real estate is improved with a single family residence 2 stories tan/red frame/alum or vyl and brick no garage. The judgment amount was \$146,703.21. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; the balance, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale. The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information. For information: Visit our website at http://service.ally-pierce.com, between the hours of 3 and 5 pm only. PIERCE & ASSOCIATES, Plaintiff's Attorneys, One N. Dearborn St., Ste. 1300, Chicago, IL 60602, (312) 476-5500. Please refer to file number PA0205844. NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act you are advised that Plaintiff's Attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. 141733C	IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Indymac Bank, FSB, Plaintiff, vs. Patricia E. Karczewski a/k/a Patricia Karczewski, et al., Defendant. Case No. 04Ch-21485. PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on June 2, 2005, The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 a.m. on September 7, 2005, in its office at 33 N. Dearborn St., 10th Floor, Chicago, IL 60602-3100, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as: 14327 Harrison Ave., Posen, IL 60469. The real estate is improved with a single family residence. The judgment amount was \$102,788.27. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; the balance, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale. The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information. For information contact Plaintiff's Attorney: The Sale Clerk, CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 N. Frontage Road, Suite 100, Burr Ridge, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876 Ext. 1320. Please refer to file number 14-04-0765. NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act you are advised that Plaintiff's Attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. 142127C	IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Bank One, N.A., Plaintiff, vs. Annette Johnson a/k/a Annette F. Johnson, et al., Defendant. Case No. 04Ch-5530. PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on March 24, 2005, The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 a.m. on September 7, 2005, in its office at 33 N. Dearborn St., 10th Floor, Chicago, IL 60602-3100, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as: 14333 Kostner Ave., Midlothian, IL 60445. The real estate is improved with a single family residence. The judgment amount was \$161,888.47. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; the balance, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. 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HAPPY SUMMER

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Countrywide Home Loans, Inc. d/b/a America's Wholesale Lender, Plaintiff, vs. Paul Navarro a/k/a Pablo Navarro, et al., Defendant. Case No. 05Ch-1642.

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on May 10, 2005, The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 a.m. on September 7, 2005, in its office at 33 N. Dearborn St., 10th Floor, Chicago, IL 60602-3100, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

Commonly known as: 10839 S. Massasoit Ave., Chicago Ridge, IL 60415.

The real estate is improved with a single family residence.

The judgment amount was \$153,329.65.

Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; the balance, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.

The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information.

For information contact Plaintiff's Attorney: The Sale Clerk, CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 N. Frontage Road, Suite 100, Burr Ridge, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876 Ext. 1320. Please refer to file number 14-05-826.

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PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on July 23, 2003, The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 a.m. on August 25, 2005, in its office at 33 N. Dearborn St., 10th Floor, Chicago, IL 60602-3100, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

Commonly known as: 2812 W. 84th Pl., Chicago, IL 60652. The real estate is improved with a single family one story brick (red) residence with two car garage detached.

The judgment amount was \$106,123.70.

Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; the balance, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.

The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information.

For information: Visit our website at <http://service.atty-pierce.com>, between the hours of 3 and 5 pm only. PIERCE & ASSOCIATES, Plaintiff's Attorneys, One N. Dearborn St., Ste. 1300, Chicago, IL 60602, (312) 476-5500. Please refer to file number PA0088369.

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REAL ESTATE

Houses For Sale

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois, County Department - Chancery Division, Bank United, FSB, Plaintiff, vs. Thomas Macey a/k/a Thomas E. Macey, et al., Defendant, Case No. 05Ch-2567.

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on March 31, 2005, The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 a.m. on September 14, 2005, in its office at 33 N. Dearborn St., 10th Floor, Chicago, IL 60602-3100, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

Commonly known as: 6918 W. 112th Pl., Worth, IL 60482. The real estate is improved with a single family residence.

The judgment amount was \$231,243.38.

Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; the balance, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagee, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.

The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information.

For information contact Plaintiff's Attorney: The Sale Clerk, CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 N. Frontage Road, Suite 100, Burr Ridge, IL 60527. (630) 794-9876 Ext. 1320. Please refer to file number 14-05-1418.

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Thirteen Cases Of West Nile Reported To Date

Two Chicago residents have been identified as having West Nile disease, bringing to 13 the number of cases reported so far this year, Dr. Eric E. Whitaker, state public health director, recently announced.

The new cases are:

- A 69-year-old man who is hospitalized with West Nile encephalitis.
- A 55-year-old woman who has West Nile fever.

There have been two other cases of West Nile disease this year in Chicago. The state's other cases of West Nile disease have been from Cook (5), DuPage and Kane (3) counties.

West Nile virus is transmitted through the bite of a mosquito that has picked up the virus by feeding on an infected bird. Most people with the virus have no clinical symptoms of illness, but some may become ill three to 14 days after the bite of an infected mosquito.

Only about two persons out of 10 who are bitten by an infected mosquito will experience any illness. Illness from West Nile disease is usually mild and includes fever, headache and body aches, but serious illness, such as encephalitis and meningitis, and death are possible. Persons older than 50 years of age have the highest risk of severe disease.

A total of 13 humans, 120 birds, 968 mosquito samples and one horse from 31 counties have tested positive for West Nile virus since surveillance for the mosquito-borne disease began on May 1st.

Dorm Electrical Safety

College students soon will pack into dorms and apartments with study lamps, laptops, TVs, stereos, grooming and other electrical devices. Before unloading and plugging in electronics, make sure your student is educated on safe appliance use and precautions against electrical hazards.

The National Fire Protection Assn. estimates that nearly 1,600 fires occur in campus housing each year. Overloaded circuits are the second leading cause of these campus fires, according to Molly Hall, Safe Electricity Executive Director.

Safety steps to prevent and reduce the risk of electrical fires in student housing include:

Purchase and use only safety-tested and rated electrical appliances and power cords.

Do not overload extension cords, power strips or outlets. Never use extension cords on a continuous basis; they serve temporary solutions only.

Use power strips with an over-current protector that will shut off power automatically if there is too much current being drawn.

Never tack or nail an electrical cord to any surface, or run cords across traffic paths, under rugs or furniture.

Use light bulbs with the correct wattage for lamps. If no indication is on the product, do not use a bulb with more than 60 watts.

Keep all electrical appliances and cords safely away from bedding, curtains and other flammable material.

Older wiring in student housing and apartments may not be able to handle the increased electrical demand of today's college student. If use of an appliance frequently causes power to trip off, or if its power cord or the outlet feels hot, the appliance should be disconnected immediately and the condition reported to the landlord or campus housing staff.

A fire escape plan is essential for every student. It is important that apartment and dorm residents know evacuation procedures and emergency exit locations in the event of a fire.

Emphasize to students that smoke detectors should never be disabled, nor should fire alarms ever be ignored or taken casually as a drill. If a fire alarm sounds, residents should calmly and quickly follow practiced procedures and immediately exit the building. Apartment and dorm doors should be closed behind to prevent fire spread.

For more fire and electrical safety information, visit the SafeElectricity.org Web site.

Census Bureau To Update Numbers On Employment

U. S. Census Bureau data show that the country's official unemployment rate was 5.0% in June 2005. So what is the source for this important economic indicator?

The information was gathered from the Census Bureau's monthly Current Population Survey (CPS)—which dates from 1942—making it the longest-running household survey in the country.

Every month, Census Bureau field representatives ask selected households questions relevant to characteristics of the U.S. labor force, including employment status, hours of work, earnings, age, sex, race, marital status, educational attainment, occupation and industry. From their answers come estimates of the unemployment rate, released monthly by the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS).

Prior to the survey, local households selected in the nationwide sample receive a letter from Census Bureau Director Louis Kincannon.

Some participants are interviewed by telephone and others interviewed in person. The field representatives carry official identification cards.

Sponsored by the BLS and the Census Bureau, the CPS will be conducted during the week of August 19, 2005, when nearly 2,000 Census Bureau field representatives will interview about 78,000 households.

In 2004, Illinois recorded 60 human cases of West Nile disease, including four deaths, and in 2003, there were 54 human cases, including one death. The state led the nation in 2002 with 884 human cases of West Nile disease and 67 deaths.

Because West Nile virus activity in Culex mosquitoes increases during hot weather, personal protection against mosquitoes is particularly important during August and September.

Additional information about West Nile virus can be found on the Department's Web site at www.idph.state.il.us/envhealth/wnv.htm or people can call the West Nile Virus Hotline at (866) 369-9710, Monday through Friday between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m.

Topinka Holds Auction At State Fair

Coins and jewelry depicting the late Pope John Paul II; gold kruggerands; comic books, including Batman; and a collection of Elvis wallet calendars (1963-1980), are among items to be auctioned by Illinois Treasurer Judy Baar Topinka at the Illinois State Fair.

For the fifth consecutive year, Topinka is holding the auction during the Fair, with the emphasis on collectible items and jewelry. Scheduled for noon on Saturday, Aug. 20th, the auction includes nearly 36,000 items and will be held on the Director's Lawn of the Illinois State Fairgrounds in Springfield. The items come from safe deposit boxes left abandoned for at least five years and turned over to the State Treasurer's Unclaimed Property Division. Illinois law allows items to be auctioned after all reasonable attempts have been made to contact the owners.

A preview of all auction items is scheduled for 8 a.m. on Saturday, Aug. 20th on the Director's Lawn, and all auction items will be displayed in Topinka's tent from Aug. 13th through 19th. A catalog of the items will also be available there. There is no fee to participate in the auction, and payment for successful bids can be made by cash, check, MasterCard or VISA.

For more information about the auction, a list of items to be auctioned, or general information about unclaimed property, call (217) 785-6998 or visit the web site at www.cashdash.net

Online KidCare and FamilyCare Applications

At a ceremony where Gov. Rod R. Blagojevich was presented with the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation's "Covering Kids & Families Champion" award, Gov. Blagojevich announced Illinois families can now use online applications to file for KidCare and FamilyCare through a new Web-based application program that will further improve access to healthcare in Illinois. Once complete, the user-friendly Web-based applications will be directly transmitted into the same system currently used by the state to determine eligibility.

The new online application, which can be found at the state's KidCare web site, www.kidcareillinois.com, offers a new way for a family to apply for KidCare and FamilyCare and allows them to apply conveniently at their home computer or any computer available to them, such as those at the public library. The online applications are secure. Applicants receive a Household ID number and can choose their own password. Only someone who knows the Household ID and the password can access the online applications. In addition, once an application has been submitted electronically, the enrollee must print out a signature page, sign it and then fax or mail it to KidCare, P.O. Box 19122, Springfield, IL 62794.

Currently, a family can apply by going to their local Dept. of Human Services office, by visiting one of over 1,000 community-based KidCare Administrative Agents (KCAAs) statewide, or by printing an application off the KidCare web site and mailing it in. You can call 1(866) 4-OUR-KIDS to find a KCAA in your neighborhood. HFS will unveil the Spanish version of the web-application in the fall.

HES has piloted the English version of the online KidCare/FamilyCare application with three different KCAs - the Champaign County Health Dept., the Lake County Health Dept. and the DuPage County Health Dept. So far, nearly 1,000 applications from these sites have been successfully submitted through the pilot project.

KidCare and FamilyCare provide comprehensive medical coverage that includes doctor's visits, immunizations, hospitalizations, prenatal care and prescription drugs to children and parents.

A family of four earning \$40,000 a year or less may qualify and will pay affordable premiums for the medical services covered by the programs. More than one million Illinois children and 365,000 parents have health coverage under KidCare and FamilyCare. These programs provide a cost-effective means of fighting the problem of uninsured children and families because the federal reimbursement to the state is 65 percent, instead of the standard Medicaid reimbursement rate of 50 percent.

Village Players Auditions

The Palos Village Players will hold auditions for its Fall musical, "The Apple Tree" by Sheldon Harnick and Jerry Bock, at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Aug. 30 and Thursday, Sept. 1 at All Saints Lutheran Church, 13350 LaGrange Road. Enter from rear parking lot.

Harnick and Bock are the songwriting team who also wrote "Fiddler on the Roof" and "She Loves Me." The play is actually three one-act musicals about men, women and a little thing called temptation. The first, "The Diary of Adam and Eve" is adapted from Mark Twain's "Extracts from

Adam's Diary." The second, "The Lady or the Tiger?" is a rock fable which explores the fickleness of love. The final play, "Passionella" is based on Jules Feiffer's off-beat Cinderella story. The director of "The Apple Tree" is actor, musician, director George Machay of Hinsdale.

Auditions are open to the public and will consist of readings from the script plus a demonstration of vocal and movement talent. Production dates are Nov. 11-19. Call (708) 349-7874 or e-mail palosvillageplayers@yahoo.com.

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Southwest Area Obituaries

Dorothy Ann Vandermolen

Mass was said on Tuesday at St. Fabian Church, Bridgeview, with interment at Resurrection Cemetery, for Dorothy Ann Vandermolen, 48. She was an employee of SBC for many years and a resident of Bridgeview.

She is survived by her husband, Timothy Michael, and her brother, Robert L. Koster.

Lillian Martha Jespersen

A memorial Service will be scheduled by the Schmaedeke Funeral Home, Worth, for Lillian Martha Jespersen, 91. She was the past Worthy Matron, Park Manor Chapter 598 O.E.S.

She is survived by her children, Marge (Joseph) Gallagher and Laura Kasalo; and two grandchildren; two great grandchildren.

Gertrude Fisher

Services were held Tuesday, at the Colonial Chapel, Orland Park, with interment at Chapel Hill Gardens-South for Gertrude Fisher, 91.

She is survived by her daughter, Terry (Chris) Fisher; three grandchildren; two great grandchildren; and her sisters, Geneva Workinger and Ruth (Ken) Kelp.

Deacon Emil S. Gembara

Mass was said Monday at St. Alexander Church, Palos Heights, for Deacon Emil S. Gembara. He was chairman of the Board, past President and CEO for 45 years of Washington Federal Bank for Savings in Chicago. He was also a World War II Army Veteran 1st Lieutenant Military Intelligence. He was Deacon at St. Alexander Church in Palos Heights for 10 years and formerly at St. Mary Star of the Sea in Chicago for 18 years. He was also a member of the Financial Manager Society, the Southwest Realty Board and he was past President of the Polish American League of Savings Institution.

He is survived by his wife, Bernadette; his children, Janice (Paul) Weston, Michael (Carol), John (Therese) and Robert (Michele); and fourteen grandchildren.

Krystyna K. Eckert

Mass was said at St. Fabian Church, Burbank, with interment at Resurrection Cemetery, for Krystyna K. Eckert.

She is survived by her son, Thomas (Barbara) Eckert; three grandchildren; and her sister Bozena Mogilanska.

Frances Blahut

A funeral service was held Friday, at Lack & Sons Funeral Home, Hickory Hills, with interment at Queen of Heaven Cemetery, for Frances Blahut, 93. She was a member of Most Holy Redeemer Altar & Rosary Society and the First Catholic Slovak Ladies Association.

She is survived by her daughter, Ann (Gene) Bartasius; and one grandchild

Ruth Armagast Teachnor

Services were held Monday at the Trinity Lutheran Church, Oak Lawn, with

interment at Chapel Hill Gardens South, for Ruth Armagast Teachnor.

She is survived by her children, Linda (Paul) Jaeger and Shirley Hedman; six grandchildren; five great grandchildren; and her sisters Shirley Bartee and June Ford.

John R. Welsh

Services were held Sunday, at the Schmaedeke Funeral Home with private interment for John "Jack" Welsh, D.D.S., 74. He was a member of the Elks Club Lodge #1596. He was a retired Naval Veteran and a member of the Chicago Dental Society. Dr. Welsh had a dental practice in Palos Heights for over 25 years until his retirement in 1998. He was also a retired member of the Palos Heights Chamber of Commerce.

He is survived by his sister Barbara Stevens.

Clyde William Trainor

Services were held Monday, at the Beverly Ridge Funeral Home, Chicago, with interment at Beverly Cemetery for Clyde William Trainor. He was a U.S.M.C. Korean War Veteran. He was also retired from the Chicago Fire Department Truck 20 and member of Iron Worker Local #1.

He is survived by his children, Valerie (John) Dutton, Catharine (Thomas) Briscoe, Pamela (Harry) Lorenz and Tracy (Robert) Bailey; 12 grandchildren; 4 great grandchildren; and his sister, Betty (Walter) Villiers.

Raymond J. Martin

Mass was said Monday at St. Germaine Church, Oak Lawn, with interment at St. Mary Cemetery, for Raymond J. Martin, a World War II veteran.

He is survived by his wife, Rita; his children Robert (Nancy) Martin, Ruthann (Kenneth) Michel, Rita Martin, Renee (Michael) Kissane & Rhonda Martin; 10 grandchildren; 4 great grandchildren; and his sister Marie (Ralph) Schuetz.

Russell B. "Bud" Malloy

Mass was said Tuesday at St. Gerald Church, Oak Lawn, with interment at Resurrection Cemetery, for Russell B. "Bud" Malloy, 85. He was a U.S. Navy Veteran and a long-time Chicago executive who retired to the Northwoods of Minnesota.

He is survived by his wife, Margery; his children Bernard Malloy, Carol (Jack) Dykstra, Lisa (Dan) Culpepper and Mary Wilder; six grandchildren; & one great grandchild.

Dorothy A. McEnroe

Mass was said Wednesday at St. Terrence Church, Alsip, with interment at St. Mary Cemetery, for Dorothy A. McEnroe, 89.

She is survived by her children Dolores McEnroe, James (Betty) McEnroe; six grandchildren; and two great grandchildren.

John F. Gleeson

Mass was said Wednesday, at Most Holy Redeemer Church, Evergreen Park, with interment at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, for John F. Gleeson, a veteran of World War II with the U.S. Army. He was a longtime member of the St. Rita Alumni Association.

He is survived by his children, Mary (Thomas) Riccio, Thomas (Cindy), John and David; five grandchildren; & brothers James, Philip (Kathleen), William, Thomas; sisters, Helen (Lionel) Schlicht, Peggy (Bernie) Williams, Bridget "Mary" Van Dyke, Catherine Curran & Josephine.

Rita M. Gleeson

Mass was said Wednesday at Most Holy Redeemer Church, Evergreen Park, with interment at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, for Rita M. Gleeson.

She is survived by her children, Mary (Thomas) Riccio, Thomas (Cindy), John and David & five grandchildren.

Joseph M. Garcia

Mass was said on Wednesday, at St. Rita of Cascia High School Shrine Chapel, Chicago, for Joseph M. Garcia, 53. He was a member of I.U.O.E. Local #399 and he was the 13th ward Precinct Captain.

He is survived by his wife, Linda; his children, Jami (Rod) Guerrero, Linda (Fernando) Martinez, Joann, Joseph, Timothy and Jason Garcia; four grandchildren; his sisters, Theresa, Elizabeth, Patricia, Molly; and his brothers, Charles, Anthony and Richard.

Minnie Heinzel

Services were held Wednesday, at the Colonial Chapel, Orland Park, with interment at Chapel Hill Gardens South, for Minnie Heinzel, 99.

She is survived by her children Walter (Marilyn) Heinzel, Robert (Beverly) Heinzel; three grandchildren and four great grandchildren.

Lester R. Soliday

Services were held on Tuesday at Our Savior Lutheran Church, Burbank, with interment at Evergreen Cemetery for Lester R. Soliday. He was the 5th ward Alderman for the City of Burbank for 28 years and a member of Johnson Phelps VFW Post #5220. He was a World War II Army Veteran.

He is survived by his children, Ralph (Barbara) Soliday, Linda (Ralph) Sutton, Lester Jr. (Janet), Laura (Ray) Trusk and John (Linda) Pavlicek; 10 grandchildren; 1 great grandchild; his sisters Dorothy Cortelloni, Bernice Bubel, Mary Elizabeth Luebke, Anna Kressen; & his brother Alvin Soliday.

Wilma Gene Montiel

A memorial service will be held on August 21st, at the Orland Park Christian Reformed Church, 2 p.m., 7500 Sycamore Drive, Orland Park, for Wilma Gene Montiel. She

is survived by her daughter Tracy Ann; her sister, Ange, and her brother, Tunis.

Brian Bradley Grey

Services were held Tuesday at the John Sheehy & Sons Funeral Home, Palos Heights, with interment at Clarendon Hills Cemetery, for Brian Bradley Grey.

He is survived by his parents Wayne and Carolyn; his brother, Scott; his sisters Leslie (Steve) Brown and Dawn (Joseph) Scuderi.

LaVerne "Joe" Krischel

Mass was said Wednesday at St. Germaine Church, Oak Lawn, with interment at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, for LaVerne Krischel, 90. He was a member and past commander of the Military Order of the Purple Heart and a member of the Glenn-Maker American Legion Post 1160. He was a decorated Navy Veteran of World War II.

He is survived by his wife, Helen R.; his children Dayle (Michael) Alderman, Michael and Jody Meck; six grandchildren; three great grandchildren; and his sisters Eleanor Lucille Krischel.

Alice E. Sweeney

Mass was said Saturday at St. Germaine Church, Oak Lawn, with interment at St. Mary Cemetery, for Alice E. Sweeney, 81.

She is survived by her children, Robert, Alfred (Barbara), Kenneth, and Patrick; five grandchildren; and her brother, Ronald (Joanne).

Dolores M. Mikaitis

Mass was said Monday, at St. Christina Church, Mt. Greenwood, with interment at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, for Dolores M. Mikaitis.

She is survived by her husband, Walter; her children Patricia (Melvin) Miller, Nancy (Charles) Davis, Grace (Tad) Pogwizd and Marian (John) Theriault; 13 grandchildren; 11 great grandchildren. Her brothers Joseph (Joanne) Maher, Lester Maher and Gerald Maher; and her sisters Eileen Rettker, Veronica Walsh & Winifred Malder.

Anne D. Peters

Mass was said Saturday at St. Germaine Church, Oak Lawn, with interment at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, for Anne D. Peters, 66.

She is survived by her husband Donald M.; her children Lisa (Michael) Petty, Laura (Harold) Goeking and Linda Peters; three grandchildren; her brothers, Richard (Sharon) Steinhagen and Lawrence (Carol) Steinhagen; & her sister Mary Kay (Bob) Richards.

Bonnie Sue Schmitz

Services were held Wednesday, at the Palos-Gaidas

Funeral Home, Palos Hills, with interment at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, for Bonnie Sue Schmitz, 61.

She is survived by her children, Grace (Dan) Brennan, Tammy (Matt) Mezera and Lester (Pam) Burleson; four grandchildren; and her sisters Doris (Robert) Walsh, Sharon Spicer and Brenda Baker.

Grace L. Kopp

A memorial Service was held Tuesday, at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Palos Heights, for Grace L. Kopp.

She is survived by her children, Nancy Kyzar, George (Laurice) Kopp, Janet (James) Flanagan and John (Louann) Kopp; 11 grandchildren; and two great grandchildren.

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Library Programs For Children & Teens

The Oak Lawn Public Library will open registration for its fall series of programs for children and teens on Saturday, Aug. 27th. Sign up at the Youth Services Desk. Preference is given to Oak Lawn residents and students. Each participant's library card must be presented at enrollment. Sessions fill quickly, so early registration is encouraged.

This season's activities for kids include: weekly story time meetings for children ages six months to second grade; a Mystery Club for young sleuths in third through sixth grade; two book discussion clubs for third through sixth graders and their same sex parent; a Child ID program coordinated with the Oak Lawn Police; and a not-so-spooky Halloween Party.

The following teen pro-

grams are open to students in seventh through tenth grade: the Junior Friends of the Library volunteer group; a Teen Advisory Board that meets monthly to advise the library on how it can better serve teens; a karate program presented by Ed Wojciechowski, 5th degree black belt in Shorin-ryu karate; and "CSI: Crime Scene Investigators," a demonstration by evidence technicians from the Oak Lawn Police Dept.

Registration begins Saturday, Oct. 15th for late fall story times and a program based upon the "Junie B. Jones" book series.

For additional information, pick up a Fall 2005 program booklet in the Youth Services Dept., visit the library's web site, www.oaklawlibrary.org, or call (708) 422-4990.

Letter To The Editor

Editor:

This year, I sponsored legislation suspending state investment in companies doing business in the Republic of the Sudan. The first of its kind in the nation to pressure Sudan to end its policies of genocide and terrorism, it was recently signed into law by Governor Blagojevich who I would like to thank for his commitment to this important issue. Yet as my colleagues and I discussed this bill in Springfield, we became more aware that too many children in Illinois did not know about similar atrocities occurring around the world.

To give our young people a greater view of the history of the world around them, I joined State Rep. John Fritchey in sponsoring a bill that requires an additional unit of instruction regarding other incidents of genocidal activity, including but not limited to the Armenian Genocide, the Famine-Genocide in Ukraine, & more recent atrocities in Cambodia, Bosnia, Rwanda and Sudan to be included in their studies. Joining us in support of this measure were the Jewish Federation, the Holocaust Memorial Foundation of Illinois, the Ukrainian Genocide Famine Foundation USA and the Illinois Federation of Teachers. Also supporting the legislation is Governor Blagojevich who recently signed this bill into law.

Expanding the current requirement for Holocaust education, established in 1990, to include lessons regarding other genocidal acts committed around the world, this new law represents the need to recognize that crimes of genocide are still perpetrated

worldwide and to reaffirm the commitment that should be held by all people to prevent the recurrence of such events. Holocaust and genocide education are also frequently touted by educators as being among the most effective subjects for examination of basic moral issues and what it means to be a responsible citizen.

By studying the Holocaust and other crimes of genocide, our young people will learn that silence and indifference to the suffering of others, or to the infringement of civil rights in any society, can fuel the ambitions of those who see these acts as a viable alternative to living in peace. They will also learn that the Holocaust and other genocide were not accidents of history, but occurred because individuals, organizations and governments made choices which often legalized discrimination permitting prejudice, hatred and mass murder to occur.

As a student of the teachings of Dr. Martin Luther King, I share the philosophy that "the ultimate measure of a man is not where he stands in moments of comfort and convenience, but where he stands at times of challenge and controversy." Teaching our children about these dark lessons of our history will hopefully help shape their moral compass and set our next generation of leaders down a path that will strengthen them when they stand at times of challenge and controversy.

Sincerely,

s/s State Senator Jacqueline Y. Collins
16th Legislative District

THE MAIDS Wins Award

THE MAIDS Home Services in Oak Lawn, a professional residential cleaning service owned by Glen, Ellen and Melanie Burek, was recently honored by receiving the President's Club Award for outstanding achievement in franchise sales and growth during the past year.

Glen, Ellen and Melanie received the prestigious international award at THE MAIDS Home Services Annual Convention in Omaha, Neb. The coveted award recognizes not only the owners but the entire staff, including managers and team members. The Bureks' franchise was selected as the best among more than 170 THE MAIDS Home Services franchises in the U.S. and Canada.

THE MAIDS Home Services serves the residents of the Southwest Side and Suburbs. For more information about THE MAIDS Home Services, call (708) 422-2176 or visit its website at www.maids.com.

Babysitters Education Classes

The Oak Lawn Fire Dept. will once again be sponsoring a free 6-week Babysitters Education class on Monday evenings from 6 to 8 p.m. beginning Monday, Sept. 26th.

Classes will be held at the Oak Lawn Church of the Nazarene at 91st & Ridgeland Ave. and will include topics such as infant and adult CPR, the care and feeding of infants and children, as well as how to handle emergency situations while babysitting.

Participants should be 12 years of age and must register for this class. Registrations will be taken until 5 p.m. on Monday, Sept. 26th.

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Schools Safety Drill Act Signed

Governor Rod R. Blagojevich signed the School Safety Drill Act that will help keep students, teachers and faculty safer when they're at school. House Bill 2693 significantly improves school emergency preparedness by, for the first time, setting clear, minimum requirements and standards for public and private school emergency planning. The new law also ensures that school officials work more closely with local first responders.

Last October, Gov. Blagojevich announced school security initiatives aimed at providing better protection for the state's school children during emergencies. The Governor directed the Illinois Terrorism Task Force (ITTF), the Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE) and the Office of the State Fire Marshal (OSFM) to work with schools and first responders to refine the maze of fire and tornado drill statutes and regulations and ensure that school drills effectively address the hazards facing schools in today's world.

House Bill 2693 helps schools and first responders better understand the requirements for conducting safety drills by consolidating seven different statutes and related regulations. Until now, depending on which regulations school officials referenced, schools may have been required to participate in anywhere from three to 10 fire drills, two bus evacuation drills and an undefined number of tornado drills - as many as six to 13 or more drills per year.

The new School Safety Drill Act eliminates that confusion by requiring that each school conduct a minimum of five drills each year, including a minimum of three fire drills, with one requiring the participation of local fire departments; one bus evacuation drill; and one tornado drill.

The new act also strongly encourages schools to conduct one drill in coordination with local law enforcement agencies to focus on law enforcement issues, such as shootings and bomb threats. Such drills should provide instruction on incidents such as lock-downs, shootings, bomb threats and hazardous materials.

The School Safety Drill Act also ensures that school officials and first responders meet once a year to review emergency response and drill plans. Schools will then submit a check-off document to ISBE and OSFM that summarizes their review and goals for the coming year.



Seven New Firefighters Sworn In

On Tuesday, Aug. 9th, at the regularly scheduled Board of Trustees meeting, seven new personnel were sworn in as firefighters for the Village of Oak Lawn.

Village Clerk, Jane Quinlan, administered the oath of office to the following individuals (pictured left to right): Peter Kraus, Dana Bartunek, Chris Trybula, Tom McKee, Russell Engel, Rick Sorley and Eric Berge. The new firefighters assumed their duties Aug. 15th.

Additionally, four members of the department received promotions. They include Scott Sobol, Peter Lombardi and Edward Brand to the rank of Fire Captain and Steve Rockey to the rank of Fire Lieutenant.

Illinois To Gain Under Energy Bill

U.S. Rep. Judy Biggert (R-IL-13), Chairman of the House Science Subcommittee on Energy, voted in support of the Conference Report to H.R. 6, the Energy Policy Act of 2005. Biggert served as an Energy Bill conferee, securing provisions in the Conference Report to authorize the construction and operation of the Rare Isotope Accelerator (RIA) and boost funding for energy research conducted at Argonne and Fermi National Laboratories in Illinois.

The Energy Bill Conference Report authorizes \$1.1 billion in funding for the construction and operation of RIA, marking the first time Congress has signaled its approval of the project. RIA would be the world's most powerful research facility dedicated to the production and exploration of new rare isotopes that are not found naturally on Earth. RIA would study unique forms of radiation leading to advances and applications in medicine, advanced materials, national security, and environmental protection. The University of Chicago and Argonne National Laboratory hope to compete for the project.

The Conference Report also authorizes an increase of 44 percent for the Dept. of Energy's (DOE) Office of Science over the next three years. This could boost funding by almost \$300 million annually for nano-technology, scientific computing, and systems biology research conducted at Argonne and Fermi National Laboratories in Illinois. Between 10 to 15 percent of the total \$3.6 billion Office of Science budget goes to Illinois. Only California gets more in funding from the

Office of Science than Illinois.

The House passed the Energy Bill Conference Report on July 28th by a vote of 275-156. Senate conferees remain optimistic that the Senate has the votes necessary to pass the Conference Report and send it to the President's desk before Congress adjourns for August recess.

AARP Meeting

The AARP Oak Lawn Chapter 3558 will meet on Monday, Sept. 12th at 1 p.m. at the Johnson-Phelps VFW Hall, 9514 S. 52nd Ave.

If you are a paid-up member of AARP, you are invited to join our Chapter, you do not have to live in Oak Lawn. We have members from Chicago and other suburbs. Dues for the year are \$5.

The speaker for September will be Jacki Mari, writer of the column "NumAstrology." She will discuss Psychic Predictions, with questions and answers.

For more information, call Felix Waitches at (708) 422-4121.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

- AUGUST 28 - Sunday - St. Paul Lutheran Church Picnic, 4660 W. 94th St., Regular Worship Service 8 a.m.; Worship and Communion 10:30 a.m. outdoors in picnic grove; Food service at 12:30 p.m.
- SEPTEMBER 1 - Thursday - Alzheimer Support Group, Christ Hospital, 4440 W. 95th St., 6 p.m.
- SEPTEMBER 1 - Thursday - Historic Preservation Commission, 9446 S. Raymond, 7 p.m.
- SEPTEMBER 1 - Thursday - Athletic Club Meeting, VFW Hall, 9514 S. 52nd Ave., 8 p.m.
- SEPTEMBER 1 - Thursday - Traffic Review Committee Meeting, Municipal Center auditorium, 9446 S. Raymond, 8 p.m.
- SEPTEMBER 2 - Friday - Worth Township Senior Citizens Org. Picnic, Worth Township Center, 11601 Pulaski Rd., Lunch 12 Noon.
- SEPTEMBER 3 - Saturday - District II "Trustee Is In," Municipal Center, 9446 Raymond, 9 a.m. to noon.
- SEPTEMBER 6 - Tuesday - Civil Service Commission, 9446 Raymond, 5:30 p.m.
- SEPTEMBER 7 - Wednesday - Appeals Board, 9446 Raymond, 8 p.m.
- SEPTEMBER 8 - Thursday - Quality Control Meeting, 9446 S. Raymond, 7:30 p.m.
- SEPTEMBER 8 - Thursday - Athletic Club Auxiliary Meeting, VFW Hall, 9514 S. 52nd Ave., 8 p.m.

Governor Signs Bill Closing Loopholes In Gun Laws

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Improving Safety In High-Rise Buildings

Governor Rod R. Blagojevich signed legislation on Aug. 19th to help ensure that people do not get trapped in stairwells of new hotels, schools and other high-rise public assembly buildings during fires. The legislation is in response to the October 2003 fire at the Cook County Administration building when six people died.

Senate Bill 46, sponsored by Sen. Ira Silverstein (D-Chicago) and Rep. Sidney Mathias (R-Arlington Heights), requires owners of new hotels, churches, schools, theaters, and other public assembly buildings over four stories to either: (1) ensure that stairwell enclosure doors don't lock and prevent re-entry from the stairwell to the interior of the building; or (2) equip stairwell enclosure doors with an electronic lock release system that is activated upon loss of power, manually by a single switch accessible to building management or firefighters, and automatically by activation of the building's fire alarm system.

Owners who choose the second option must also take certain safety precautions during the time needed to install the lock release and two-way communications systems, including ensuring re-entry into the building interior on the highest or second highest story (whichever allows access to another exit stairway); ensuring that there are no more than four stories between enclosure doors that provide access to another exit stairway, and posting signs at eye level and at the bottom of the door identifying if a door is a re-entry point and, if not, the location of the nearest re-entry door.

Regardless of which option building owners choose, stairwell enclosure doors at the main exit level of the building must remain unlocked from the stairwell side at all times.

In the days following the fire in the Cook County Administration Building, Gov. Blagojevich appointed Federal Emergency Management Agency Director James Lee Witt to conduct a full and independent review of the fire. Witt, widely recognized as the world's top expert in investigating and dealing with tragedies, investigated what happened on Oct. 17th, 2003 and recommended specific actions to make sure it never happens again.

Nearly a year after the fatal fire and extensive research and investigation, James Lee Witt Associates issued its report. The Witt Report found four key factors that led to the six deaths in the Cook County Administration Building. The factors include: lack of automated fire sprinklers, failure to adequately search and account for people in stairwells, opening the 12th floor stairway door allowing smoke and heat to enter the stairway, and locked stairway doors that did not allow people who were trapped to escape.

The Witt Report made a number of recommendations

to Cook County and Building Management, City of Chicago, City of Chicago Fire Department and the State of Illinois to prevent future tragedies. Among those recommendations was installing a failsafe system for automatically unlocking stairway doors during emergencies at the Cook County Administration building. The new law the Governor signed builds on that recommendation by requiring owners of new hotels, churches, schools, theaters, and other public assembly buildings over four stories to either ensure stairwell doors do not lock in the event of an emergency or equip stairwells with an electronic lock release system that is activated upon loss of power, manually by a single switch accessible to building management or firefighters, and automatically by activation of the building's fire alarm system.

Building owners must comply with the new law by Jan. 1st.

Legislation To Increase Penalties For Disability Parking Abuse Signed

An initiative of Secretary of State Jesse White to address the fraud and abuse of disability placards and license plates was signed into law by Governor Rod Blagojevich.

Under White's proposal (HB 1316), those caught improperly parking in a disability parking space could face a fine of up to \$500 and a driver's license suspension. It also increases penalties against those who illegally alter or fraudulently manufacture disability placards or plates.

Recent sting operations conducted by the Secretary of State's Police Department and other police agencies indicate that many people still consider it worth the risk to abuse the laws reserving parking spaces for persons with disabilities or use a placard or disability plate without the authorized holder present.

The proposed legislation, sponsored by State Rep. Kevin McCarthy (D-Orland Park), will do the following:

1. For vehicles not displaying a disability license plate, disabled veteran plate or placard parked in spaces reserved for persons with disabilities - the mandatory minimum fine will be increased from \$100 to \$250. The maximum fine municipalities are allowed to impose increases from \$100 to \$350.
2. For vehicles displaying a disability license plate, disabled veteran plate or placard and parking in a space reserved for persons with disabilities when the authorized holder of the plate or placard is not driving the vehicle or being transported in the vehicle - the mandatory fine is \$500, up from \$100.

In addition, the Secretary of State can administratively suspend or revoke the driver's license of the driver and the license plates or placard. Suspensions and revocations were not allowed previously.

3. Persons who illegally manufacture or alter plates or placards, obtain plates or placards based on fictitious information, or knowingly transfer plates or placards to others so that they may use privileges granted to authorized holders of the plates or placards will be guilty of a Class A misdemeanor which is a maximum of \$1,000 and subject to a fine of not less than \$500 for the first offense.

4. Clarifies that all restrictions and penalties related to license plates and placards for persons with disabilities also apply to license plates issued to disabled veterans.

There are over 550,000 placards and over 90,000 disability plates in Illinois. The new law takes effect Jan. 1st.

Make Birth Control Rights Permanent

Legislators serving on the Joint Committee on Administrative Rules (JCAR) voted on Aug. 16th to make permanent Gov. Rod R. Blagojevich's emergency rule that ensures pharmacies in Illinois fill women's prescriptions for contraceptives without delay or hassle. The rule requires licensed pharmacies that dispense FDA-approved contraceptives to fill all birth control prescriptions in the same timely manner they would other prescriptions.

Gov. Blagojevich submitted an emergency rule on April 1st, 2005 clarifying the responsibilities of licensed retail pharmacies to fill prescriptions for all FDA approved contraceptives if the drugstore dispenses birth control medications. That rule remained in effect in an emergency capacity until today (Aug. 16th) when JCAR voted to allow the governor's rule to become permanent.

The rule clearly defines the responsibilities of licensed retail pharmacies in Illinois to fill all FDA approved birth control prescriptions if the drugs are in stock and a legal prescription has been presented. If the drugs requested are not in stock, the pharmacy must do one of the following:

provide a medically acceptable alternative drug, or at the request of the patient, order the drug from their supplier, transfer the prescription to a different drugstore or return the prescription to the patient.

In other efforts to make sure that safe prescription contraceptives are available and affordable to all Illinois women, Gov. Blagojevich authorized changes in I-Save Rx program last month to include seven of the most popular contraceptive prescription drugs to the prescription drug importation program launched in October of 2004.

Prescription contraceptives, such as Ortho-Evra 20-150, Ortho Novum 7/7/7, Ortho-Cyclen, Ortho Tri-Cyclen, Alesse, Micronor and Triphasil, are available from state-inspected suppliers in Canada, Ireland and the United Kingdom through I-Save Rx with savings of up to 79% for a three-month supply. Additional information is available through the I-Save Rx web site: www.I-SaveRx.net, or the toll-free number 1(866) I-SAVE33.

An explanation of the rule and its enforcement is posted on the IDFPR web site at: <http://www.idfpr.com/emergencyruleguidance.asp>.

Governor Asks For The Rejection Of TSA Proposed Carry-On Ban

In a letter to TSA Assistant Secretary of U.S. Dept. of Homeland Security Edmund S. Kip Hawley, Gov. Rod R. Blagojevich on Aug. 16th voiced his opposition to the Transportation Security Administration's recently reported proposal to lift the ban on certain carry-on items such as scissors, razorblades, ice picks, and some knives.

The Transportation Security Administration proposal would allow scissors, ice picks, razorblades, and bows and arrows as carry-on on flights. The TSA will meet later this month to discuss the plan, which is designed to reduce checkpoint hassles for the nation's 2 million passengers. It comes after TSA's new head, Edmund S. Kip Hawley, called for a broad review in hopes of making airline screening more passenger-friendly.

Toastmasters Meeting

The Center Toastmasters Club will meet on Wednesdays, Sept. 7th and 21st at 7 p.m. at 12700 Southwest Highway in Palos Park.

Toastmasters International is an organization for people interested in improving and practicing their public speaking skills. According to Center toastmaster Dave Sanders, the members take turns leading the meetings and giving speeches, and they have fun doing it because they are all in this effort together and gain confidence from the encouragement of each other.

The Center Toastmasters meet on the first and third Wednesdays of every month. New members and guests are always welcome. For further information, interested persons should call The Center at (708) 361-3650.

New Teacher Perks

New teachers in Illinois will have new incentives to work in understaffed areas - thanks to a bill sponsored by State Senator Ed Maloney (D-18) that was signed into law recently - creating the Teach Illinois Scholarship Program.

House Bill 60 creates the program which would annually award scholarships to persons preparing to teach in areas of "identified staff shortages." It will be administered by the Illinois Student Assistance Commission (ISAC).

"The Teach Illinois Scholarship Program adds another teacher incentive program to the state's growing list of successful teacher incentive programs," said

Senator Maloney.

Recipients would be required to teach for at least five years in an elementary or secondary school in Illinois where there is an identified shortage. The program's funds would be applied to tuition and fees applicable to courses that will enable the student to obtain teacher certification.

If the student does not fulfill the requirements, the recipient will be required to refund all of his or her awarded scholarships to the Commission. ISAC and the State Board of Education will assist individuals who receive Teach Illinois Scholarships in finding employment within areas of identified staff shortages.

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Governor Signs Bill Closing Loophole In Gun Laws

Gov. Rod R. Blagojevich took action on Aug. 15th to protect victims of domestic violence by signing a new law that closes a loophole that had allowed criminals convicted of misdemeanor domestic violence to receive their surrendered firearms after they complete their sentences. This statute was in conflict with federal law, which prohibits people convicted of misdemeanor domestic violence from pos-

sessing firearms.

House Bill 892 amends current law by deleting a provision that allowed legally possessed firearms to be returned to a person once they complete a sentence for a conviction on a misdemeanor domestic violence charge. Currently, anyone convicted of domestic violence is not allowed to have a Firearm Owner's Identification (FOID) card. House Bill 892, effective

Jan. 1st, 2006, also states that an individual must appear in court to answer charges, submit to the court's orders, cannot leave the state, or violate any criminal act. If the person is found not guilty by reason of insanity, his/her firearms will be retained by law enforcement.

Crafters Needed

Lutheran Church of the Resurrection, 151st and Central Ave., Oak Forest is seeking crafters for its Arts and Crafts Fair on Saturday, Oct. 1st.

For more information or an application call the church office at (708) 687-2170.

Toll Amnesty

Building on reform efforts already underway to improve customer service and accountability at the Illinois Tollway, Gov. Rod R. Blagojevich signed legislation on Aug. 22nd that expands employee ethics guidelines, improves the agency's business practices, and enhances toll violation enforcement and collections, including the authorization of a one-time Amnesty Program for toll violators.

"The Illinois Tollway has made significant strides over the past two and a half years to win back the confidence of Illinois' drivers by proving that toll money is well spent and the Illinois Tollway is accountable to its customers," said Gov. Blagojevich. "With this legislation, we ensure that this reform effort will continue."

Senate Bill 1964 authorizes a one-time, 60-day Amnesty Program for toll scofflaws with outstanding toll violations that started Aug. 23rd and ends Oct. 21st. The amnesty program is the latest component of a Violation Enforcement System debuted in 2003 to collect the money owed to the Tollway and to protect the 97 percent of customers who pay their fair share.

Under the Amnesty Program, violators with outstanding tolls will have 60 days to pay 50-75 percent of their original fines and missed tolls, or face harsher sanctions, including increased fines, suspension of license plates and driver's licenses, towing, booting or impoundment of vehicles, or referral to a collection agency.

"Drivers who cheat their fellow Tollway users have learned an expensive lesson that violating the law is no longer tolerated," said Illinois Tollway Executive Director Jack Hartman. "Like the state's tax amnesty program, the Tollway Amnesty Program is a last chance for violators to settle delinquent violations and clean their slate."

The Illinois Tollway has established several ways for violators to make amnesty payments:

Credit card payments

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Pow/Mia Symbolic Display

Recently, the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States Post 177 located in Chicago Ridge placed a POW/MIA (Prisoner of War/Missing in Action) Presentation Table in their canteen. This table symbolizes the soldiers, sailors, airmen and marines who are still missing from past conflicts. Each item of the table has its own significance.

Joe Carvelli, Senior Vice Commander got the idea for this table from one of his friends in another states. He presented the idea to POW/MIA Chairman, Paul Marletta, who enthusiastically endorsed the project. They were helped by two members of the VFW Ladies Auxiliary, Cathy Carevilli and Gerri Maton, who donated some of the materials and helped set up the table.

Pictured (left to right) Paul Marletta, Cathy Carvelli, Gerri Maton and Joe Carvelli with the Presentation Table in the center.

MVCC Meeting Notice

The regular meeting of the Moraine Valley Community College Board of Trustees will be held at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 16th. The meeting will take place in the Board Room, Building D, Room 219, on campus, 10900 S. 88th Ave., Palos Hills.

Help Attract New Business

In an innovative effort to create jobs and grow business in Illinois, Gov. Rod R. Blagojevich on Aug. 16th signed legislation that allows the state's economic development agency to establish business parks. A business park creates a site selection advantage for Illinois communities looking to attract new businesses, industries and jobs to their area.

When companies are

poised to expand or relocate, they often send business scouts out to identify potential sites that would serve as attractive locations. With this new law, Illinois communities can be officially certified as "business parks," meaning all the ingredients needed for a business to move in and hit the ground running are already in place. House Bill 361 authorizes the Illinois

Economic Development (DCEO) to administer a program for establishing businesses and employers in business parks. Business parks are typically located where motorway, rail and airport facilities are within a short distance, creating a competitive advantage by providing ready access to markets and trade. HB 361 is effective on Jan. 1st, 2006.



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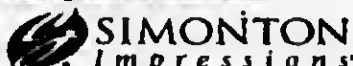
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Peggy Butler Porker Of The Month

Citizens Against Government Waste (CAGW) recently named defense official Peggy Butler Porker of the Month for encouraging contractors to lobby against an amendment being considered by Sen. Tom Coburn (R-Okla.) that would reduce excessive funding for the Defense Travel System (DTS). Peggy Butler is the senior contracting officer for DTS' acquisitions division at the Information Technology E-Commerce Commercial Contract Center, 18 USC, 1913, prohibits federal employees from using appropriated money to influence the outcome of legislation.

DTS has failed to meet the Pentagon's expectations for a cost-efficient and streamlined in-house travel system. DOD continues to pay \$40 to \$50 million annually up front for the development, deployment, operation and maintenance of DTS. Since the project is six years behind schedule, the fair approach would be for the contractor to assume such costs and only be paid when the DTS is actually used by DOD travelers, as is the case with the General Services Administration's (GSA) eTravel Service Contract used by the rest of the federal government. Sen. Coburn, chairman of the Subcommittee on Federal Financial Management, Government Information and International Security, is considering an amendment titled "Curtailed Use of Waste Under Department of Defense Web-Based Travel System." The amendment, which would be attached to the Defense Authorization Act, would allow the Pentagon to continue using the DTS, but only paying for actual use by travelers. DOD could also make travel services arrangements through GSA's eTravel program. The amendment would also require that all DOD and GSA eTravel contractors guarantee that airfare purchases are made at the lowest available price. Daniel Pulliam of Government Executive magazine obtained an email sent by Peggy Butler to small travel agency officials that said: "If you have any influence on Capitol Hill, please use it. This bill cannot be passed." Sen. Coburn may also hold hearings on DTS in September or October.

CAGW released a report in September 2004 titled Defense Travel System: The Twilight Zone of Travel. DTS was supposed to cost the DOD a fixed price of \$64 million after it had been operationally deployed on every DOD facility and a fee paid to the contractor each time it was used. The total cost for five years with full usage was supposed to be \$263.7 million. But DTS has already cost \$474 million to date. After prime contractor Northrop Grumman realized that DTS was more cumbersome than anticipated, the original fee-for-service contract was secretly and illegally reworked, foisting all costs associated with the system onto taxpayers. The U.S. Court of Federal Claims determined that the contract modifications violated the Competition in Contracting Act and required part of the revised agreement to be re-bid. Even worse, the system is defective and cannot guarantee the lowest fare. Both the DOD inspector general (IG) and the agency's program and evaluation office have documented problems with DTS; the IG recommended canceling the program in July 2002. The Government Accountability Office is evaluating the program.

Apparently, everyone but Peggy Butler and the DTS Program Management Office knows it would be more efficient and less wasteful to use an alternative to the DTS. DOD could simply use private sector e-travel systems that cost taxpayers nothing to develop and provide quicker and cheaper solutions. With the war on terror and a \$331 billion deficit, contracting officers like Peggy Butler should be saving tax dollars, not keeping a wasteful system in place.

For violating the law, for putting the interests of contractors above the interests of taxpayer, and for obstructing efforts to de-fund an unnecessary and mismanaged program, CAGW names Peggy Butler Porker of the Month for August 2005.

Signing Of The Energy Bill

U.S. Sen. Dick Durbin (D-IL) issued the following statement on Monday, Aug. 8th as the President signed the recently passed national energy bill into law:

"The energy bill signed by the President today is good news for oil companies already awash in profits and Saudi royalty who profit from our nation's dependence on their oil exports. But there's no help in this bill for America's drivers facing record gas prices and no clear national goal of reducing our growing dependence on foreign oil."

"The Administration opposed a Democratic amendment to set a national goal of reducing our dependence on foreign oil by 40 percent over the next 20 years. And the Senate defeated my amendment to require increased fuel efficiency in cars and trucks (Senate amendment 902 - 6/23/05) - the single most important thing this energy bill could have done to promote energy conservation."

"The reasons for the defeat of these common-sense measures are clear - too many Members of Congress were swayed by the powerful lobbying efforts by big oil and big auto-makers. But we cannot let this be the final word on a national energy policy."

"This legislation does contain a renewable fuel standard that will increase the use of domestic renewable fuels and reduce oil consumption by 2 billion barrels by 2012. This change will be good for America's economy, good for our energy security, and good for Illinois farmers. But we could - and should - have done more."

Family Fest For Charity

Misericordia's 25th anniversary celebrating its Family Fest will take place Sunday, Sept. 11th, from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. at Misericordia North, 6300 North Ridge Ave. in Chicago. Last year more than 18,000 friends of Misericordia Home celebrated the continued success of one of Chicago's premier residences for exceptional children and adults. Bring your family and friends to this exceptional day of great food, entertainment, games and fellowship. A variety of individual adult, children, senior and family packages are available. Corporate and individual sponsorships are likewise encouraged. For more information call (773) 973-6300 or visit www.misericordia.org.

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All Points Southwest By THOMAS E. GAVIN

We are pleased to report that in an effort to ensure that the upcoming hearings on Commonwealth Edison's (ComEd) proposed rate increase are accessible to the northern Illinois utility's customers, Attorney General Lisa Madigan and Cook County State's Attorney Richard Devine have filed a petition with the Illinois Commerce Commission (ICC) to reverse a decision to hold the hearings in Springfield instead of Chicago.

For the first time in at least 30 years, the ICC has decided to hold hearings on a ComEd rate increase proposal outside of ComEd's service territory. Madigan and Devine's petition contends that as a result of this proposed action, ComEd's 3.7 million customers will effectively be denied access to the evidence gathered in the hearings. The hearings are scheduled to take place for two weeks, beginning Aug. 29th and ending Sept. 9th.

According to Madigan, "ComEd's service territory is exclusively in northern Illinois. The consumers served by the utility should not have to travel long distances to participate in these hearings. ComEd rate cases are traditionally heard in Chicago and there is no reason these hearings should not also be held in Chicago."

Madigan and Devine also stated in their petition that holding the hearings in Springfield would ignore the Illinois Public Utilities Act, which directs the ICC to hold hearings where the "subject matter of the hearing is situated" or where the hearings will be "most convenient to the parties to be heard." Springfield is approximately 100 miles south of the southern border of ComEd's service territory.

In summary, both elected officials feel that it is important that ComEd customers have the opportunity to attend hearings that will determine whether there are rate hikes. Residential and business customers can be forced to pay as much as a billion dollars more per year for electricity if ComEd is allowed to use an auction to set electric rates based on market prices rather than the actual cost of generating electricity, Madigan said.

U.S. Senator Dick Durbin (D-IL) has introduced legislation requiring the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) to immediately strengthen its Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) services for veterans and their families.

"PTSD is a fairly new term, but it by no means a new problem," said Durbin. "Soldiers who have endured the horrors of the battlefield have long struggled with psychological trauma that is just as real - and can be as deadly - as any other war wounds. Unfortunately, the VA health system is not prepared to provide service members who are dealing with PTSD the health care and other support they and their families need."

According to a study published in the July 2004 New England Journal of Medicine, up to one in five veterans return home from the Middle East with PTSD or related conditions such as major depression or anxiety. Yet a report by the Government Accountability Office (GAO) last September shows that the VA doesn't know how many patients it is currently treating for PTSD. In addition, officials at six of the seven VA facilities visited by the GAO reported that they may not be able to meet the increased demands for PTSD services caused by the war in Iraq.

The Durbin bill (which has been referred to the Committee on Veterans Affairs) requires the VA to implement three key treatment improvement recommendations made by its own Special Committee on PTSD. They are: Establish a PTSD Clinical Team at every one of the nations 157 VA Medical Centers; Provide a certified family therapist within each of the 207 veteran centers across the country; and Appoint a regional PTSD Coordinator within each Veteran Integrated Service Network and Readjustment Counseling Service Region to evaluate programs, promote best practices, and make resource recommendations. This bill would add about 400 mental health professionals to the VA's service staff nationwide.

Cook County Assessor James Houlihan has scheduled an Assessment Workshop for 7 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 30th, at the Louis Viverito Senior Center, 7745 S. Leamington, in Burbank. Assessor Houlihan will join with elected officials from Stickney Township and staff from the Cook County Assessor's Office Taxpayer Information Department to speak and answer individual questions from homeowners on the assessment process.

"Homeowners throughout the southern portion of Cook County have relayed to me their concerns about their inability to pay an ever-increasing tax burden," Houlihan stated.

For more information contact the Cook County Assessor's Office at (312) 443-7550.

Hats off to the Midlothian Area Chamber of Commerce and the St. Christopher School Advisory Board for their sponsorship of the Kelly Miller Circus that will visit Midlothian on Tuesday, Sept. 6th. Two performances will be featured at 4:30 and 7:30 p.m. in the St. Christopher parking lot, 147th and Keeler.

This joint fundraising event affords both the Midlothian Chamber of Commerce and St. Christopher's school to provide for various community projects throughout the year. Advance ticket sales are available at a variety of local businesses, church and school. Pre-sale ticket prices are \$8 for adults, \$5 for children. Tickets on the day of this event increase to \$10 for adults and \$6 for children.

For more information contact either Len Feil at (708) 371-1910 or Doreen Garla at (708) 389-0020.

The Worth Days Festival Commission reminds All Points that the 2005 Festival is just around the corner. Mark your calendars for Sept. 8th-11th as this year's festival has something for everyone. Free admission and parking is just the start. A Mega-Pass ticket, which allows access to all rides the entire weekend, is sale priced now for \$35 at the Village Hall. Buy them now and save as the Mega-Pass will sell for the full price, \$40, at the fest.

The fest will feature a Crafter's and Merchant's Row, Bingo Tent, Food Tent, Beer Garden, Spectacular Midway Rides, Petting Zoo and much more.

Free shuttle buses will pick up and drop off festival goers at Founders Bank and the Metra Parking Lot for your convenience and traffic control.

The festival location is at 7425 W. 115th St., just west of Harlem Ave. and the Water's Edge Golf Course.

For more information call the Worth Village Hall at (708) 448-1191 or visit www.villageofworth.com.

The 2005 Secretary of State Antique Vehicle Show will be held Sept. 10th at the Old State Capitol area in downtown Springfield. For reference this location is near the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum. First organized in 1949 as an Antique Auto Meet, today's show features some of the finest antique and classic vehicles in Illinois as well as sports cars and motorcycles. Along with the Midwest Cruise for Charity, more than 1,500 combined entries and thousands of spectators are expected.

The Illinois State Champion award will be given to the vehicle judged best at the show by the Antique Vehicle Show Advisory Committee. First, second and third place winners will receive awards in at least 46 classes of vehicles, including antique motor scooters, motor-powered bikes and antique motorcycles.

For more information call (217) 557-7629 or go online at <http://www.cyber-driveillinois.com>.

ComEd/Exelon Urged To Make Good On Its Clean Energy Promise

On Aug. 16th, just two days before the end of the 30-day period for ComEd/Exelon to file its clean energy plan with the Illinois Commerce Commission, clean energy proponents gathered near Millennium Park's Exelon Pavilion to urge the state's largest electric company to make a firm commitment to meeting the state's renewable power goals.

In February, Gov. Blagojevich proposed his Sustainable Energy Plan, including a provision to require the state's retail electric companies to ensure that at least 8% of their power comes from clean wind, solar or other renewable energy sources by 2013. Nineteen other states have already adopted similar policies to spur the development of renewable energy. On July 19th, the Illinois Commerce Commission unanimously passed a resolution adopting a renewable energy standard, but making participation by the utilities voluntary, instead of mandatory as it is in most states. The resolution gave ComEd and the state's other retail electric suppliers 30 days, ending Aug. 18th, to develop and file detailed implementation plans, showing how they will purchase and sell increasing amounts of power generated from clean wind, solar and biomass resources. At that time, ComEd President Frank Clark pledged to implement the plan, stating: "We're committed to following the governor's timetable and, with Commission approval, supporting the level of investment specified in the governor's plan."

While wind gets the most attention in Illinois, Mark Burger, Sales Manager of Spire Solar Chicago, a local photovoltaic, or solar electric, manufacturer, said, "Solar electricity can play a vital part in the governor's Sustainable Energy Plan. Solar electricity, which is non-polluting, generates during peak demand times and near and on buildings. For it to thrive, it must be given a dedicated percentage of the power mix, just like wind. What ComEd, other electric power suppliers and the Illinois Commerce Commission decide in the coming days will determine whether Illinois will be a major producer of solar electricity with manufacturing and installation jobs and businesses contributing to our economy, or a spectator to states like California and New Jersey."

Today, more than 99% of the power sold to Illinois customers is generated by fossil fuel-fired or nuclear power plants, both of which produce large amounts of dangerous pollutants. There is no safe disposal option for radioactive waste produced by nuclear power plants, which will remain deadly to humans for thousands of years and is currently stored on site at reactors throughout the state. Coal-burning power plants are the largest industrial source of the smog

that has caused more than a dozen unhealthy air pollution action days in Chicago this summer. In addition, mercury, which has contaminated the fish in lakes and rivers across the state, is a byproduct of burning coal in plants that lack modern pollution control equipment.

While the environmental benefits of wind energy are widely recognized, it is also worth remembering the economic advantages it presents to rural communities. Construction, land leases, and maintenance all work to keep energy dollars in the community, creating jobs and opportunities. For example, using the methodology of a recent study by the Iowa Policy Project, the 32-turbine Crescent Ridge wind project in Bureau County is estimated to generate an annual economic benefit to the local community of approximately \$28,500 per turbine. The same study found that wind projects that are locally owned, rather than owned by out-of-state developers, bring nearly ten times as much economic benefit to the communities in which they are located. Economic stimulus on this scale can make the difference between selling out or keeping the family farm for another generation, and so community-owned wind projects represent an environmentally friendly way to revitalize rural communities while helping secure Illinois' energy independence.

The advocates called upon the utilities to ensure that their plans include:

1. Commitment to purchase increasing proportions of electricity for resale to customers from clean, renewable energy generation sources, as follows:
2% by 2007;
3% by 2008;
4% by 2009;
5% by 2010;
6% by 2011;
7% by 2012;
8% by 2013.
2. Commitment that at least 75% of the renewable energy purchased to meet the standard is generated from wind power.
3. Commitment to enter into long-term power purchase contracts of 15 years or more with the wind and solar developers to give sufficient certainty of a market for their power to attract financing.
4. Commitment that the company will report annually to the ICC and that the report will include all necessary data to verify whether or not the company has met the renewable energy standard.

Fair Assessment Of Students With Disabilities

Gov. Rod R. Blagojevich on Aug. 23rd signed a law improving the way Illinois measures student progress under the federal *No Child Left Behind Act*. House Bill 3678 recognizes the individual needs of students with disabilities and makes sure that schools receive credit for their successes in helping students with disabilities, while still requiring schools to focus on areas that need improvement.

"Teachers and students in Illinois are working hard and making steady gains every year," said Gov. Blagojevich. "But we have to be sure that the gains our kids and our schools are making are measured fairly. This law helps schools target their efforts on the subject areas and student groups that need the most attention."

HB 3678 addresses the ongoing concern that Gov. Blagojevich and the General Assembly share about certain aspects of the implementation of the *No Child Left Behind* (NCLB) Act in Illinois. The law outlines changes to the *Illinois Accountability Workbook*, the State's plan for NCLB implementation.

"House Bill 3678 eliminates a serious flaw within the federal *No Child Left Behind* legislation. It creates a level playing field for our special needs and disabled children to succeed. This legislation will have a positive impact on every school district in the state of Illinois," said Rep. Aaron Schock (R-Peoria), a sponsor of the bill.

The new law addresses the current measurement system, which requires students with disabilities to take a State assessment as outlined in NCLB and places schools and districts in "improvement status" if they fail to make adequate yearly progress (AYP) for two consecutive years in any of their subgroups or any subject tested.

"By helping schools focus on specific groups of students and subjects, they will be better able to target their efforts to make progress where it is needed the most," said Sen. Kimberly Lightford (D-Chicago), a sponsor of the bill. "We must make sure that each school's hard work is directed at its unique areas of greatest need and that we are not unfairly labeling them as failing."

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Annual Entrepreneurial Woman's Conference

Dozens of experts in the corporate, government and small business sectors will share a wealth of information about how to succeed as a woman business owner during the 19th annual Entrepreneurial Woman's Conference, to be held at Chicago's Navy Pier, 600 E. Grand Ave., on Tuesday and Wednesday, Sept. 13 and 14.

A vast array of topics at general sessions, workshops and roundtable discussions will cover issues such as expanding a business through corporate and government contracts, and obtaining business financing.

Attendees will benefit from the experiences and advice provided by nationally-known women business owners as well as local entrepreneurs who will receive awards for their accomplishments.

The popular Women's Forum Luncheon, to be held on Tuesday, Sept. 13, promises to be a lively, candid discussion by nationally-recognized women entrepreneurs who will talk about the challenges faced and success they have achieved in their business. Moderated by Chicago Sun-Times financial columnist Terry Savage, the panelists this year will be Margaret D. Garner, president and CEO of Broadway Consolidated Companies, Inc.; Monica Ramirez, founder of Zalia Cosmetics; Sharon Hoffman Arent, president and CEO of Smead Manufacturing

Company; and Melody Spann-Cooper, chairman of Midway Broadcasting Company and president, WVON Radio.

On Wednesday, Sept. 14, the Hall of Fame Awards Luncheon will be held at which the WBDC presents awards that honor exemplary entrepreneurs, business advocates, and government and corporate supporters for women's economic development and supplier diversity programs. Keynote speaker at this event will be Tami Longaberger, board chair and CEO of The Longaberger Company and chair of the National Women's Business Council.

A series of panel discussions will bring together attendees with business experts on topics such as "Principled Networking: The Program for People Who Hate To Network," "Is This Dream for You? The Ins and Outs of Owning a Franchise Business," and "The Good, the Bad and the Ugly: Real Life Stories of Business Ownership." Smaller sessions, "Ask the Experts," will feature roundtable discussions where successful women entrepreneurs discuss issues like taxes, branding your business, sales and marketing, business financing, and a host of other topics relevant to both fledgling and established businesses. The "Get Down to Business" Networking Reception will be held on Tuesday, Sept. 13 from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. in Navy Pier's Lakeview Terrace.

Participants can register online at www.wbdc.org or by phone at (312) 853-3477, ext. 24. Tickets for Women Business Enterprises (WBEs) are \$175 and for all others \$200 before Aug. 31; after Aug. 31 the cost to attend becomes \$225 for everyone in advance and at the door. This is an all-event fee and includes access to all Conference events. Individual tickets for the Women's Business & Buyers Mart, the Hall of Fame Awards Luncheon, and/or the Women's Forum Luncheon are \$100 each.

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The Greatest Show On Water

No doubt the hundreds of power and sailboats, not to mention the four big tents filled with marine products,

are the main reasons for attending the Michigan City In-Water Boat Show. But it's the fun attractions that keep people coming back year after year. Several new additions, including the "Bob Vila" of boating and a 4,000-gallon fishing "pond," are set for the 26th annual Michigan City In-Water Boat Show. Lake Michigan's biggest in-water boat show drops anchor from Aug. 25th to 28th at Washington Park Marina in Michigan City, Indiana.

The international fleet of over 500 power and sailboats always takes top billing. "We're able to offer a huge selection of boats, from small daysailers and personal watercraft to 70' luxury motor yachts priced at more than \$2 million," says show manager Norm Schultz. "August is also the month when the boating industry typically begins introducing its newest models, and many

2006 models will be on public display for the first time anywhere."

The Boat Show has a selection of pre-owned boats too. The Brokerage Pier is a smart choice for the first-time buyer or the seasoned skipper who wants to upgrade. Boaters will discover a wide variety of pre-owned boats just waiting for inspection.

While the boats may be the show's headliners, the accessory displays are what every boater loves to browse through. The latest wave of new products from hundreds of marine accessory and equipment exhibitors will fill four big tents, showcasing everything from marine electronics and trailers to nautical clothing and sailing accessories.

Finally, in an effort to introduce more youngsters to boating, all children 12 and under will receive free Boat Show admission (when accompanied by an adult).

For information about the Boat Show, visit www.michigancityboatshow.com.

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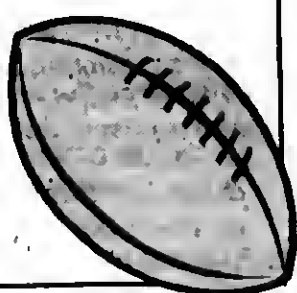
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Chicago Vocational High School - Class of 1975 will hold 30-year reunion at Doubletree Hotel in Alsip. Also are looking for classmates. Call (773) 264-1559.

Chicago Vocational High School - Class of 1980 will hold its 25-year reunion on Aug. 6th at DuSable Museum and Aug. 7th at Memorial Park in Dolton. Call (312) 409-3515, website, bluegold1980@hotmail.com.

George Tilton Elementary School - Class of 1963 and Friends will hold a reunion picnic on September 17th. Call (815) 788-0905.

Little Flower High School - Class of 1965 and Little Flower Grammar School, Class of 1961 will hold a reunion on Sept. 24th. Call (708) 478-6112.

Visitation High School - Class of 1955 will hold a reunion on Oct. 2nd at the Oak Lawn Hilton Hotel. Call (708) 479-4860.

Lourdes High School - Class of 1955 is looking for classmates for an October reunion. Call (708) 448-8874.

Argo Community High School, classes of 1954 and 1955, will meet in the fall of 2005. Call (708) 598-4460 or (708) 458-4067.

Farragut High School, classes of 1952-1954, are looking for classmates. Call Carolec (Fotka) Michalek at (815) 407-1934.

Sue Discovery Dig

"Sue Discovery Dig" will take place through Monday, Sept. 5th, at the Field Museum, 1400 S. Lake Shore Drive, Chicago.

Visitors can pick up field tools and set to work uncovering Sue's buried bones under an outdoor tent on the museum's southeast terrace.

A dinosaur team will help children identify finds and give them a hands-on lesson in classifying fossils for research and display.

Tickets are \$19 for adults, \$14 for seniors and students and \$9 for children ages 4 to 11, including museum admission.

Tickets also can be purchased to Dinosaur Dynasty for an additional \$3 for adults, seniors and students and \$2 for children ages 4 to 11.

Further information is available by calling (866) FIELD-03 or visiting www.fieldmuseum.org.

Civil War Collectors Show

More than 350 dealers of Civil War Relics from all over the nation will feature American military items from the Revolutionary War in 1776 through the Indian Wars of 1898.

Thousands of Civil War items and other American memorabilia will be on display and sold on Saturday, Sept. 17th during the Midwest Civil War Collectors Show in Northlake, Illinois.

The show will be held from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Midwest Conference Center, 401 Lake St. in Northlake, just 20 minutes west of Chicago.

General admission is \$6 for adults. Children under 12 years of age are FREE with paid adult. Living history people and re-enactors attending in uniform and period attire will receive \$1 off admission.

For more information about the show, call Bob or Sandy Nowak at (608) 436-6114, e-mail at info@mwcwcs.com or visit the web site at www.mwcwcs.com.

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Foley & Lardner Leukemia Cup Regatta Kicks Off

Come sail away with the Illinois Chapter of the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society at their ninth annual Foley & Lardner LLP Leukemia Cup Regatta on Aug. 26th and 27th at the Chicago Yacht Club. Chicago-area residents can set sail for a cure in helping the fight against leukemia, Hodgkin and non-Hodgkin lymphoma and myeloma by raising funds for these blood cancers.

The Regatta will kick off on Friday, Aug. 26th with a Skippers Meeting at 6:30 p.m. located at Belmont Harbor. Open to all sailors, this meeting will explain

race rules and regulations. A reception, sponsored by Mt. Gay Rum, will follow the Skippers Meeting at 7:30. On race day, Saturday, Aug. 27th, boats will set sail at 1:30 p.m. from Monroe Harbor and return around 5 p.m.

More than 120 boats in five classes are expected to hit the water. Featured boats include: sailboats, power boats, cigarette boats and private yachts. The Ameriprise - sponsored sailboats Windy I and Windy II, usually docked at Navy Pier and only available for tours, will make a special appearance during

the regatta as they race each other to the finish line.

Following the race, a reception will be held at Monroe Harbor, sponsored by Goose Island Beer. Top fundraisers will be honored at the reception with prizes including a chartered sailboat trip to Antigua, a trip to sail with ESPN commentator Gary Jobson and a \$500 gift card to West Marine Sail Shop.

The Foley & Lardner Leukemia Cup Regatta is one of 40 regattas held nationwide, involving both

sail and power boats, which compete for racing and fundraising awards. Last year, the Leukemia Cup Regatta raised more than \$100,000 in Illinois for leukemia research and patient services. The regatta race is open to everyone and sailors do not need to be a member of a yacht club to participate. The cost to register is \$50 per boat.

For more information on participating in the Regatta, call (312) 651-7350, ext. 246, or visit www.leukemicup.org/il.

Carraig Irish Pub

Bernie Glim & Country Joe McShane will perform Friday, September 2nd at 9:30 p.m.

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Annual MS Slugfest

On Saturday, Aug. 27th, more than 500 people will participate in the 5th annual MS Slugfest Softball Tournament, a Chicago summer tradition and annual fundraiser for the National Multiple Sclerosis Society, Greater Illinois Chapter.

MS Slugfest is a one-day, co-ed, 16-inch softball tournament that raises important funds for MS research and services. The tournament, held at the Lincoln Park South Fields at North Ave. and Lake Shore Drive, pits 32 teams from neighborhood establishments, corporations, families and individuals against each other to help support a great cause.

The day includes a fully catered grill-out lunch from Weber Grill restaurant, celebrity appearances, and fabulous fundraising and championship prizes, including a Cubs rooftop party at the famous Budweiser House. For an additional \$20, a limited number of participants will take part in the Weber Grill Home Run Derby - always one of the highlights of the event. Derby participants receive a special T-shirt and are eligible for the chance to win a brand new Weber Grill.

The MS Slugfest is organized and produced by the volunteers of Multiple Solutions, a young professionals fundraising group of the NMSS, Greater Illinois Chapter. To volunteer or make donations to this event, visit www.msslugfest.com, or call (312) 423-1171.

Trent Fest 2005

Trent Fest 2005 will take place from 3:30 to 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 18th, at Bartolini's, 14420 S. Pulaski Road, Midlothian.

Rendition will perform music.

Tickets are \$35 per person for a buffet including domestic draft beer and wine.

A tented, outdoor dance party, raffles and split-the-pot chances also are included.

A beanbag tournament for cash prizes will take place. Entry fee is \$20 per person, which includes a custom "Trent Fest" long-sleeved T-shirt.

All proceeds will benefit the beginning of the annual St. Xavier University's Trenton Turyna Memorial Nursing Scholarship Fund.

The fund was started by Bruce and Jan Turyna, in memory of their son, Trent, who died from injuries sustained in a car accident more than a year ago.

According to Trent's parents, the reason for the scholarship is twofold. It came from Trent's desire to become a nurse and the "remarkable" care he received from the nurses while in the hospital following the car accident.

Tax-deductible donations also are being accepted.

The Center Open House

The Log Cabin Center for the Arts, 12700 Southwest Highway in Palos Park, will host an open house on Sunday, Sept. 4th from 2 until 4 p.m.

According to program director Lois Lauer, the open house will be hands-on and creative. Both adults and children who attend will be invited to participate in small projects representative of each of the classes offered at the art center. Attendees will draw, paint, letter, make paper, and work with leather, clay and gourds. Instructors will talk with interested students, who will also be able to see the log cabin classrooms.

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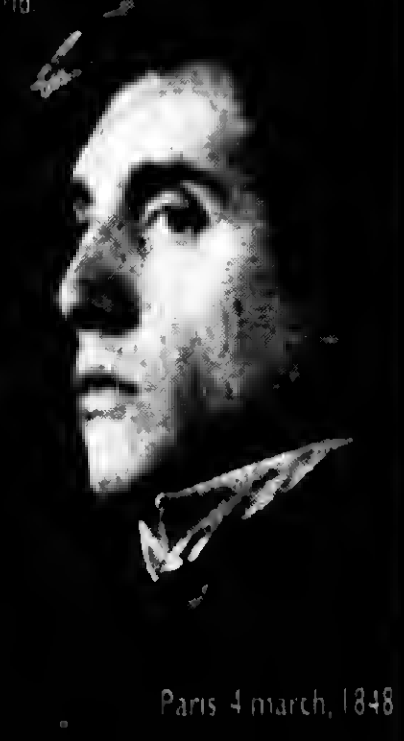
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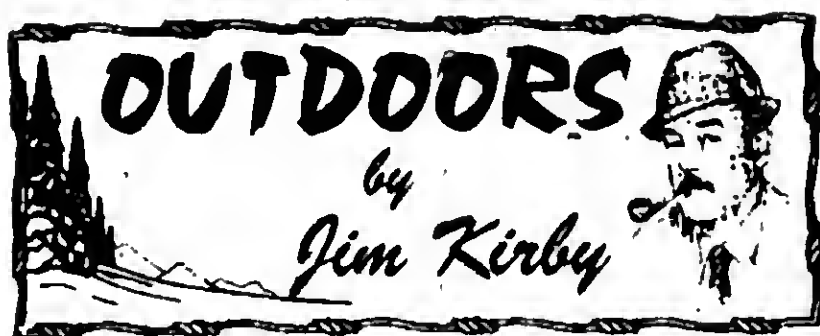
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The event features an open bar, buffet-hors d'oeuvres and chef stations. There will be live and silent auctions that include a "Shooting Safari in South Africa," Lake Erie Fishing Trip, Pheasant Hunts, Prints, 10 Top Guns and much more.

Pheasants Forever uses the funds raised at these events to among other things provide habitat for pheasants, habitat that benefits all wildlife including quail, rabbits, turkeys, deer, songbirds and other creatures.

Tickets are only \$65 and includes the open bar, dinner and one chance to win the 12 ga. trap gun (door prize), and one year membership. For more info and tickets call Genc Swanson at (708) 349-1423. Special pricing for spouses and youth.

KANKAKEE RIVER FISHING CLASS: Just in time for the good Kankakee River Fall Fishing, the 168th Sportsmen's Letter's Kankakee River Fishing Class will be held at the Mokena, Park District, 10925 LaPorte Road, on Saturday, Sept. 10, 1 to 4 p.m.

Hosts for the Class are Sportsmen's Letter Editor, Ed Mullady and Kankakee River Fishing Guide, Matt Mullady. They will be presenting information about the best places, baits and techniques for catching Kankakee River fish. Most of this information is usable on other bodies of water too. The class will cover both Indiana and Illinois waters.

The fee is only \$30 if paid before Sept. 5th, \$35 after that date. Youngsters 12 and under pay 2 price when paying with an adult. **PRE-REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED.** Mail check of Money Order to: Sportsman's Letter, 726 S. Elm, Kankakee, IL 60901. Further info available by calling (815) 932-7285.

WAUKEGAN HARBOR CLEANUP UNDERWAY: A \$27 million cleanup has started near Waukegan Harbor where 36 acres are contaminated with PCBs and other chemical waste. Officials hope to develop the area into a residential area when the two-year project is completed.

Soil laced with high levels of contaminants and organic compounds will be sent to an out-of-state regulated utility to be burned for power generation. Soil with lower levels of contamination will be buried in a Zion landfill. The contaminated ground water will be pumped to an on-site treatment plant to filter out the arsenic and other dangerous toxins, then ground water will be monitored for at least 30 years, officials said.

A federal consent decree requires North Shore Gas, General Motors and other former owners of the site to pay for the cleanup. Plans call for workers to remove 30,000 to 40,000 cubic yards of contaminated soil before covering the land with six inches of clean topsoil. (Credit: Great Lakes Basin Report.)

ANIMAL RIGHTS GROUP KILLS DOGS AND CATS: Two employees of "People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals" (PETA), have been arrested and charged with multiple felony counts of animal cruelty for allegedly dumping dead puppies and other animals into a dumpster and driving a PETA-owned vehicle that contained the remains of other animals.

Official records show that PETA, a national animal rights group based in Virginia, has killed over 10,000 dogs and cats since 1998. On June 16, police in Ahoskie, North Carolina arrested PETA employees for allegedly picking up dogs and cats from shelters and dumping their dead bodies in garbage cans. Authorities found 18 dead dogs in a dumpster and 13 in a van that was registered to the animal rights organization.

The Center for Consumer Freedom, reports that in 2003, PETA euthanized over 85 percent of the animals it took in and found homes for only 14 percent. By comparison, the Norfolk SPCA found adoptive homes for 73 percent of its animals and the Virginia SPCA placed 66 percent of its animals.

"PETA claims to be uncompromising in its stance against animal cruelty, which its members cite as an excuse to harass hunters, anglers, researchers and others who legally and ethically use animals," said U.S. Sportsmen's Alliance President Bud Pigeon. "It is obviously hypocritical." (Source: U.S. Sportsmen's Alliance.)

BECOMING AN OUTDOORS-WOMAN: Just a few openings remain for the IDNR Becoming an Outdoors-Woman weekend outdoors workshop at Pere Marquette State Park in Jersey County, Sept. 16-18. for info: (217) 782-7026.

DOVE SEASON: Opens next Thursday, Sept. 1st. Bring plenty of shells, water, dress for warm weather, and good luck. Those birds are hard to hit!!



National Section Winners

The 15 and 16 year old Coit Midlothian Braves recently won the Pony National Sectional at Midway. The sectional victory was achieved with a 12-2 win over Midway. Pitchers Dan Quinn, Wade Dugan and Marty Coyie pitched solid ball over the tournament. Ken Hurta, Marty Coyie and Bob Anderi put up solid offensive numbers. Also contributing with some clutch hitting and defense were Matt McDonough, Matt Berger, Kevin Archer, Dan Tremore, Chris Globke, Ken Cohn, Ray Wilke, Tom Sifuentes and Matt Sajpel. The Braves finished this summer with a 22 and 6 record. Coaches for the team were Mike Cline, Mike McDonough, Ray Wilke and Joe Fuentes. Special thanks to the Braves' parents and fans for their undying support for the squad. Way to go Braves!

Colors Revealed For 2005 Firearm Deer Pins

Deer hunters will sport tans and brown pins if they successfully harvest a deer during firearm season. Archery pins will remain the traditional colors of green and yellow. Both types of pins will also feature the date 2005. As in past years, successful hunters will receive a deer pin free of charge. Hunters will find the pins easier to obtain this year, under the new DNR Direct system. The colors of the pins for the 2005 season were announced by IDNR Director Joel Brunsvold, himself an avid hunter.

Successful deer hunters interested in obtaining a 2005-06 deer pin will be able to submit an application online and deer pins will be mailed to them. The online

deer pin application will be available beginning with the opening of the archery season on Oct. 1st.

Deer hunters are reminded that harvest-reporting requirements in Illinois have changed effective with the 2005-06 season. Successful hunters, beginning this fall, must register their harvest by 10 p.m. on the same calendar day the deer is or are taken by calling a toll-free telephone check-in system at 1(866) ILCHECK or by accessing the online check-in system at <http://dnr.state.il.us/vcheck>

Hunters will be provided with a confirmation number to verify that they checked in their harvest. This number must be written by the hunter onto the temporary harvest

tag (leg tag). The deer must remain whole (or field dressed) until it has been checked in through the new check-in system.

The changes are part of the implementation of DNR Direct, Illinois' new automated license, permit and registration system.

Local Boys At Millikin University

The southwest suburbs will be well represented as the Millikin University Big Blue football team challenges for the CCIW conference title this year.

The offense will be partly fueled by offensive lineman Shareef Alabi from Country Club Hills, and running backs Jake Polich from Burbank and Troy Stuewe from Oak Forest.

The defense will hope for big years from defensive back Adam Vloedman of Oak Forest, and linebacking brothers Kevin and Matt Rendarman, both of whom attended Marist in Chicago.

Fly Fishing Workshop

A Fly-Fishing workshop, an adult (age 15 minimum) program sponsored by the Forest Preserve District of Will County, will be on Sunday, Sept. 18th at 1 p.m. at Monee Reservoir. Registration by Sept. 15th and a fee of \$15 per person are required.

Are you angling to try something new? Then this workshop is for you. Join a certified fly fishing instructor from Orvis for a two-hour program designed to teach the basics of fly-fishing. The afternoon will consist of classroom and outdoor activities. Included is an overview of required equipment, casting demonstration and a slide presentation on aquatic insects and fly selection. Then try your hand at fly-casting along the shoreline of Monee Reservoir. This is a fun-filled workshop for beginner or experienced anglers looking to brush up on their skills.

All equipment is provided, but participants are free to bring their own.

For registration information call (708) 727-8700.

Monee Reservoir is located on Ridgeland Ave., west of Route 50 and south of Pauling Rd., 2.0 miles south of Monee.

Letter Of Intent

Brittanie Crose, a senior guard at Morris High School in Morris, Ill., has signed a letter of intent to continue her athletic and academic career at St. Xavier University in Chicago as a member of the 2006-07 Cougar women's basketball team. Crose, a native of Morris, is currently coached by Luke Windy at Morris High School.

Crose is expected to continue play at the guard position during the fall of 2006 at SXU. As a junior at Morris last season, she averaged 14 points, 6.5 rebounds, 5.0 assists and 3.0 steals per game and was named First Team All-Conference and All-Area. Crose is the daughter of Todd and Vivian Crose of Morris and plans to pursue a degree in psychology at SXU.

Suggestions For Exotic Pet Owners

Prospective pet owners may be looking for something different, the sort of creatures that roamed in the days of dinosaurs. But once they bring exotic reptiles into their homes, they may find it's more modern day nightmare than glimpse into prehistoric fantasy. Illinois Dept. of Natural Resources experts are offering a list of suggestions for prospective pet owners who are considering adoption of such pets as iguanas, pythons, boas, or alligators.

Basic advice before adoption:

- Find out in advance if the pet you're thinking of buying is legal. If the pet is endangered, such as an alligator, a permit is required. Some municipalities and counties have more strict regulations than the state, so check at all levels to see if your purchase is allowed under the law.
- Research the needs of the pet, including what it eats, and how much space is required. Don't just take the word of the dealer from whom you purchase the pet. Talk with a veterinarian, zoologist or herpetologist.
- Learn how big the pet will get, and how long it will live. A Burmese Python may grow several feet in the first six months of life. Iguanas grow to be five feet in length. Pet owners should be committed to take care of a pet for however long it will live. Most zoos have limited budgets and are unable to take in abandoned pets.
- Provide adequate medical care. Many iguanas starve because of parasites in their intestinal track.
- If for some reason you are unable to keep your pet, don't dump it. Consult a reptile rescue agency, or be prepared in extreme circumstances to euthanize it. Most reptiles cannot survive Illinois winters. The creatures do well in tropical climates and Illinois summers, but die in winter. During months they may live in the wild, as invasive species, they can damage the ecosystem with predatory behavior.

Reptiles can be rewarding pets. They are easier to care for than mammals, needing less frequent feedings. However, The IDNR herpetologist says don't confuse a reptile's poikilothermic makeup with affection: when a reptile snuggles, it's to take advantage of body heat, not out of affection. Poikilothermic is just another way of saying cold-blooded.

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Pot Cases Stay Local

Oak Lawn is among several area communities who are opting to keep marijuana offenses in local courts. People caught with small amounts of marijuana are more likely to get tickets with fines than find themselves in jail facing jail time.

Oak Lawn officials recently changed its policy on the minor offenses at the Aug. 9th Village Board meeting claiming that police often 'overlooked' cases with small amounts of marijuana fearing that they would be lost in the court system.

Now the police will be able to ticket offenders and impose fines of \$500.

Over the protests of some area police chiefs, Lansing, Midlothian and Orland Park have put in place the programs that will allow their police departments to either arrest the offenders and sending them through the circuit court system, or writing a ticket and sending the offenders to traffic court. Fines for the marijuana offenses range from \$50 to \$1,000. When sent to the local court, the municipality gets the entire amount of the fine. Communities that don't participate in these programs must share the fines with state and county agencies according to county officials.

According to the State's Attorney's Office, the misdemeanor possession fine can be as high as \$2,500 as well as a year in jail. Possession of more than 30 grams of marijuana is a felony with fines of \$25,000 and up to 15 years in prison.

Statistics are beginning to show that fewer tickets for misdemeanor possession have come down under the new program. However, there is still a consensus that possession is a crime that must go before a judge. It was stated that by being in the system, offenders will be exposed to programs that will help them to stop using drugs as well as fines and jail time being a deterrent to drug use.

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Oak Lawn Public Library Director Receives Illinois Librarian Of The Year Award

Oak Lawn Public Library Director, Dr. James B. Casey, is the latest recipient of the prestigious Illinois Librarian of the Year Award issued by the Illinois Library Association. This annual award recognizes "a librarian's distinguished service and leadership in Illinois libraries." Recipients are chosen for their impact and positive contributions to libraries on the local, state and national level. Casey was nominated for this award by peers in the library field.

In his more than 13 years at the Oak Lawn Public Library, Casey has led several capital projects, including the building expansion and renovation project completed in 2004 that increased the library's overall size by 25 percent and allowed for countless additions and improvements to the facility and library services. Previous building projects addressed replacing the library's carpet, roof and HVAC units. Over the years, Casey obtained grant money to remodel the library's 2,600 sq. ft. public meeting rooms and upgrade the library's public elevator and two public service desks for handicapped accessibility. Since starting at the library, Casey has guided the libraries efforts to offer access to new technologies, including the creation of a library-wide computer network with Internet access, an interactive web site (www.oaklawnlibrary.org) and most recently wireless Internet access throughout the building.

Casey has remained actively involved in numerous professional organizations since 1992, including the Illinois Library Association (ILA) and the American Library Association (ALA), where he has served on seven project-oriented committees and most notably as an elected member of the ALA council since 1996. From 1999 to the present, Casey has been a member of the Illinois State Library Construction Grant Review Committee, where funds are issued to Illinois libraries for capital projects. On a local level, Casey participates in committees and action groups led by the Metropolitan Library System (MLS), the largest library system in the U.S., comprised of more than 576 member organizations from academic, public, school and special libraries across Chicagoland.

Casey will be formally recognized at the Illinois Library Association Conference in Peoria this October. The Illinois Librarian of the Year Award is sponsored by C. Berger Group, Inc.

Madigan Joins In Push For More Electronic Monitoring Of Child Sex Offenders

Noting that Illinois has more than 17,000 registered sex offenders, Attorney General Lisa Madigan urged the U.S. Congress to pass legislation sponsored by U.S. Rep. Rahm Emanuel (D-IL) to create a pilot program to provide grants to states to electronically monitor child sexual predators.

Emanuel's bill established a pilot program that authorizes \$30 million over three years for grants to states to create programs using Global Positioning System (GPS) and other technologies to monitor child sex offenders. The grants would be administered by the U.S. Attorney General, who also would be required to report to Congress on the effectiveness of the programs. The bill is named after Jessica Lunsford and Sarah Lunde, who were both sexually assaulted and murdered by convicted sex offenders in Florida.

Madigan said tracking more child sex offenders through electronic monitoring is critical because in Illinois, more than 84 percent of registered sex offenders have raped or molested a child. Additionally, according to a National Institutes of Health study, the typical child sex offender molests an average of 117 children.

The law applies to the most dangerous sex offenders - those convicted of the following offenses: Predatory Criminal Sexual Assault, Aggravated Criminal Sexual Assault and Criminal Sexual Assault.

Madigan Seeks Ban

Attorney General Lisa Madigan filed suit against a former Cook County home repair business which accepted down payments from area homeowners and then allegedly failed to do any work.

Since July 2004, homeowners have paid more than \$5,000 in down payments for repair and improvement projects to Dunn Right Construction of Illinois, Inc. of Brookfield. Lanise and Anthony Crafton are charged in Madigan's complaint as owners and agents of the company, which was involuntarily dissolved in April 2004.

According to Madigan's complaint, consumers were not provided with the required three-day notice of right to cancel or a copy of the home repair consumer's rights pamphlet required of contractors who sign agreements at customers' homes. The notices are required by the Illinois Consumer Fraud and Deceptive Business Practices Act and the Home Repair and Remodeling Act. In February 2005, Anthony Crafton failed to appear when Madigan's office subpoenaed him as part of its investigation into consumer complaints against his business.

Madigan's suit seeks a permanent injunction against the company from engaging in the home repair and remodeling business and from further violations of Illinois' consumer protection laws. The suit also seeks restitution, a civil penalty of \$50,000 and an additional \$50,000 per violation committed with the intent to defraud. In addition, Madigan is asking the court to suspend licenses and permits held by Anthony Crafton until he complies with an administrative subpoena issued by her office during its investigation.

Oak Lawn Children's Museum

The Children's Museum in Oak Lawn was recently awarded an Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) grant. More than \$198,000 will be issued to the museum for the "Explore and Soar" initiative and will be used to create and enhance the new permanent museum home scheduled to open in December 2006.

The Village of Oak Lawn, The Children's Museum in Oak Lawn and a joint venture between Mid-America/Morningside Group have announced a cooperative effort to build a permanent home for the Children's Museum in Oak Lawn. The new permanent home of the museum will be incorporated into the site plan of the proposed train station development. The Children's Museum will occupy almost 12,000 square feet of space on the second floor of the new commercial building. The designated monies from the IMLS grant will be specifically used for the Museum's operations and exhibit development.

The Children's Museum in Oak Lawn's mission is to empower and engage children, and those who love and care for them, in the joy of learning. As they explore their world with changing, hands-on exhibits and activities, they will soar with their newfound knowledge. For more information on The Children's Museum in Oak Lawn, contact Elizabeth Gelman at (708) 423-6709.

This project is funded through the Institute of Museum and Library Services by an Act of Congress, in accordance with the FY 2005 Consolidated Appropriations Bill.

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Four New Cases Of West Nile Virus Confirmed

Dr. Eric E. Whitaker, state public health director, announced four new West Nile cases have been identified in Illinois, bringing to 33 the number of cases reported so far this year in the state.

The new cases are a 77-year-old man and a 47-year-old woman both from suburban Cook County who are hospitalized with West Nile fever, a 46-year-old man from DuPage County and a 51-year-old man from Kane County, who also have West Nile fever.

There have been 15 other cases of West Nile disease this year in suburban Cook County, two others in DuPage County and three others in Kane County. The state's other cases of West Nile disease have been from Chicago (7), Peoria (1) and Will County (1).

West Nile Virus is transmitted through the bite of a mosquito that has picked up the virus by feeding on an infected bird. Most people with the virus have no clinical symptoms of illness, but some may become ill three to 14 days after the bite of an infected mosquito.

Anyone who develops symptoms such as high fever, confusion, muscle weakness, severe headaches or stiff neck should see a doctor immediately. These symptoms may indicate meningitis or encephalitis, two potentially life-threatening illnesses. Diagnosis is made through a blood test, but no specific medication exists to treat or cure the

disease.

For more WNV prevention information or to report a dead bird or animal, call CCDPH at (708) 492-2650, or visit these sites: www.cookcountypublichealth.org

www.cdc.gov/ncidod/dvbid/westnile/index.htm

www.idph.state.il.us/envhealth/wnv.htm

The Illinois Department of Public Health has established a toll-free information line on WNV: (866) 369-9710.

Volunteer Firefighter Job Protection

Gov. Rod R. Blagojevich signed legislation on Aug. 16th that protects volunteer emergency medical technicians (EMTs), ambulance personnel and other fire services volunteers from losing their jobs when they take time off to assist in local emergencies.

House Bill 594 provides volunteer EMTs and other volunteer fire services workers with job protection and allows employers to request reasonable verification from the employee to prevent false claims. This move expands the Volunteer Firefighter Job Protection Act, signed into law by Gov. Blagojevich last summer, which protects the jobs of volunteer firefighters in communities with less than 3,500 residents.

The new law will be particularly helpful in rural communities, where volunteers are most needed.

Nearly 70 percent of Illinois' municipalities, particularly small towns and rural areas, rely heavily on volunteer firefighters, EMTs, ambulance drivers and attendants and other first responders.

Volunteer EMTs, paramedics and firefighters assist in providing immediate medical attention in emergencies, which include automobile accidents, heart attacks, drowning, childbirth, gunshot wounds and fire emergencies. They also provide vital pre-hospital attention and care for the sick or injured and transport them safely to hospitals or medical facilities.

Seniors Meet

The Worth Township Seniors' next general meeting will be on Friday, Sept. 2nd. The meeting will start at 12:30 p.m. Entertainment for the day will be a group of men singing barbershop-type music.

The meeting is held in the gym of the Worth Township Center, 11601 S. Pulaski in Alsip. For more information, you can call (708) 371-2900, ext. 28.

Library Holiday Closing

The Oak Lawn Public Library, 5300 W. 95th St., will be closed Monday, Sept. 5th in observance of Labor Day.

The library's regular hours are Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Friday and Saturday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. The library resumes Sunday hours, 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. on Sept. 18th.

Special Recreation

South West Special Recreation Association (SWSRA), an agency that provides year-round recreation programs for individuals with disabilities, is offering many programs for the Fall season.

Whether it is bowling, aerobics, theater, social clubs, or evening trips, one is guaranteed to have fun. Come in and sign up. Registration is going on now.

For more information, call SWSRA at (708) 389-9423.

Annual Notre Dame Conference

A group of scholars and administrators from Benedictine University has been selected to lead a panel discussion during the Notre Dame Center for Ethics and Culture 2005 Annual Fall Conference, "Joy in the Truth: The Catholic University in the New Millennium," from Sept. 29th to Oct. 1st at the University of Notre Dame in South Bend, Ind.

The conference will bring together hundreds of Catholic, Christian and secular scholars representing all the main academic fields to discuss a broad range of issues relating to the way a Catholic university can best respond to the call by the late Pope John Paul II for a renewal of Catholic institutions of higher learning.

The panelists representing Benedictine University will include Daniel J. Julius, Ph.D., Provost and Vice-President for Academic Affairs at Benedictine University; John Kevin Doyle, Ph.D., Associate Professor of Business Administration; and Alicia Cordoba Tait, D.M.A., Associate Professor and Chair of the Dept. of Fine and Performing Arts.

The session, titled "The Active Embrace of Ex Corde Ecclesiae: The Case Study of a Small Liberal Arts University," will explore how the dialogue between faith and reason is being approached at Benedictine University, ongoing challenges associated with the embrace of Ex Corde Ecclesiae, and how those lessons might be applied elsewhere. Among the speakers scheduled to address the conference are: Bishop John D'Arcy of the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend; Robert Sloan, President Emeritus of Baylor University; John Finnis, Professor of Law and Legal Philosophy at Oxford University; John Cavadini, Chair of the Dept. of Theology at Notre Dame; Helen Alvare, Associate Professor of Law at the Catholic University of America; and Rev. Kevin Wildes, S.J., President of Loyola University, New Orleans.

Emergency Drought Relief Program

Victims of the severe drought which has affected thousands of agriculture producers throughout the state over the last several months can now apply for low-interest loans through local participating financial institutions under Illinois State Treasurer Judy Baar Topinka's Emergency Drought Relief Program.

Topinka said the State Treasurer's Office has pledged \$100 million in low interest loans through local financial institutions in the 101 counties affected by the drought. The U.S. Agriculture Secretary Mike Johanns issued a disaster declaration as a result of the

severe drought conditions that have caused huge crop losses.

Farm service agency assessments report that 117,000 Illinois farmers have suffered production losses this year. That includes 74,000 farmers who estimated that the drought had destroyed 30% or more of their crops and 16% who said they've lost the year's crops all together.

Through the Treasurer's Emergency Drought Relief Program discounted state deposits are made through local financial institutions to fund loans at much less than the prevailing interest rate for consumer loans.

Picnic In The Park

The Oak Lawn Chapter of Aglow International will hold its annual Picnic In The Park on Saturday, September 24th at the Wolfe Wildlife Center, 109th & Laramie in Oak Lawn from noon to 3 p.m.

There will be no charge for anyone, including guests, but there will be a freewill offering. The menu will depend on food donations. So, members are encouraged to bring their picnic favorites.

This is the sixth picnic for Oak Lawn Aglow and the planning is in the works. As in the past, New Creations will be there to minister in song. There will be face painting and games, an adult's raffle, bingo and a free door prize drawing. There will also be information available on upcoming dinner meetings.

If you would like to attend or help out, even for only an hour or two, your participation is welcomed.

The picnic is a ministry meant to touch lives and lend support to others. If you are in need of a friendly face or just a time to relax and spend the day alone or with your family, come and join in.

Aglow International is an inter-denominational organization of renewed Christian women with a fellowship of over 2,600, which regularly holds meetings, retreats and conferences on six continents. Aglow holds bible studies and publishes leadership training materials, books and tracts, which reach out to women in prisons and hospitals.

If you would like more information, call Linda at (708) 425-6957 or Gladys at (773) 582-1517.

Seeking Crafters

Mount Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church, 10400 S. Kostner Ave., is seeking further information, contact Ruth Peterson at (773) 238-6501. Crafts Fair to be held on Saturday, Nov. 5 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Table rental is \$25. For applications and further information, contact Ruth Peterson at (773) 238-6501.

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Thoughts On Health & Nutrition

by
Lucinda K. Lysen, RD, RN, BSN

ATHLETES AND DEHYDRATION

Most everyone these days - athletes or not - is aware of the importance of avoiding dehydration. But recreational athletes thinking that "the more fluids I drink, the better off I will be" could potentially put themselves at risk for low sodium (salt) levels in their blood. This occurs when sodium concentration falls abnormally low, causing swelling in the brain which can lead to seizures, coma and even death. Drinking more fluid than what is lost in sweat is a key risk factor for low sodium blood levels, but it can also occur in dehydrated athletes during prolonged exercise. This is a result of large sodium losses in sweat. Also, normal fluid replacement recommendations may be inadequate for people who engage in vigorous physical activity - especially in warm temperatures - or who are heavy sweaters or "salty" sweaters.

To avoid having your blood sodium level fall below normal during exercise, there are some strategies you can undertake. Physically active people should limit their fluids to no more than is needed to minimize dehydration, and should also consume sodium in food or drink during prolonged exercise (two hours or more). To be certain fluid intake does not exceed sweat loss, athletes should weigh themselves before and after training and adjust their fluid intake accordingly. Gaining weight during exercise is a warning sign of excessive fluid intake. Athletes should avoid overdrinking before training or competing as this can lower blood sodium levels before the event.

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Awareness Of Meat-Cancer Link Drops

The latest results from a survey conducted every two years by the American Institute for Cancer Research (AICR) show that the number of Americans who correctly identify diets high in red meat as a risk factor for developing cancer has dropped by nine percentage points since 2001, to just 30 percent.

The experts at AICR are concerned about the drop because it is one of few consistent trends in cancer risk awareness observed over the course of three biennial *Facts vs. Fears Surveys*. The latest survey, trended with previous data, can be found online at www.aicr.org/survey/.

"Today, even fewer Americans recognize that diets high in red meat increase cancer risk," said Karen Collins, RD, AICR Nutrition Advisor. "That's particularly troubling because awareness of this particular link was low even when we started conducting these surveys in 2001."

Only 39 percent of Americans were aware of the link between red meat and cancer in 2001. At that time, nutrition experts at AICR and elsewhere saw that low level of awareness as cause to redouble education efforts.

The new survey, which shows an alarming downward trend, has raised the obvious questions: why is awareness of this particular link one of the few that has seen any change, and why has that change been in the wrong direction? The answer, experts believe, lies in a combination of factors. They point to the popularity of high-protein diets over the past few years. Such diets encouraged Americans to think about meat chiefly as a tool for quick weight loss.

The issue was clouded further by the efforts of meat marketers to downplay health risks by emphasizing leaner cuts as "heart-healthy" options. Yet, AICR experts point out that even lean red meat poses cancer risks.

Diet More Crucial Than Supplements

In a special communication piece that appears in the July 20th issue of the *Journal of the American Medical Association (JAMA)*, Alice Lichtenstein, DSc, senior scientist and director of the Cardiovascular Nutrition Laboratory at the Jean Mayer U.S. Dept. of Agriculture (USDA) Human Nutrition Research Center on Aging at Tufts University, and the Center's director and senior scientist, Robert Russell, MD, report that the most promising data on nutrition and optimal health outcomes relate to dietary patterns, not nutrient supplements. They further state that there are insufficient data to justify altering public health policy from an emphasis on foods and dietary patterns to one on supplements.

The authors emphasize that nutrient supplementation, particularly for certain at-risk populations, has an important place in health care. However, they point out that there is an important difference between observing associations between particular nutrients and health outcomes and detecting causal connections.

"Perhaps no better example exists than the disheartening results of the vitamin E intervention trials for the prevention of cardiovascular disease," says Russell. Lichtenstein explains that although observational studies suggest positive effects, "we lack supporting evidence from intervention trials, and that is critical for making recommendations to the public."

Data are insufficient in other areas as well, according to Lichtenstein. "Disease-nutrient relationships are by their nature very complex. Within the context of high dose nutrient supplementation, outcomes are frequently unexpected. Not only have some studies failed to yield positive results, but occasionally unanticipated negative effects have been observed."

The authors point out that some of the unanticipated findings from high dose single or nutrient cocktails may be because the levels used are much higher than those necessary to prevent deficiency disease. In one study, adding a nutrient antioxidant cocktail to a well established cholesterol-lowering drug treatment actually lessened the beneficial effect. "We still have a lot to learn about the use of high doses of nutrients. The important point is to prevent the cart from getting in front of the horse; we need to validate the science before there is wide scale adoption by the general public as we saw with vitamin E. We can no longer automatically assume there will be no adverse consequences," notes Lichtenstein.

In their overview of the existing literature, Lichtenstein and Russell, both professors at Tufts University's Friedman School of Nutrition Science and Policy and School of Medicine, note that their caution is "based on the lack of a complete understanding of nutrient requirements and interactions, and disappointing results of intervention studies with single nutrients or nutrient cocktails."

"The identification, isolation and purification of nutrients in the early 20th century raised the possibility that optimal health outcomes could be realized through nutrient supplementation," write the authors, but this advance has been "a double-edged sword."

While the current expert opinion is that there is not enough evidence to justify emphasizing nutrient supplements instead of food and diet for maintaining good health, this topic remains under rigorous research, and new data is published regularly. Based on the available information, the authors say, "eat a diet rich in fruits, vegetables, low-fat dairy products, whole grains and fish."

Vaccination Legislation Signed

A bill sponsored by State Sen. Ed Maloney (D-18) helping residents of nursing homes and assisted living facilities with their flu vaccines was signed into law at a recent signing ceremony.

Senate Bill 1220 requires all home health agencies to provide for the administration of the flu vaccination, unless the vaccine is not medically suggested, or the patient chooses not to participate.

The home health agency will document the patient's record as to whether the vaccinations were administered, refused or not medically suggested.

It also allows assisted living, shared housing facilities, and nursing homes to contract with a third party for the administration of the shots.

Proponents of the legislation include AARP, the Illinois Healthcare Assn. and the Illinois Home Care Council.



St. Francis Hospital School Supply Drive Benefits Local Schools

The Mission Awareness Team at St. Francis Hospital & Health Center in Blue Island sponsored its annual school supply drive Aug. 9. This year's collection will benefit three schools in Calumet Public School District 132. Thanks to the generous donations of St. Francis employees and their families, the team collected 27 boxes of school supplies, including crayons, pencils, scissors and more. Pictured left to right: Mission Awareness Team members Olivia Mitchell, Mary VanMeter and Patty Morrone.

Red Cross Emergency Preparation

Join the American Red Cross of Greater Chicago's Together We Prepare campaign and help make your family and community safer. The campaign is designed to educate Chicago and suburban residents about the five basic steps necessary to be prepared for an emergency: creating a family disaster plan, assembling a disaster supplies kit, learning a lifesaving skill, donating blood regularly and volunteering to keep your community safe.

The Red Cross offers the following opportunity to "get trained" at the Chicago South Side American Red Cross Community Facility, 1550 W. 88th St. For more information about complete course schedules or prerequisite information, visit www.chicagoredcross.org. To register for courses, call 1(800) 337-2338.

The Infant and Child CPR course is designed for childcare providers, teachers, parents and others who care for children, and teaches participants how to recognize and care for breathing and cardiac emergencies in infants and children up to 8 years of age. Participants take home a refresher skills card as well as information about preventing injuries. The class will be held on Friday, Aug. 5th from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. The fee is \$45.

Standard first aid/AED with infant and child CPR will take place on Monday, Aug. 15th from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. In addition to CPR, this course also includes training in using an automated external defibrillator (AED) on a victim of sudden cardiac arrest. Fees are \$75 for Adult CPR, Standard First Aid and AED; \$125 for Adult CPR, First Aid, AED, Infant/Child CPR.

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Veterans And Soldiers News

By Lori Taylor

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The U.S. Senate adopted Bill S.806 (The Wounded Warrior Bill) by a voice vote, which would create a supplemental disability insurance program for members of the armed services. This bill would provide immediate payment to injured service members and their families as a part of their Servicemembers Group Life Insurance (SGLI). The coverage will provide between \$25,000 and \$100,000 depending on the severity of injury for just \$1 per month. The money is intended to offset the costs families incur when they leave homes and jobs to be with their loved ones while recuperating in military hospitals. This is the same coverage available to the civilian sector for years. You are being asked to contact your legislators and urge them to support this bill. Our troops all over the world are defending our freedom so now is the time to do the right thing for them and their families. This report was from the Washington Weekly dated Aug. 14th.

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On July 21st, the Department of Veterans Affairs, in setting up the fiscal 2005-06 health care budget, underestimated the needs of billions of dollars. The VFW, Amvets, Paralyzed Vets and Disabled American Veterans Organizations are all speaking out that the VA's efforts were flawed. John Furgess, the VFW Commander-in-Chief, stated that the VA must change the way it projects future health care needs. Proper funding affects all of the VA medical centers and clinics. Sept. 30th is the end of the government fiscal year and funding OR lack of it will: Shorten hours of operation at the various facilities; Employees leaving will not be replaced; There will be less skilled employees; Less expensive prescription drugs will be prescribed. "This is affecting the accessibility and quality of health care services to our veterans and is of utmost importance. We must act and contact our congressmen, urging them to find a long-term solution to a growing problem," said Furgess.

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Navy Seaman Recruit Jason E. Parks, son of Thelma Parks of Harvey, recently completed U.S. Navy basic training at Recruit Training Command, Great Lakes. Parks is a 2002 graduate of Morgan Park High School in Chicago.

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Navy Seaman Lucas E. Edmonds, son of Jerreen and Jerry Edmonds of Midlothian, recently completed basic training at Recruit Training Command, Great Lakes, and received the United Service Organization Award. Edmonds is a 2004 graduate of Oak Forest High School.

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Elizabeth A. Wood graduated from the Army ROTC (Reserve Officers Training Corps) Leader Development and Assessment Course, also known as "Operation Warrior Forge," at Fort Lewis, Tacoma, Washington. She is the daughter of Lawrence and Bernadette Wood of Evergreen Park. Wood is a 2002 graduate of St. Ignatius College Preparatory School and is currently attending St. Xavier University, both in Chicago.

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Navy Hospitalman Apprentice Vincent R. Jordan, a 2004 graduate of Thornton Township High School in Harvey, recently graduated from the Basic Hospital Corps School at Naval Hospital Corps School, Great Lakes. Jordan joined the Navy in February 2005.

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Hometown Murray Post 9773 will host their annual Steak Fry on Saturday, Sept. 3rd from 5 to 8 p.m. at the post home, 9092 Main St. in Hometown. The cost is \$8 per person which includes a fresh 'butcher cut' steak, baked potato, salad, corn on the cob, and dessert table. Carry-outs are available.

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The 16th District VFW and Ladies Auxiliary have been planning the Homecoming Luau for state president Ruth Ann Smit which will be held at the Bremen VFW Post 2791 in Tinley Park, 172nd and Oak Park Ave. Ruth is a member of the Alsip VFW Auxiliary 450 and a resident of Chicago Ridge. There will be cocktails at 4:30 p.m. with dinner, entertainment, dancing and program to follow. Tickets are limited and at the last count there were only 20 left (if you are interested in coming, call me at the above number). The planning started when Vince Olivo of Orland Park VFW 2604 was district commander and Evelyn Huesmann of Steger Auxiliary 8283 was the president. The current district commander is John Dudash of VFW Post 7454 in Palos Heights and the district president is Mary Jayne Fitzpatrick, Owen W. Winter Jr. Auxiliary 4241 in Oak Forest. The chairman, Maggie Davis, a past 16th district president, is also from Auxiliary 4241.

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Good-bye for now, God bless you and God bless America!



Ceremony For Veterans

The Midlothian VFW Post 2580 and American Legion Post 691 color guards took part in the ceremonies at the Moving Wall in Country Club Hills, Aug. 14th through 17th. Pictured left to right in the front row are: VFW Commander Bill Burtner, Officer of the Day Paul Guerrero, Ralph Wahlgren, Al Schaffenberg, Art Schultz and George Doeden. Back row left to right: Dave Lugo, Joe Oulette, Rick Broulei, who has just returned from Iraq, Jerry Crittendon, Craig Miller and Paul Klimzak, Post 691 Commander.

Illinois Patriot Plan

Gov. Rod R. Blagojevich on Aug. 21st signed into law the Illinois Patriot Plan, which will protect soldiers from unfairly being charged early termination fees on their cellular phone contracts or motor vehicle leases, and will prohibit utility companies from turning off electricity or gas services while they are on active duty. The legislation will also protect soldiers and their immediate family members from interest rate hikes by creditors, or untimely termination of their insurance policies due to nonpayment while on active duty.

"Soldiers on active duty are bravely defending our country. The last thing they should have to worry about is having to pay extra fees for canceling their cellular phone contracts because they have been sent to Iraq or Afghanistan," said Gov. Blagojevich. "This legislation helps us protect their families and their rights."

Senate Bill 2060 creates the Military Personnel Cellular Phone Contract Termination Act. Under the new Act, companies are prohibited from charging soldiers on active duty and their families penalties for terminating a cell phone contract before it's been completed.

The legislation also makes possible for Illinois Dept. of Central Management Services to enter into a contract to purchase bulk long distance telephone services

and make them available to the active duty soldier's immediate family members.

The bill amends the Illinois Municipal Code and the Public Utilities Act, by prohibiting municipalities or companies owning a public utility, to turn off a service member's gas or electricity, and by providing for arrangements in which active duty personnel can pay their bills upon returning from deployment.

Additionally, the Illinois Patriot Plan will make sure that life insurance policies for members of armed services, reserve forces or the Illinois National Guard will not be terminated during their military service due to nonpayment; will allow the courts to help deployed service personnel to adjust their rental agreements; and will provide that soldiers on active duty can terminate any motor vehicle lease with a written notice and proof of deployment, without incurring early termination charges.

SB 2060 also bans creditors from increasing a soldier's interest rate by more than 6 percent per year. Spouses of deployed personnel are also protected under this provision. In order to be able to benefit from all these provisions, family members must provide proof that the soldier was called to active duty. The legislation becomes effective immediately.

Gov. Blagojevich Urges President Bush To Release Additional Oil Supplies

Illinois Gov. Rod R. Blagojevich on Aug. 17th called on President George W. Bush to help bring down the cost of gasoline in the United States by releasing additional oil supplies from the Strategic Petroleum Reserve. The Reserve is expected to reach capacity at 700 million barrels later this month. In a letter, Gov. Blagojevich urged the President to use his authority to provide consumers relief from record-high gas prices.

Illinois residents are now paying an average of \$2.62 per gallon at the pump - 10 cents higher than the national average, and 73 cents more per gallon than they paid for gas this time last year.

The governor urged President Bush to use the country's oil reserve to increase supply and bring temporary relief at the pump while the cost of foreign crude oil soars. According to the United States Dept. of Energy, the Strategic Petroleum Reserve will reach its full capacity of 700 million barrels this month.

In his letter to the President, the governor pointed out that in 2000, an oil swap was used to withdraw 30 million barrels over a 30-day period. The move helped bring prices down by more than \$6 per barrel and wholesale gasoline prices by 14 cents per gallon. At that time, a barrel of oil cost \$33. Today, that same barrel of oil costs \$66.

Offices Close For Labor Day

All Secretary of State offices and facilities will be closed Monday, Sept. 5th for Labor Day. Secretary of State Jesse White announced recently. They will resume normal business hours Tuesday, Sept. 6th.

Driver Services facilities outside of Cook County, and also the Chicago West, Midlothian, Diversy Express and Niles facilities that are normally closed on Mondays, will be closed on Saturday, Sept. 3rd, as well as Monday, Sept. 5th. These facilities will resume normal business hours on Tuesday, Sept. 6th.

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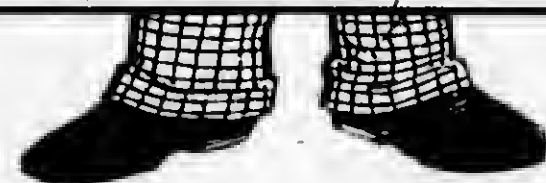
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., Plaintiff, vs. Earnest Hairston, et al., Defendants. No. 02Ch-9740. PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above entitled cause on August 2, 2004, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Monday, September 12, 2005 at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 W. Madison St., Suite 718A, Chicago, IL, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described mortgaged real estate: Commonly known as 3300 W. 83rd Place, Chicago, IL 60652. The mortgaged real estate is improved with a single family residence and will NOT be open for inspection. The judgment amount was \$81,288.21. Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance, by certified funds, within 24 hours. The sale shall be subject to general taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and any prior first mortgages. The subject property is offered for sale without any representation as to quality of title or recourse to Plaintiff. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information. For information: Sale Clerk, Shapiro & Kreisman, 4201 Lake Cook Road, 1st Floor, Northbrook, IL 60062. (847) 498-9990, between the hours of 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. only. 141588C IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as Nominee for Fieldstone Mortgage Company and/or its Successors, Plaintiff, vs. Lawrence S. Pinson, et al., Defendant. Case No. 05Ch-2905. PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on May 2, 2005, The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 a.m. on September 27, 2005, in its office at 33 N. Dearborn St., 10th Floor, Chicago, IL 60602-3100, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as: 7712 Monitor Ave., Burbank, IL 60459. The real estate is improved with a single family residence. The judgment amount was \$211,622.28. Sale terms: <u>25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction;</u> the balance, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale. The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information. For information contact Plaintiff's Attorney: The Sale Clerk, COULIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 N. Frontage Road, Suite 100, Burr Ridge, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876 Ext. 1320. Please refer to file number 14-05-1698. NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act you are advised that Plaintiff's Attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. 140849C	IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Washington Mutual Bank, FA, successor by Merger to Bank United, Plaintiff, vs. Debra A. Holliday a/k/a Debra A. Holiday a/k/a Debra Holiday, et al., Defendants. No. 03Ch-1910. PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above entitled cause on August 19, 2003, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Monday, September 12, 2005 at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 W. Madison St., Suite 718A, Chicago, IL, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described mortgaged real estate: Commonly known as 2868 W. 83rd Place, Chicago, IL 60652. The mortgaged real estate is improved with a single family residence and will NOT be open for inspection. The judgment amount was \$77,552.10. Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance, by certified funds, within 24 hours. The sale shall be subject to general taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and any prior first mortgages. The subject property is offered for sale without any representation as to quality of title or recourse to Plaintiff. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information. For information: Sale Clerk, Shapiro & Kreisman, 4201 Lake Cook Road, 1st Floor, Northbrook, IL 60062. (847) 498-9990, between the hours of 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. only. 141586C Sell Your Auto In The Classified Section. Call (708) 388-2425 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois, County Department — Chancery Division. National City Mortgage Company, Plaintiff, vs. Bernarda Gluszyk a/k/a Bernarda K. Bluszyk, et al., Defendants. Case No. 05Ch-2574. PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on May 24, 2005, The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 a.m. on October 4, 2005, in its office at 33 N. Dearborn St., 10th Floor, Chicago, IL 60602-3100, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as: 8059 Leamington Ave., Burbank, IL 60459. The real estate is improved with a one story single family home with gray siding and attached one car garage. The judgment amount was \$137,613.17. Sale terms: <u>25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction;</u> the balance, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale. The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information. For information: Visit our website at http://service.atty-pierce.com, between the hours of 3 and 5 pm only. PIERCE & ASSOCIATES, Plaintiff's Attorneys, One N. Dearborn St., Ste. 1300, Chicago, IL 60602, (312) 476-5500. Please refer to file number PA0500995. NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act you are advised that Plaintiff's Attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. 140308C	IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Chase Home Finance, LLC successor by Merger to Chase Manhattan Mortgage Corporation, Plaintiff, vs. Renee K. Johnson Burns a/k/a Renee Burns, et al., Defendant. Case No. 05Ch-1758. PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on April 27, 2005, The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 a.m. on September 7, 2005, in its office at 33 N. Dearborn St., 10th Floor, Chicago, IL 60602-3100, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as: 15553 Lockwood Ave., Oak Forest, IL 60452. The real estate is improved with a single family residence. The judgment amount was \$108,984.57. Sale terms: <u>25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction;</u> the balance, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale. The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information. For information contact Plaintiff's Attorney: The Sale Clerk, COULIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 N. Frontage Road, Suite 100, Burr Ridge, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876 Ext. 1320. Please refer to file number 14-05-842. NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act you are advised that Plaintiff's Attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. 142130C IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Federal National Mortgage Association, Plaintiff, vs. Dawn Rollo, et al., Defendants. No. 04Ch-19281. PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above entitled cause on February 9, 2005, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Monday, September 12, 2005 at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 W. Madison St., Suite 718A, Chicago, IL, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described mortgaged real estate: Commonly known as 8841 S. Central Ave., Oak Lawn, IL 60453. The mortgaged real estate is improved with a single family residence and will NOT be open for inspection. The judgment amount was \$175,291.45. Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance, by certified funds, within 24 hours. The sale shall be subject to general taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and any prior first mortgages. The subject property is offered for sale without any representation as to quality of title or recourse to Plaintiff. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information. For information: Sale Clerk, Shapiro & Kreisman, 4201 Lake Cook Road, 1st Floor, Northbrook, IL 60062. (847) 498-9990, between the hours of 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. only. 141591C	IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., Plaintiff, vs. Cleveland Davis a/k/a Cleveland Davis, Jr., et al., Defendants. No. 04Ch-20250. NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE Fisher & Fisher, file #62338. (It is advised that interested parties consult with their own attorneys before bidding at mortgage foreclosure sales.) PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered on June 22, 2005 in the amount of \$144,097.25, Kallen Financial & Capital Services, Inc. as Selling Official will at 11:30 a.m. on September 28, 2005 at 175 W. Washington Street, Chicago, IL, sell the following described real property to the highest bidder at auction for cash: C/K/A: 3429 W. 76th Pl., Chicago, IL 60652. The improvements on the property consist of a masonry multi-level single-family dwelling with separate garage. The property will NOT be open for inspection. Sale terms: property offered "as-is," with no express or implied warranties; sale subject to general real estate taxes, special taxes, special assessments, and superior liens, if any; 10% of successful bid to be paid at conclusion of auction and balance by noon the next business day, both by cashier's checks; and no refunds. After confirmation of the sale by the court, the successful bidder will receive a Selling Official's Deed. For information, contact the Sales Officer at the office of the Plaintiff's attorneys, Fisher & Fisher, 120 N. LaSalle Street, Chicago, IL (312) 372-4784, between 1:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. Monday through Friday; however, under Illinois law the Sales Officer is not required to provide information in addition to that contained in this notice. 144425C IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., Plaintiff, vs. Kimberly Brown, et al., Defendant. Case No. 05Ch-3052. PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on April 19, 2005, The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 a.m. on September 29, 2005, in its office at 33 N. Dearborn St., 10th Floor, Chicago, IL 60602-3100, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as: 5348 Waterbury Dr., 1903, Crestwood, IL 60445. The real estate is improved with a condominium. The judgment amount was \$108,546.71. Sale terms: <u>25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction;</u> the balance, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale. The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information. For information contact Plaintiff's Attorney: Kropik, Papuga & Shaw, 120 S. LaSalle St., Suite 1327, Chicago, IL 60603, (312) 236-6405. Please refer to file number 35605. Pursuant to Sec. 15-1507(c)(7) of the Illinois Code of Civil Procedure, no information other than the information contained in this notice will be provided. NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act you are advised that Plaintiff's Attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. 140870C	IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Wells Fargo Bank, NA successor by merger with Wells Fargo Home Mortgage, Inc., Plaintiff, vs. Nick Quirke a/k/a Nicholas Quirke, et al., Defendant. Case No. 05Ch-2670. PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on April 20, 2005, The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 a.m. on September 28, 2005, in its office at 33 N. Dearborn St., 10th Floor, Chicago, IL 60602-3100, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as: 11959 S. Keeler Ave., Alsip, IL 60803. The real estate is improved with a single family residence. The judgment amount was \$153,672.58. Sale terms: <u>25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction;</u> the balance, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale. The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information. For information contact Plaintiff's Attorney: The Sale Clerk, COULIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 N. Frontage Road, Suite 100, Burr Ridge, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876 Ext. 1320. Please refer to file number 14-05-1508. NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act you are advised that Plaintiff's Attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. 140835C Changing Careers? In The Classified Section for all the up-to-date job information IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Bank of New York, as Trustee, Plaintiff, vs. Debbie L. Vanderwarren-Scholt a/k/a Debbie Vanderwarren-Scholt, et al., Defendants. No. 03Ch-12241. PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on December 18, 2003, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Tuesday, September 6, 2005, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 W. Madison St., Suite 718A, Chicago, IL, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described property: Commonly known as: 3812 W. 86th Pl., Chicago, IL 60652. The improvement on the property consists of a single family residence. Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, by certified funds. No refunds. The judgment amount was \$96,237.33. The property will NOT be open for inspection. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the premises after confirmation of the sale. For information: Visit our website at http://service.atty-pierce.com, between 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. only. PIERCE & ASSOCIATES, Plaintiff's Attorneys, One N. Dearborn St., Ste. 1300, Chicago, IL 60602. Tel. No. (312) 476-5500. PIERCE & ASSOCIATES File No. PA0305910. 142469C	IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Green Tree Servicing, LLC f/k/a Conesco Finance Servicing Corp. f/k/a Green Tree Financial Servicing Corp., Plaintiff, vs. LaVaughn Fuller a/k/a LaVaughn O. Fuller a/k/a LaVaughn Fuller, et al., Defendants. No. 04Ch-17742. PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on January 11, 2005, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Thursday, September 8, 2005, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 W. Madison St., Suite 718A, Chicago, IL, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described property: Commonly known as: 13307 S. Kildare Ave., Robbins, IL 60472. The improvement on the property consists of a single family residence. Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, by certified funds. No refunds. The judgment amount was \$71,744.86. The property will NOT be open for inspection. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the premises after confirmation of the sale. For information: Visit our website at http://service.atty-pierce.com, between 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. only. PIERCE & ASSOCIATES, Plaintiff's Attorneys, One N. Dearborn St., Ste. 1300, Chicago, IL 60602. Tel. No. (312) 476-5500. PIERCE & ASSOCIATES File No. PA0406421. 142446C IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. GNAC Mortgage Corporation, Plaintiff, vs. Gerard J. Wilson, et al., Defendant. Case No. 04Ch-19210. PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on May 9, 2005, The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 a.m. on September 20, 2005, in its office at 33 N. Dearborn St., 10th Floor, Chicago, IL 60602-3100, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as: 13309 S. Kolin Ave., Robbins, IL 60472. The real estate is improved with a single family residence. The judgment amount was \$83,629.41. Sale terms: <u>25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction;</u> the balance, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale. The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information. For information contact Plaintiff's Attorney: The Sale Clerk, COULIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 N. Frontage Road, Suite 100, Burr Ridge, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876 Ext. 1320. Please refer to file number 14-04-8905. 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Sell Your Unwanted Items In The Classified Section. Call Now (708) 388-2425 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Countrywide Home Loans, Inc. d/b/a America's Wholesale Lender, Plaintiff, vs. Paul Navarro a/k/a Pablo Navarro, et al., Defendant. Case No. 05Ch-1642. PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on May 10, 2005, The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 a.m. on September 7, 2005, in its office at 33 N. Dearborn St., 10th Floor, Chicago, IL 60602-3100, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as: 10839 S. Massasoit Ave., Chicago Ridge, IL 60415. The real estate is improved with a single family residence. The judgment amount was \$153,329.65. <u>Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction;</u> the balance, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagee, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale. The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information. For information contact Plaintiff's Attorney: The Sale Clerk, COOILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 N. Frontage Road, Suite 100, Burr Ridge, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876 Ext. 1320. Please refer to file number 14-05-826. NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act you are advised that Plaintiff's Attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. 142233C	IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Countrywide Home Loans, Inc. d/b/a America's Wholesale Lender, Plaintiff, vs. Paul Navarro a/k/a Pablo Navarro, et al., Defendant. Case No. 05Ch-1642. PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on May 10, 2005, The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 a.m. on September 7, 2005, in its office at 33 N. Dearborn St., 10th Floor, Chicago, IL 60602-3100, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as: 10839 S. Massasoit Ave., Chicago Ridge, IL 60415. The real estate is improved with a single family residence. The judgment amount was \$153,329.65. <u>Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction;</u> the balance, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. 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NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act you are advised that Plaintiff's Attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. 142233C	IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Countrywide Home Loans, Inc. d/b/a America's Wholesale Lender, Plaintiff, vs. Paul Navarro a/k/a Pablo Navarro, et al., Defendant. Case No. 05Ch-1642. PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on May 10, 2005, The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 a.m. on September 7, 2005, in its office at 33 N. Dearborn St., 10th Floor, Chicago, IL 60602-3100, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as: 10839 S. Massasoit Ave., Chicago Ridge, IL 60415. The real estate is improved with a single family residence. The judgment amount was \$153,329.65. <u>Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction;</u> the balance, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagee, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale. 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The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagee, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale. The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information. For information contact Plaintiff's Attorney: The Sale Clerk, COOILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 N. Frontage Road, Suite 100, Burr Ridge, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876 Ext. 1320. Please refer to file number 14-05-826. NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act you are advised that Plaintiff's Attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. 142233C	IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Countrywide Home Loans, Inc. d/b/a America's Wholesale Lender, Plaintiff, vs. Paul Navarro a/k/a Pablo Navarro, et al., Defendant. Case No. 05Ch-1642. PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on May 10, 2005, The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 a.m. on September 7, 2005, in its office at 33 N. Dearborn St., 10th Floor, Chicago, IL 60602-3100, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as: 10839 S. Massasoit Ave., Chicago Ridge, IL 60415. The real estate is improved with a single family residence. 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Women's Equality Day

By John Flynn

Social Security District Manager

On Aug. 26th, America observes Women's Equality Day. Historically, this date marks the passage of the 19th amendment, which gave women the right to vote.

Today, women have challenging choices to make. Many spend their entire adulthood in a career or job outside the home. Some may work for a few years, leave the workforce to raise children and eventually return to work. And some may choose not to work outside the home. Whether they work, have worked or have never worked outside the home, it is essential that women understand how Social Security can help them and their families.

That is also why Social Security has a special web page on our Internet site at www.socialsecurity.gov/women entitled "For Women." Here is a sample of the information that is available there, conveniently categorized by the different "roles" that women may play throughout their lives.

Working Women - A "Benefits Planner" explains how you qualify for Social Security benefits, which members of your family may get benefits based on your earnings record, and how and when to apply. Women also can use links to outside web sites that discuss other sources of retirement income and post-retirement concerns such as housing, medical care and leisure activities.

Bride - Brides may find the information about "Changing Your Name" especially useful. If a woman marries and changes her name, she must be sure to tell Social Security and her employer about it. It can help ensure that she will get the benefits she is entitled to when she applies for Social Security. Visitors also can get an application for a new Social Security card on this web page.

New Mother - Learn about the importance of Social Security numbers for newborns and about benefits for children.

Divorced Spouse - At this link, visitors can learn if they would be entitled to divorced spouse's benefits, and also what happens to benefit entitlement if a woman remarries.

Widow - Here visitors can read about the requirements for widow's benefits, and also learn about the importance of Social Security survivors benefits in family financial planning. As the site notes, "If you are married and both you and your spouse are wage earners, you should consider survivors benefits from two perspectives. For one, when you die, members of your family could be eligible for benefits based on your earnings. You also should consider the benefits you and your family would be eligible to receive if your spouse died." Visitors can click on convenient links to learn more about each situation.

Social Security plays an important role in providing economic security to all Americans. Social Security offers a basic level of protection to all women covered by the programs. With nearly 60 percent of the people receiving benefits today being women, it is important that all women understand the benefits to which they may be entitled. Regardless of what a woman's life situation may be, Social Security's web page "For Women" at www.socialsecurity.gov/women can offer useful, practical information.

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Arthritis Legislation Signed

In an effort to improve the lives of millions who suffer from the pain of arthritis, Gov. Rod R. Blagojevich on Aug. 20th signed legislation that will increase awareness and research of this debilitating disease. One in five adults in the United States reports having doctor-diagnosed arthritis. Arthritis is the leading cause of disability in the United States, limiting daily activities for more than 7 million people. In Illinois, it is estimated that 3 million people suffer from arthritis and/or chronic joint symptoms.

"Millions of Illinoisans live with the daily pain and physical limitations caused by arthritis," said Gov. Blagojevich. "This new law will allow for more arthritis research and hopefully lead to new treatments."

House Bill 2380 creates the Arthritis Prevention, Control and Cure Act, which directs the Illinois Dept. of Public Health (IDPH) to establish, promote and maintain an arthritis program to raise public awareness and educate consumers, and to educate and train health professionals, teachers and human service providers.

The law also requires IDPH to establish a pilot program for the study of innovative arthritis public health projects

New Maps Now

Available For Distribution

Illinois Dept. of Transportation (IDOT) Secretary Timothy W. Martin announced the unveiling of the new state highway map at the Illinois State Fair last week. The new map is proving to be a bargain for taxpayers, costing the state about half of what it paid two years ago.

IDOT was able to reduce the cost to taxpayers by teaming with Best Western International as a corporate partner to offset printing costs. Under the deal, Best Western International pays the state \$105,000 and gets to display its logo on the map, as well as map distribution areas throughout Illinois.

After payment for the corporate sponsorship, the total cost to the state for the maps this year will be about \$170,000 for the 2.75 million maps produced, down from \$328,000 when the map was last updated in 2003.

IDOT produces a new state highway map every other year. The maps are distributed to the public free of charge and are available throughout the state at IDOT rest areas, tourism information centers, government facilities, and other areas frequented by motorists. Maps will also be shared through the Illinois Office of Tourism as part of the Illinois Travel kit (available worldwide upon request).

Labor Day Jazz Festival Downtown

For one week, downtown Chicago will move to the beat of great jazz performances and events that will culminate in the annual Labor Day Jazz Festival! Pre-Festival events include a free concert at Millennium Park's Pritzker Pavilion on Monday, August 29th. Obert Davis' Swinging Chicago Jazz Philharmonic will showcase its repertoire of original work as well as celebrating the 40th anniversary of Chicago's Association for the Advancement of Creative Musicians by premiering a new composition. This performance is free and the music begins at 6:30p.m.

On Tuesday, August 30th at 8 p.m., the Jazz Institute of Chicago presents the Third Annual Gala Concert entitled "A Tribute To Brother Ray: All-Star Jazz Band Reunion," at the Merle Reskin Theater, 60 E. Balbo. This is a one-time-only all-star reunion led by Marcus Belgrave and featuring David Fathead Newman, Hank Crawford, Phil Upchurch, Leroy Cooper, Phil Guilbeau, Johnny O'Neal, Pete Turte and former Raelette, Cynthia Scott. Tickets for this all-star performance are available online at www.tix.com, or call 800-595-4849.

There are two opportunities to prep for the festival on Wednesday night. One option is a free panel discussion entitled, "The Legacy of King Oliver" with Obert Davis, Franz Jackson, Bob Koester and Dr. Richard Wang, moderated by Art Lange of the Jazz Institute of Chicago. The event is presented in cooperation with the Jazz Journalists Association and will take place at 5 p.m. in the 1st floor meeting room (Washington Street), Chicago Cultural Center at 78 E. Washington Street. Call 312-744-6630 or visit www.chicagoculturalcenter.org for more information.

The Jazz Institute's Jazz Club will host a tour of the best Chicago Jazz hot spots and teach a bit of history. The tour starts at 6 p.m. and last until midnight. Tickets are only \$20 in advance and \$25 on the day of the tour. The tour covers Chicago with stops at the Green Mill on the north side, the Jazz Showcase, and HotHouse in the South Loop. To get on the bus, call 312-427-1676 or check out their website at www.jazzinstituteofchicago.org.

On Thursday, there will be two free programs at the Chicago Cultural Center, 78 E. Washington Street. At noon, in the Claudia Cassidy Theater, see "DownBeat Poll Winners Soundstage Shows," a screening of two rare Soundstage films produced DownBeat Jazz Awards shows from the mid '70s, shown courtesy of WTTW. Then at 5:30 p.m., in the Preston Bradley Hall, relax to an intimate duet performance featuring the legendary pianist and bandleader, Eddie Palmieri, with special guest trumpeter, Brian Lynch. For more information, call 312-744-6630 or visit www.chicagoculturalcenter.org.

All of these wonderful programs prelude the 27th Annual Chicago Jazz Festival running from Sept.

and implementation of community health projects. Under the pilot program, IDPH would grant money to academic and health organizations to study arthritis. Grant applications would be reviewed by IDPH, the Arthritis Foundation and the Illinois Arthritis Partnership. An Advisory Council on Arthritis would be appointed to provide non-governmental input regarding the program.

In Illinois, 22.7 percent (approximately 2.1 million Illinois adults) of the state's citizens reported having doctor-diagnosed arthritis, and another 9.1 percent (more than 850,000 Illinois adults) reported possibly having arthritis, according to data collected from the 2002 Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System. The prevalence of doctor-diagnosed arthritis was higher among persons in rural communities, those with lower income and persons with lower education levels. An estimated 163,000 Illinois adults with doctor-diagnosed arthritis (13 percent) do not have health care coverage.

Research has shown that people who started disease-modifying medications within the first year of being diagnosed with arthritis were less likely to experience disability than people who started treatment five years after the start of the disease. However, of those Illinoisans with possible arthritis, 38 percent had never been seen by a doctor for their joint symptoms, and of those with doctor-diagnosed arthritis, 57 percent were not currently being treated by a doctor for their arthritis.

The Farm Preschool

Farm and Nature Discovery Preschool at The Children's Farm will begin the school year on Sept. 12th and 13th at 12700 Southwest Highway in Palos Park.

The Farm and Nature Discovery Preschool environment is a lively hands-on community that gives children the opportunity to become creative learners through experiences with the natural world of the woods, fields, farm and animals that lie directly outside their classroom door. The preschool classroom is located in the new Anderson Activity Center at The Children's Farm.

Separate classes are offered for three-year-old children and for four to five-year-old children. Both morning and afternoon sessions are offered, two or three days per week. Children must be three years old by Sept. 1st of 2005.

A non-refundable registration fee of \$75 is required at the time of registration. Parents interested in enrollment may contact the farm preschool at (708) 361-8933 to request registration information.

1st through the 4th. Labor Day Weekend will be jazzed up for three full days of free music in Grant Park, which includes special tributes to four jazz legends, preceded by the ticketed concert at the Symphony Center on Thursday, Sept. 1st.

The Festival opens at 7:30 p.m. with the Symphony Center Concert on Thursday, which celebrates the 70th anniversary of Down Beat Magazine with a unique performance featuring three generations of world-renowned jazz musicians: Pianist John Medeski, Louis Hayes and the Cannonball Adderley Legacy Band, and the Zawinul Syndicate with Joe Zawinul. This compilation of world-renowned musicians kicks-off the weekend's celebration. Tickets are available at the Symphony Center box office, 312-294-3000 or go to www.cso.org.

On Friday at 11 a.m., the festival moves to Grant Park. Music begins at noon at the Jazz on Jackson stage and will feature, among others, Artist in Residence, Slide Hampton.

The Jazz and Heritage Family Stage opens at 12:30 p.m. Friday with a celebration of the 40th Anniversary of the Association for the Advancement of Creative Musicians with students from the organization. The Jazz and Heritage Stage combines history and information about the genre with the elements of live music.

At 5 p.m., the Danny Zeitlin trio with Buster Williams and Matt Wilson who will be "Remembering Charlie Weeks"

The 21-piece Angel Melendez & 9112 MAMBO Orchestra will also be on hand to entertain with their salsa flair. The evening ends with the Roy Haynes Quartet, a tribute to living legend Roy Haynes as he celebrates his 80th birthday. Haynes will perform along with his youthful 20-something band, proving his influence for generations past and those to come.

A "Salute to Eddie Johnson" will be featured on Saturday at the Petrillo Music Shell. The Band will feature Eric Schneider and Friend. At 8:30 p.m. the trio of John Scofield, Jack De Johnette and Larry Goldings will honor drummer Tony Williams.

Performances will begin at 5 p.m. on Sunday at the Petrillo Music Shell. You will hear "Homage to King Oliver." Le Petit Jazzband from France pays tribute to this cornet player who played much of his career in Chicago.

Sunday's festivities ends with "Jamming for Bird: a Charlie Parker 85th Birthday Event" featuring the Charles McPherson Quartet, plus special guests Frank Morgan and Donald Harrison.

In addition to the great music, the Chicago Jazz Festival features an art fair located in the rose garden just south of Jackson. The fair offers a variety of handmade crafts and artwork. Jackson Boulevard is also the locale where Jazz fans can enjoy refreshments from local vendors or relax in the wine garden.

For more information on the Chicago Jazz Festival, and a complete talent line-up, call the Mayor's office of Special Events Hotline at 312-744-3370 or go to www.cityofchicago.org/specialevents.

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Southwest Area Obituaries

Henry Spindor

Mass was said Tuesday at Sacred Heart Church, Palos Hills, with interment at Resurrection Cemetery, for Henry "Doc" Spindor, 79. He was a veteran of World War II and the longtime owner of Manor Banquet Hall facilities. He was also a member of Central Park American Legion Post 1028, the Knights of Columbus Archbishop Weber Council and the Tilden Tech Alumni Assn.

He is survived by his wife, Mary; his children, Lawrence and Susan (James) Howard; one grandchild; & his sisters, Eleanor Verdin and Marion (James) Waner.

William D. Swallow

A memorial Service was held Saturday, August 27th at the Zimmerman & Sandeman Orland Funeral Home, Orland Park for William D. Swallow.

He is survived by his wife, Patricia; his children, Sandra F. (Mark) King and Joan M. (Greg) Gerl; five grandchildren; his sister, Jean (Howard) Gaertig; and his brother, Tom Swallow.

Veronica C. Stachowiak

Services were held Monday, at Hann Funeral Home, Bridgeview, with interment at Resurrection Cemetery, for Veronica C. Stachowiak, 79. She was a homemaker and resident of Burbank.

She is survived by her children, Constance (Michael) Karp, Margaret (Patrick) Lannen, Veronica (Charles) Pfrang, Michael (Michelle); nine grandchildren; and six siblings.

Kazimierz Oberszkalski

Mass was said Monday at St. Fabian Church, Bridgeview, with interment at Resurrection Cemetery, for Kazimierz "Casey" Oberszkalski, 81. He was a member of the Bridgeview Golden Agers, the Bridgeview Senior Commission and the Burbank Seniors.

He is survived by his stepchildren, Ralph (Marsha) Rusiecki; Roger (Susan) Rusiecki and Renee (Allan) Butz; and two grandchildren.

John A. Brosius

Mass was said Monday at St. Christina Church, Mt. Greenwood, with interment at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, for John A. Brosius, who was retired from the Chicago Fire Department. He was a U.S.A.F. Veteran of the Korean War.

He is survived by his children, Barbara (Mike) Narug, John (Kathie), Sandra (Richard) Weiland, Donna (Sam) Hasan, Michael (Sharon), Kristen (Steve) Toppel, Carolyn and Thomas (Beth), 21 grandchildren and three great grandchildren.

Evelyn E. Anderson

Services were held Tuesday at the Zimmerman & Sandeman Funeral Home, Oak Lawn, with interment at Chapel Hill Gardens West, for Evelyn E. Anderson. She was a 50-year member of Olive Chapter #179 O.P.S.

She is survived by her husband, Arthur E.; her children, Suzanne E. (Jerry) Stanbrough and Deborah L. (Miles) Thomas; four grandchildren; three great grandchildren; and her sister, Elizabeth M. Altman.

Atwood DeCoster, Jr.

Mass was said at St. Julie Billiart Church, Tinley Park, with interment at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, for Atwood DeCoster, Jr. He was a 38-year employee for Kodak Company as a chemical engineer. He was also a recipient of a community award from St. Joseph's Carondelet Child Center for his work there. He was also a world War II Navy Veteran.

He is survived by his daughter, Ellen (Doug) Nelson and two grandchildren.

Evangelos Gavrilos

Mass was said Tuesday, at S.S. Constantine & Helen Greek Orthodox Church, Palos Hills, with interment at Bethania Cemetery, for Evangelos Gavrilos. He is a native of Roino, Greece.

He is survived by his wife, Panagiota; his children, Bill, Nick and Georgia (Mike) Rousis; two grandchildren; his brother, John and his sister, Paraskevi (Spiro) Laches.

Marion T. Hager

A memorial mass was said Saturday at St. Albert The Great Church, Burbank, with private interment for Marion T. Hager.

She is survived by her children, Allyn (James) Kratzer, Cathy (Vince) Cankar and Gary (Cheryl) Hager; seven grandchildren; and her brothers, Sylvester, Howard and Walter Pillsworth.

Ruby P. Pflum

Services were held Tuesday, at the First United Methodist Church of Evergreen Park, with interment at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, for Ruby P. Pflum, 90, late of Oak Lawn. She was a member of the Evergreen Park Grandmother's Club for many years, eight of which she was President and also served in other offices.

She is survived by her children, Carol Ann (Charles) Kunz, Virginia (David) Schumpp, August S. Pflum, Marilyn (Rene) Mlot and John (Nancy) Pflum; nine grandchildren; 16 great grandchildren; and her brothers, Ralph K. (Vivian) Scott, Cecil, Stephen and Donald R.

Julianna D. Rusnak

Mass was said Monday at St. Catherine of Alexandria Church, Oak Lawn, with interment at Resurrection Cemetery, for Julianna D. Rusnak, 57.

She is survived by her sisters, Marion (Ron) Humphrey, Elizabeth (William) Svatik, Lillian Bianco, Mildred (Frank) Sapyta and Barbara Snidanko.

Woodrow W. Zellers

Services were held Wednesday, at the Chapel Hill Gardens South Funeral Home,

Oak Lawn, with entombment at Chapel Hill Gardens South Cemetery, for Woodrow W. Zellers, 92.

He is survived by his children, Delores, Clyde (Melinda); one grandchild; two great grandchildren; and his sisters, Mary and Emma.

Kelth M. Fox, Sr.

Services were held Sunday at the Lawn Funeral Home, Burbank, with private interment, for Keith M. Fox, Sr.

He is survived by his children, Carrie, Keith, Jr. and Christopher; his parents, Jack and Carol; his brothers, Gary (Peggy), Robert (Dean) and Ken (Laura); and his sister Jan (Steve) Bailey.

Elaine A. Pope

Services were held Friday at the Colonial Chapel, Orland Park, with entombment at Queen of Heaven Cemetery, for Elaine A. Pope, 81.

She is survived by her children, Bonnie (Michael) Blonda, Cheryl (Joseph) Crawford; 11 grandchildren and 19 great grandchildren.

Eleanor Ohlmann

Mass was said Wednesday at St. Elizabeth Seton Church, Orland Hills, with interment at Resurrection Cemetery, for Eleanor Ohlmann.

She is survived by her daughter, Theresa Canterbury; two grandchildren; her brothers, Bruno, Joseph, Edward, Stanley (Dorothy) Frank, Walter (Virginia) and Chester (La Verne) Wolniakowski; & her sister, Jeanette

Genevieve O'Donnell

Mass was said Tuesday at St. Germaine Church, Oak Lawn, with interment at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, for Genevieve O'Donnell.

She is survived by her sisters, Eileen (Edward) Vail and Marie (Leon) McNally.

The Honorable James Joseph Meehan

Mass was said Tuesday at St. Catherine of Alexandria Church, Oak Lawn, for The Honorable James Joseph Meehan, 74. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army. He was a member of the Illinois State Attorney's Office, the Cook County Assessor's office. He was also a retired Cook County Circuit Court Judge.

He was survived by his mother, Winifred V.; his brother, Michael (Joy H. Collacot); and his sister, Judith (Leonard T.) Ryan.

Joan J. Bentley

Mass was said Tuesday at St. John Fisher Church, Chicago, with interment at Mt. Olivet Cemetery, for Joan J. Bentley.

She is survived by her husband, Peter Bentley; her children, Bridget, Trevor and Martin Bentley; her parents, William and Patricia Jacobs; her sisters, Betty Bragg, Carol (Rick) Seiner, Jeane (Mike) Vail, Rita (Joe) Baker, Nora (Mike) O'Keefe and her brother, John (Maria) Jacobs.

Anthony J. DeSalvo

Services were held Tuesday at the Robert J. Sheehy & Sons Funeral Home, Orland Park, with interment at Queen of Heaven Cemetery, for Anthony J. DeSalvo.

He is survived by his wife, Evelyn; his children, Marlene (Jim) McKane, Marian (Jerry) McFadden, John (Carolyn) and Patricia DeSalvo; six grandchildren; three great grandchildren; and his sister Theresa Zaccagnini.

Walter V. Marbach

Services were held Tuesday, at the Lawn Funeral Home, Orland Park, with interment at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, for Walter V. Marbach, an Army veteran of World War II.

He is survived by his wife Jeanne; his children, Paul (Jean), Thomas (Erin) and Patricia (Doug) Walker; four grandchildren; his sisters, Mary Simpson and Regina Mucha; and his brothers, Ralph (Madeleine), Jake, John and Ed Marbach.

Lillyan A. Ritis

Mass was said Wednesday at Our Lady of the Woods Church, Orland Park, with interment at St. Casimir Cemetery, for Lillyan A. Ritis, 90.

She is survived by her children, William D. & Marianne (David) Cool.

Frank Pittacora

Mass was said Tuesday at Queen of Martyrs Church, Evergreen Park, with interment at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, for Frank Pittacora. He was retired from the Pullman Company & Pullman Standard.

He is survived by his sister, Mamie Michels and his brother Leonard (Mary Ann) Pittacora.

Timothy Powers

Mass was said at Our Lady of the Ridge Church, Chicago Ridge, with entombment at Holy Sepulchre Mausoleum, for Timothy Powers, 43.

He is survived by his parents, John "Jack" and Rosemarie Powers; his brothers, John (Karen), Steven, Brian, and Patrick (Jodi); and his sister, Jennifer.

Richard M. Wedster

Mass was said Tuesday at St. Christina Church, Mount

Greenwood, with interment at St. Casimir Cemetery, for Richard M. Wedster. He was a Veteran of the U.S. Army. He is survived by his wife, Marcia; his children, Stacey and Vickie Wedster; his mother, Josephine; and eight siblings.

Virginia H. Zak

Mass was said Monday at St. Catherine of Alexandria Church, Oak Lawn with interment at St. Casimir Cemetery, for Virginia H. "Ginny" Zak, 75.

She is survived by her husband, Jerome K. "Jerry."

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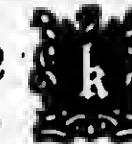


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POLICE CALLS

On August 10th David Hendzel, 47, of Oak Lawn was arrested and charged with driving under the influence and traffic violations after officers observed erratic driving near 94th Street and 54th avenue. Officers observed him veer into the southbound lane of 54th and just missing hitting a parked car. While officers were questioning Hendzel, they observed slurred speech and the odor of alcohol.

On August 11th Phillipp Pfeifer, 54, of Hickory Hills was arrested and charged with possession of a controlled substance and possession of drug paraphernalia after a traffic stop near 89th and Austin. Pfeifer, a passenger in the back seat of the van, had a crack pipe with crack cocaine. The driver, Jodi Walczak, 34, of Oak Lawn was charged with traffic violations.

On August 11th Michael Washington, 62, of Oak Lawn was arrested and charged with driving under the influence and traffic violations. Washington hit a car in the 4200 block of 93rd St. when officers responded, they observed Washington's blood shot eyes and slurred speech.

On August 14th Edison Irizaray, 20, of Oak Lawn was arrested and charged with underage consumption of alcohol after officers found him in the 4300 block of 100th Street at 2:00 a.m.

High-Tail It On Over Rustle Up Some Steak

A tip of the Stetson hat to Mattson's Western Steak House and Saloon. It's located at 8150 S. Cicero in Burbank, but you'll swear you just rode into Texas.

I suspect you're tired of puny portions and prices that are too high-falutin'. So, high-tail it over to Mattson's and have a heap of rootin' tootin' good food at square-shootin' prices. They aim to please.

It's a right neighborly western-style environment where you'll want to kick back, rip off your tie (unless, of course, it's a bolo tie) and set a spell.

When you first mosey on in and get a good gander at all the mouth-watering menu items listed on the wall, you won't have to wait for a waitress to get you in her sites. Just stampee over to the cafeteria style line and bring your best Texas-sized appetite with you.

Yahoo! The cattle drive, is in! Wrangle yourself up a flame-broiled steak, smoked barbecue ribs or, slow-cooked-to-perfection prime rib.

Or pick out a juicy broasted half chicken. They'll slap it right on your plate for you. So, you can leave your bird-dog at home.

If you're in an East-Texas, gulf coast scafood kind a mood, chow down on Mattson's catches. Choose between sumptuous deep-fried shrimp, delectable breaded cod or good ole fried catfish.

If you can't make up your cotton-pickin' mind, enjoy a gut-bustin' steak-chicken combo or a steak-shrimp combo!

There are plenty of plum good sandwiches and kids menu items just in case some young buckaroos rode in with you.

And since good meat ain't complete without a sidekick, pick yourself out some rice pilaf, choice of potato, and Texas toast; and feel obliged to belly up to the all-you-can-eat soup and salad bar, featuring over 40 fixings freshly restocked every few minutes.

Hold your horses! That ain't all! Create for yourself your very own sundae with all manner of fancy new-fangled toppings - at no extra charge!

Now, you might need a mule to haul all these inviting vittles, but it will surely be worth it.

There are three prairie-sized rooms and 285 places to sit. So, scout out a comfortable spot to camp down.

Then, take a load off. Grab your fork. Grab your knife. And ready, set, draw!

At the end of the meal, you'll look at your partner's belly and yours and you'll declare, "This town just ain't big enough for the both of us!"

Don't worry about tipping, less'n you worked up a good thirst. If so, Mattson's purdy waitresses will serve you up domestic or imported beer, wine, frozen cocktails or specialty drinks.

Or feel free to side-wind over to the neat little bar which I reckon you'll want to make your new favorite watering hole.

In keeping with true southern hospitality, Mattson's offers great parking, wheel-chair accessibility and non-smoking areas.

If you are planning a party, Mattson's will put you up in a room that will accommodate a posse of up to 70 people.

From the phenomenal food to the authentic gun cases on the wall, Mattson's Western Steak House And Saloon is a positively wonderfully western experience - and you don't have to hold up a stagecoach to afford it.

So, put a bounty on boredom and be an outlaw from the daily humdrum. Jail-break over to Mattson's. You can give 'em a holler at (708) 424-5884. Ya'll come... ya' hear! No reservations accepted.

Credit Union's Wanna Bee Kids' Club

South Division Credit Union's youngest Owners, their Kid's Club Members, recently sponsored a Night Under the Lights with the Windy City ThunderBolts at Hawkinson Ford Field in Crestwood. It was a grand night of family fun and baseball that saw the home team defeat the visiting Evansville Otters (5-3), the zany antics of SDCU's Kid's Club Wanna Bee and the ThunderBolts Boomer, plus these very active and financially precocious kids raising money for their favorite charity, the Children's Miracle Network.

"Our kids are really great," exclaims Geri Burek, President & CEO of SDCU. "They're not only some of our best Members and Owners, but they really want to be upstanding citizens actively involved in the community. I'm really proud of them tonight. And this was great fun!"

The night was buzzing with activity from the explosive bats of the ThunderBolts' to the hilarious antics of the Wanna Bee and Boomer entertaining the crowd between innings with a slapstick "Race the Mascot," "YMCA" and "T-Shirt Toss," the Kid's Club Night Under the Lights was a beautiful fair weather night for hot dogs, cold drinks, and raising money for their favorite charity with a 50/50 Split the Pot that set a stadium record of over \$800. "We raised \$450 for the Children's Miracle Network," said Burek after

the 8th inning winning ticket ceremony. "That's a lot of money when you consider this is kids helping kids," echoing the Credit Union's motto of "People Helping People."

The Doolan family of Alsip was also thrilled to have joined in the night's activities. "Not only was it exciting

to win the Split the Pot raffle," said Sandra Doolan, "but our entire family enjoyed seeing the ThunderBolts play. SDCU put together a very family-friendly event!" The Doolan's are three generations of SDCU Members and Owners. "As soon as our kids started to earn their own money, they immediately became members of South Division," added Ms. Doolan. "Our entire family is involved: my husband and I, our kids, and my husband's parents. In fact, my husband has been a member since he was a teenager. South Division membership is very important to us."

South Division Credit Union was founded in 1935 by the workers of Illinois Bell's South Division. It is now a community and family oriented financial institution serving Chicago's Southside with offices in Evergreen Park and Midlothian. SDCU's newest branch opened in 2004 at Brother Rice High School where students learn first hand how to manage money through a real financial institution that is sensitive to their special needs and abilities.



These proud SDCU Kid's Club Wanna Bees (Connor Doolan, Megan Doolan and Marrsa Fletcher) show their support for the Windy City ThunderBolts at the recent SDCU's Kid's Club Game Night.



South Division's President/CEO Geri Burek (left) presents the Split-the-Pot Raffle prize to Joe and Sandra Doolan, who donated \$40 of their winnings back to The Children's Miracle Network.

Teen REACH After School Grants

As Illinois students begin to go back to school, Governor Rod R. Blagojevich announced \$20.5 million in grants for Teen REACH after school programs for Illinois youth. Established by the Illinois Department of Human Services (IDHS) in the year 1998, Teen REACH (Responsibility, Education, Achievement, Caring and Hope) offers positive services and activities for youth between the ages of

six and 17 during non-school hours. One hundred twenty-two community-based organizations throughout the state will receive the funding for fiscal year 2006.

Teen REACH services include: improving academic performance; life skills education; parental and community involvement; recreation, sports, cultural and artistic activities; and positive adult mentors.

Mounting evidence shows that

how children occupy their time during non-school hours is directly related to their ability to achieve in school and contribute to society. A number of studies have found that children who attend quality after-school programs have better peer relations, emotional adjustment, school grades and conduct than their peers who are unsupervised after school (Posner & Vandell, 1994; Baker and Witt, 1995).

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August Announcements

Dog Days Of Summer
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Is Recycling Part Of Your Back To School Routine?

As the upcoming school year rushes into full swing, its time for new lessons: both inside and out of the halls of Chicago's schools. The City of Chicago encourages families to add to the original lessons of reading, writing and arithmetic, modifying the 3 "R's" of education by adding a fourth "R" for Recycling.

With this in mind, the City's Recycling Team is happy to provide some easy-to-use tips for parents, teachers and students to create a tradition of recycling that lasts a lifetime.

- 1) When preparing lunch for the family, be cautious to buy products made from recycled materials. Additionally, refillable containers for soup, beverages and snacks are cheap, easy to clean and fit into lunchboxes perfectly.
- 2) With autumn leaves a-falling, outdoor chores can be a burden on the family. To expedite the process, make a family game out of cleanup. Whoever fills the most Blue Bags with yard waste wins a special prize.
- 3) Before heading out to the local office supply store, look around the house to see what may be lingering under a bed or hidden in a closet. In most cases supplies are overbought, resulting in hundreds of wasted items.
- 4) After homework assignments are returned and no longer needed in the classroom, cut them up and make hundreds of sheets of notepaper perfect for phone messages and meeting reminders.
- 5) As classroom events and birthday parties fill the calendar, spread the word to fellow organizers about the importance of limiting waste. Even the smallest classroom can create hundreds of pounds of trash a month.
- 6) When changing batteries in remote controls, smoke detectors and other devices this fall, remember that thanks to a partnership with the City of Chicago, household batteries can be recycled at area Walgreen's stores and at all Chicago Public Libraries.
- 7) Make sure that a recycling plan is in place in the home to collect paper, yard waste, glass and plastic bottles. Back-to-school is the perfect time to start.

Everyone at the Chicago Recycling Team wishes students, teachers and parents a wonderful 2005-2006 school year and urges all to remember our very own three R's: reduce, reuse and recycle!

For more information on the City's Recycling team or Chicago environmentally-friendly initiatives, visit www.cityofchicago.org or call 311.

Not Paying For College

Certified Financial Planner Joseph Orsolini will present "Not Paying for College," an informative lecture for families looking into ways to save on college expenses, at 7 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 29th at the Oak Lawn Public Library, 5300 W. 95th St. To receive a special packet of handouts, in-person or phone registration is required.

For many families college tuition is the largest expense they will face. Orsolini will introduce strategies to maximize financial aid eligibility, exploit tax-savings opportunities and target the right colleges for affordability. In his more than 15 years in the financial services industry, Orsolini has acquired a diverse background that combines tax preparation, investment and insurance sales, and banking experience with college financial

aid planning. Non-registered patrons are welcome to attend this program and listen in.

A complete schedule of adult programs may be viewed at the library's web site, www.lib.oak-lawn.il.us. For additional information, call (708) 422-4990.

Library Closing

The Oak Lawn Public Library, 5300 W. 95th St., will be closed Friday and Saturday, Sept. 9 and 10 for staff training and special projects.

The library's regular hours are Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Friday and Saturday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Starting Sept. 18, the library will be open on Sundays from 1 to 5 p.m.



Create A Wreath Of Hope

On Aug. 10th Department of Illinois Third District VFW Ladies Auxiliary President, Jean Marietta (left) of McDonald Linn Chicago Ridge VFW Ladies Auxiliary #177 made her official visit to inspect Hometown-Murray VFW Ladies Auxiliary #9773. Marietta spoke to auxiliary president, Patricia Schoenbaum (right) and the members about the Department's special cancer project; the "Wreath of Hope." For every dollar donated, a piece of colored fabric representing the different types of cancer will be tied to the wire frame creating a wreath, which will be displayed at the Department convention in June, 2006. Funds will benefit the Cancer Aid and Research program.

AARP 55 Alive Limited Registration

The Oak Lawn Public Library, 5300 W. 95th St., will host a two-day AARP 55 Alive Driver Safety Program on Thursday and Friday, Oct. 13th and 14th from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. In-person registration begins Saturday, Sept. 3rd at the Reception Booth. Limited to 24 participants. A \$10 workshop fee must be paid at enrollment. Light refreshments will be provided.

This two-day classroom refresher course is designed to help

drivers age 50 and up improve their skills and develop defensive driving techniques. The class will be conducted by a representative of the American Association of Retired Persons (AARP). Many insurance companies offer reduced rates to drivers who complete the course. Participants must attend both course meetings to receive a certificate of completion.

A complete schedule of adult programs may be viewed at the library's web site, www.lib.oak-lawn.il.us. For additional information, call (708) 422-4990.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

- SEPTEMBER 2 - Friday - Worth Township Senior Citizens Org. Picnic, Worth Township Center, 11601 Pulaski Rd., Lunch 12 Noon.
- SEPTEMBER 3 - Saturday - District II "Trustee Is In," Municipal Center, 9446 Raymond, 9 a.m. to noon.
- SEPTEMBER 6 - Tuesday - Civil Service Commission, 9446 Raymond, 5:30 p.m.
- SEPTEMBER 7 - Wednesday - Appeals Board, 9446 Raymond, 8 p.m.
- SEPTEMBER 8 - Thursday - Quality Control Meeting, 9446 S. Raymond, 7:30 p.m.
- SEPTEMBER 8 - Thursday - Athletic Club Auxiliary Meeting, VFW Hall, 9514 S. 52nd Ave., 8 p.m.
- SEPTEMBER 12 - Monday - AARP Meeting, VFW Hall, 9514 S. 52nd Ave., 1 p.m.
- SEPTEMBER 12 - Monday - OL Park Board Meeting, 4625 W. 110th St., 7:30 p.m.
- SEPTEMBER 12 - Monday - Business Development Commission Meeting, 9446 S. Raymond, 7:30 p.m.

Seniors Eye Tests

The Worth Township Seniors will offer free vision screening on Wednesday, Sept. 21st from 9 a.m. to noon. This screening is done at the Worth Township Center, 11601 S. Pulaski, Alsip.

Appointments are necessary. Call (708) 371-2900, Ext. 28.

Dedicate Anderson Farm Activity Center

The Children's Farm will celebrate the dedication of its new Betty and Lowell Anderson Farm Activity Center on Saturday, Sept. 10th, beginning with a ribbon cutting ceremony and tours of the building at 4 p.m. The farm is located at 12700 Southwest Highway in Palos Park.

The Grand Opening Celebration of the Anderson Center will include a dedication ceremony at 4 p.m., followed by tours of the building until 6 p.m. An outdoor barbecue will be served from 5:30 until 7:30 p.m. Guests can enjoy touring the animal barns from 5 until 7:30 p.m., hayrides and a bonfire throughout the evening. Strait Southern will provide live country music for listening and dancing until 10 p.m.

The Anderson Center is a large new facility, which will enable the farm to expand its educational programs. Two major new programs have already begun in the building. The Farm and Nature Discovery Preschool will begin its second year of operation in the new building on Sept. 12th. The Senior Outdoor Leadership Camp offered four sessions of adventurous summer camp to teens ages 15-17 this summer. Center Executive Director Dave Sanders anticipates many new programs in the Anderson Center in the years ahead.

Both children and adults are invited to the celebration. For further information and to RSVP for dinner, call The Center at (708) 361-3650.

Have A Happy And Safe Labor Day!

Hazardous Waste Collection

Governor Rod R. Blagojevich announced the Illinois EPA will conduct additional household hazardous waste collection events this fall in partnership with local communities and organizations, on Saturdays, starting Sept. 10 through Oct. 29.

The collections to be held this fall will bring the total to 35 for this year, one of the largest numbers since the program started in 1988. Since its inception, 378 collections have been held and more than 331,000 households have participated, turning in 65,732 fifty-five gallon drums of material.

Citizens may bring oil-based paints, thinners, chemical cleaners, antifreeze, motor oil, weed killers, insecticides and pesticides and similar household products. Fluorescent and other high-intensity discharge lamps may also be brought to the collections. The public is encouraged to find alternative uses for latex paint since it is not considered hazardous.

Residents are also encouraged to bring mercury and mercury-containing products such as fever thermometers, old thermostats and elementary mercury, as part of an initiative by Gov. Blagojevich and IEPA to reduce the amount of this hazardous material in our environment.

In addition, cell phones may be turned in and will be passed on to local charitable groups if they are in working order.

Items not accepted include explosives, fire extinguishers, smoke detectors, agricultural chemicals and all business waste. Propane tanks and lead acid auto batteries cannot be accepted at most of the events, but

can be taken to local recyclers.

The collection in this area will be held on Saturday, Oct. 1st from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Andrew High School parking lot, 9901 W. 171st St. This collection is cosponsored by the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago.

Household Hazardous Waste collection schedule can also be found on the agency's web page www.epa.state.il.us.

Attacker Sentenced

Courageous Joe Lemus has been a competent and dependable employee of Beverly Records and has earned a living there for twenty years.

Moreover, this harmless 41-year-old Midlothian man is best described as a living, breathing human being with likes and dislikes, hopes and dreams, accomplishments and challenges - just like a man named Phillip Daniel.

The difference between the two is that Joe Lemus possesses and exercises qualities that enable him to respect and consider others regardless of whether or not it results in personal gain.

Phillip Daniel apparently lacked the strength to make his own way, let alone appropriate for others.

As a result, whatever after-work personal plans Joe might have had on one fateful day in 2003 were preempted when 42-year-old Chicagoan, Phillip Daniel attempted (unsuccessfully) to dehumanize him.

Daniel entered the record store, waited for the right moment, locked the door, and declared that he was robbing the store.

After finding only \$36 in the cash drawer, Daniel suddenly began strangling Lemus with a scarf until he lost consciousness. He then dragged him to the back of the store and set him on fire.

Lemus awoke ablaze and valiantly crawled to an office phone to dial 911. Beverly police arrived, broke in and tended to Lemus.

Daniel was soon found curiously hiding in a storage area of the store before being apprehended.

As for Joe, he began his uphill battle hospitalized for a month at Loyola University Medical Center's burn unit.

Two years later, Joe is reaching milestones during his honorable comeback. In March of this year, Joe Lemus returned to work at Beverly Records for a three-month stint between surgeries.

In July, he braved adversity and underwent his tenth surgery for burns on his head, neck, back and chest.

And, last week, Joe was rewarded with a little peace of mind and a measure of justice in the form of a 39-year prison sentence pronounced for Phillip Daniel for attempted murder and robbery and, unofficially, attempted dehumanization.

In an effort to clarify in Daniel's mind exactly what he was being punished for, Lemus had the Cook County States Attorney read a statement he had prepared, which detailed the pain and suffering that Daniel has caused Lemus to have to rise above.

While Daniel, hopefully, ponders his actions over the next several decades, Joe Lemus will continue to travel on the road toward recovery.

Soon, according to store manager, Jack Dreznes, Joe will be returning to work. He will be earning a living and making his own way just like any human being is entitled to.

And the ultimate justice would be if Joe were able to completely put this chapter of his life behind him and resume the pursuit of normal hopes and dreams; with routine accomplishments and challenges so that, ultimately, all Daniel will have succeeded in doing is bringing out the hero in Joe Lemus.

Offer Irish Sagas Course

The Carmelite Spiritual Center will offer a new course entitled "Irish Sagas & Folktales - II" from Sept. 26 to Oct. 31. The Monday course will be held from 10 a.m. to noon, and from 7 to 9 p.m., and is open to the public. Rev. Kevin O'Neill Shanley, a noted Celtic scholar, will teach the new course. Students may choose to attend either morning or evening sessions. A textbook is available.

In the course, Fr. Kevin will introduce such Irish sagas as "Deirdre of the Sorrows and the Sons of Uisneach"; "Oisín in Tir Na Nog (Land of Eternal Youth)"; and "The Cattle Raid of Cooley."

Fr. Kevin, whose parents are immigrants from Ireland in the mid-1920s, is a graduate of the International Summer School at University College Dublin. He has taught courses in Irish History and Literature for several decades at St. Xavier University in Chicago and elsewhere. He has also written extensively about Ireland and the Irish. Since 1977 he has written a column entitled "The Tinker's Dam" each month for the "Irish American News" of Chicago.

The Carmelite Spiritual Center is located at 8433 Bailey Rd., near the intersection of the Stevenson Expressway (I-55) and Cass Ave. North in Darien. For more information, call (630) 969-4141.

Seniors To Discover The Best Of Beverly

Festivals, shopping, restaurants and education opportunities make a neighborhood thrive, according to Willie Winters, executive director of the Beverly Area Planning Association. Local seniors will have the opportunity to find out more about all Beverly has to offer and even get the inside scoop on what's on the horizon for the neighborhood at a free presentation by Winters on Monday, Sept. 12, at 2 p.m. in the Smith Village Information Center, 10400 S. Western Ave. in Chicago.

Visitors will learn about classes and continuing education programs, upcoming festivals, events and services for seniors. Plus, Winters will offer tips on Beverly's best shopping, restaurants and transportation.

"Beverly is such a dynamic community that there is always something to discover," says Winters. "Even people who have lived in the area for decades often are delighted to learn about new offerings. With so much recent development activity in our community, there's news to share." Winters will provide the insider's perspective about upcoming development, so visitors will be in the know more about the future of Beverly.

Smith Village is a big part of Beverly's growth and development, according to Winters. Slated to open in 2007, the \$65 million community is the largest development project in the history of Chicago's Beverly neighborhood.

"Being a part of the Beverly community is such a benefit to our residents," says Bunny Sugarman, director of marketing for Smith Village. "This dynamic, vibrant neighborhood is a perfect match for the active seniors at Smith Village."

While at the Smith Village Information Center, visitors are invited to enjoy complimentary refreshments, view a scale model of Smith Village and learn more about the community that will reinvent retirement living in Beverly and the surrounding area. Visitors will also have the opportunity to be among the next 15 people to take advantage of a new incentive that could save them thousands of dollars: \$5,000 of their entrance fee or towards a decorator/upgrade package as well as no monthly fee for two full months.

Sponsored by Smith Senior Living, a not-for-profit organization dedicated to serving the lifestyle, housing and healthcare needs of seniors for nearly 80 years, Smith Village will provide independent living, assisted living, memory support and skilled nursing care. Its newly constructed campus will feature large apartments and a host of services and amenities.

For more information about how Smith Village can help seniors enjoy their retirement, call (773) 881-4950, or visit www.SmithVillage.org.

Moraine Valley Learning Center Reports Record Summer Numbers

More participants than ever attended Moraine Valley Community College's Valley Learning Center this summer. Some 1,080 participants enrolled in a variety of programs, camps and classes, resulting in a record-setting enrollment and an 11 percent increase over last year's attendance.

The Valley Learning Center offers on-campus workshops and courses for students from 4 to 15 years old who wish to pursue their interests in classes created just for them - technology-minded kids can master the latest software; future scientists can study chemistry or learn about space; artistic children can attend theater workshops, play musical instruments, or learn to paint; and young athletes will improve their abilities at sports camps.

The Valley Learning Center offered 146 sections of 60 classes, including such new classes as Lego Robot Programming, 3D Computer-Assisted Design, Introduction to Creating Web Pages, Meteorology, Arts and Crafts Camp, Introduction to Desktop Publishing, and Introduction to Photoshop.

The response from parents also was positive. In a survey distributed by staff at the Center, respondents said they "attend the Valley Learning Center program every year and refer other parents to the programs." Moraine Valley also provides a safe, positive environment.

In addition, Moraine Valley offers academic help for kids to improve their reading, math and writing skills without the stress of grades or homework. State-certified instructors teach all academic courses, so parents can feel confident about the education their child receives. Moreover, 50 percent of participants in the Valley Learning Center end up taking academic classes at Moraine Valley.

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Bridge Named In Memory Of Emmett Till

Citing Illinois' strong tradition of combating discrimination and hate-based violence, Gov. Rod R. Blagojevich on Aug. 28th issued an Executive Order creating the Commission on Discrimination and Hate Crimes. The Commission will work in partnership with community leaders, educators, religious leaders, social service agencies, elected officials and the public to identify and uproot sources of discrimination and bias at their source, and will report to the Governor and the General Assembly with recommendations on how to eliminate discrimination and hate-based violence through statute and program changes.

The Commission will also work with educators throughout Illinois to confront issues of discrimination and hate, and will ensure that prosecutors swiftly and appropriately respond to hate-motivated crimes and incidents. They will also be involved in implementing their recommendations by working with the Governor's agencies, the General Assembly, the business community, the social service community and other organizations.

The membership of the Commission consists of a chair and 20 to 30 members, all appointed by the Governor. Members may include, but are not limited to, persons who are active in and knowledgeable about the following areas: law enforcement, the criminal and civil justice system, education, human rights, business and industry, arts and culture, social services and religion. Each year by March 30th, the Commission will submit a report to the Governor and the General Assembly.

The Governor has appointed Rev. Willie T. Barrow to chair the Commission. Rev. Barrow, an author as well as a minister at the Vernon Park Church of God in Chicago, serves on the Rainbow/PUSH Coalition Board. She is also a lifelong activist, having fought against school segregation in her Texas hometown as well as working as a field organizer for Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. during the 1950s and 60s and now with Rev. Jesse Jackson.

State Rep. Larry McKeon (D-Chicago) will also serve on the Commission.

The Governor also proclaimed Sunday, Aug. 28th as Emmett Till and Mamie Till Mobley Day in Illinois and named Chicago's 71st St. bridge Emmett Till Memorial Bridge to honor the 50th anniversary of the lynching of Emmett Till and his mother's courageous effort to share his story with the world, which sparked a renewed call for justice and freedom during the Civil Rights Movement.

The Emmett Till Memorial Bridge crosses over the Dan Ryan Expressway and connects the two sides of Emmett Till Way, Chicago's 71st St. Signs bearing the new name will be installed on each end of the bridge next week.

In 1955, 14-year-old Emmett Till was slain after he spoke to a white woman in a local store in Mississippi. Mamie Till Mobley, Emmett Till's mother, insisted the public see what her 14-year-old son's killers did, despite the severe disfigurement of his body. More than 50,000 people attended the funeral, and Jet Magazine published a picture of the disfigured corpse of Emmett Till, which circulated in newspapers around the world.

The effect of Mamie Till Mobley's courageous defiance sent shock waves of grief and outrage across the nation, and enflamed racial tensions that sparked the Civil Rights Movement to extend equal protection of the law to black men and women. Just 100 days after Emmett's death, Rosa Parks refused to give up her seat to a white passenger on a Montgomery city bus and was arrested for violating Alabama's bus segregation laws.

A number of commemoration and remembrance events were held in Chicago last weekend, including a benefit musical "Music for Emmett," performances of The Face of Emmett Till, a play co-authored by Mamie Till Mobley, and the 50th Anniversary Hands Across Emmett Till Road celebration on 71st St.

Drunk Driving Fatalities Drop 5%

Illinois Secretary of State Jesse White cited a dramatic downward trend in the number of alcohol-related traffic fatalities statewide as he unveiled four new video Public Service Announcements (PSAs) in his continued effort to combat drunk driving. The PSAs were distributed statewide preceding the Labor Day Holiday weekend.

According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), in 2004, 604 people lost their lives in alcohol-related crashes as opposed to the year before when 637 people were killed. This is a 5.2 percent decrease - the largest drop since Illinois adopted .08 Blood Alcohol Concentration (BAC) standard in 1997.

This two-year trend coincides with important legislative initiatives including primary enforcement of safety belts and Secretary White's 2001 comprehensive DUI package which included mandatory jail time and fines for driving drunk

with a child in the vehicle and driving drunk at double the legal limit (.16 BAC).

The videos, which were sent out to broadcast and cable stations across the state, remind viewers of the consequences of drinking and driving.

In 2004, over 40 percent of all fatalities on Labor Day weekend were alcohol-related, according to the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT). Law enforcement arrested 40,147 drivers statewide for DUI in 2004.

Funding for the PSAs was provided through a grant from IDOT. Representatives from Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD) and Alliance Against Intoxicated Motorists (AAIM) participated in the unveiling of the PSAs.

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Governor Calls For Oil Release

As Hurricane Katrina blasts through the heart of oil and refinery operations in the Gulf of Mexico, Illinois Gov. Rod R. Blagojevich on Aug. 29th once again called on President George W. Bush to help bring down the cost of gasoline in the United States by releasing additional oil supplies from the Strategic Petroleum Reserve. The Governor also sent a letter to Illinois Attorney General Lisa Madigan asking her to investigate potential price gouging at gas pumps.

On Sunday, Hurricane Katrina, a Category 4 storm, halted an estimated 633,000 barrels of daily crude oil production, 42% of the daily average output from the Gulf Coast. At least eight refineries with a combined capacity of 1.8 million barrels per day were also shut down, according to operators. On Monday morning, gas stations across Illinois increased their prices - in some cases as much as 40 cents to nearly \$3 a gallon.

Tapping the strategic oil reserve in response to a hurricane is not unprecedented. Last year when Hurricane Ivan disrupted gas supplies, the government exchanged more than 5 million barrels of crude oil from the Strategic Petroleum Reserve.

In his letter to President Bush, the Governor pointed out that in 2000, an oil swap was used to withdraw 30 million barrels over a 30-day period. The move helped bring prices down by more than \$6 per barrel and wholesale gasoline prices by 14 cents per gallon. At that time, a barrel of oil cost \$33. Today, that same barrel of oil costs \$66.



Topinka Visits Barnyard

Illinois State Treasurer Judy Baar Topinka pictured with Patrick Holland of Bushnell, IL and Mr. Peabody, a miniature horse, at the FFA Barnyard exhibit at the Illinois State Fair. Topinka visits the barnyard every year and loves meeting the kids and the animals. FFA makes a positive difference in the lives of students by developing their potential for premier leadership, personal growth and career success through agricultural education. The FFA has been operating the FFA Barnyard at the Illinois State Fair for over 50 years. The barnyard is staffed by the five major State FFA Officers and the 25 Section FFA Presidents. On a busy day at the fair, over 10,000 people will go through the barnyard.

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Bills Signed By Governor Blagojevich

A number of bills have been signed by Gov. Blagojevich which should be of interest to our readers. We will recap a few of them below:

- According to Cook County Clerk David Orr under House Bill 1968, resident voters of Illinois will now be able to cast their ballot in person at a designated location before Election Day without having to provide a reason or excuse for voting early. The "no-excuse" early voting will begin 22 days before an election and conclude the Thursday before election day. This does not affect absentee voting, which will still be allowed by mail. However, any qualified voters who applies to vote absentee by mail must show cause as required under current law.
- The rationale behind this bill includes: the convenience for all registered voters to get out and vote and the possibility of shortening the time spent waiting to vote at the polls. Hopefully more people will participate in the elective process.
- The Illinois Department of Public Health called upon the expertise of southside elected officials Sen. Ed Maloney (D-Chicago) and Rep. Kevin Joyce (D-Worth) in initializing House Bill 2531, legislation that requires Illinois health care facilities to provide a criminal history record check for all employees, excluding physicians, hired on or after that date with duties that may involve contact with residents, access to their living quarters or access to their financial, medical or personal records. Presently, only certified nurses aides and other direct care, unlicensed staff are included in the background checks. The law is effective Jan. 1st.
- In an effort to improve customer service and accountability at the Illinois Tollway, the Governor signed Senate Bill 1964, which authorizes a one-time, 60-day Amnesty Program for toll scofflaws with outstanding toll violations. Beginning Aug. 23rd and ending Oct. 21st, violators with outstanding tolls have 60 days to pay 50-75 percent of their original fines and missed tolls, or face harsher sanctions; including increased fines, suspensions of license plates and driver's licenses, towing, booting or impoundment of vehicles, or referral to a collection agency.

For more information on how violators can make amnesty payments call 1-877-715-1235 Monday through Friday from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. or go online to: <http://vpc.illinois tollway.com>, 24 hours, seven days a week.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Editor:

Governor Blagojevich thinks anyone under 21 does not have sufficient judgment or perspective to get a tattoo. On Aug. 10th, he vetoed the provision of HB 29 that would have reduced the legal age for getting tattoos from 21 to 18.

So why does the Governor think teenagers of any age, even pre-teens, have sufficient judgment and perspective to get an abortion? Consider his logic. He stated, "As a parent, I don't want my daughters to rush to get tattoos on their 18th birthday. At that age, most kids are still in high school and don't have the judgment or perspective to decide on something as permanent as tattooing your skin. Teenagers may not realize getting a tattoo is a decision they'll live with, and potentially regret, for the rest of their lives. That's why I refuse to support legislation that allows teenagers to get tattoos."

Just replace "tattoo" with "abortion" at each occurrence above and then ask again, why does the Governor think teenagers of any age have the judgment and perspective to get an abortion? Which decision do you think is more likely to be "a decision they'll live with, and potentially regret, for the rest of their lives?" Why does Governor Blagojevich oppose even parental notification before an underage girl can get an abortion?

Bill Beckman, Executive Director
Illinois Right to Life Committee
Chicago

Early Voting Bill Approved

Illinois voters will no longer have to wait until Election Day to cast their ballots, Cook County Clerk David Orr said Tuesday, Aug. 23rd.

On Aug. 22nd, Gov. Rod Blagojevich signed a bill that will allow residents to vote in person at a designated location before Election Day without having to provide a reason or excuse. The early voting legislation promoted by Orr is part of a larger election reform package that takes effect prior to the March 21, 2006, gubernatorial primary election.

Under the bill (HB 1968), "no excuse" early voting will begin 22 days prior to the election and end the Thursday before. Absentee voting will still be allowed by mail. However, any qualified voter applying to vote absentee by mail would have to provide a reason as required under current law.

More than 30 states allow no-excuse early voting at the office of their local election authority or at designated voting locations.

Orr hopes that people will take advantage of the in-person voting provision in Illinois.

Registered voters who show proof of identification will be able to vote at designated sites in suburban Cook County or at Orr's downtown office using one of the county's new touch screen voting machines.

Officials administering early voting will be required to provide the names of early voters to the election authority for each jurisdiction. The names of early voters would be made public on a daily basis.

The counting of ballots voted during the 22-day period would take place after the polls close on Election Day just as absentee ballots are counted now.

SCORE Workshop

Attend a half-day workshop on Tuesday, Sept. 13th from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., offered by SCORE, Counselors to America's Small Business. Learn how to find your prospects and keep them as customers. This workshop is the second of four required for a SCORE Completion Certificate, helpful when seeking a loan. Attendees should be in business or planning to start a business.

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All Points Southwest

By THOMAS E. GAVIN

With the Labor Day weekend nearly upon us expect travelers to be on the highways in record numbers in spite of record gasoline prices. According to AAA Chicago's most recent fuel gauge report, the average price of regular unleaded gas in Illinois, now averages \$2.70 per gallon, which is up about 80 cents from last year's prices! In northern Indiana, gas prices now average about \$2.59 per gallon, which is up 72 cents from last year's prices.

In Cook County, self-serve regular unleaded gas now averages \$2.805 per gallon, which is up over 90 cents from last year. Drivers in Illinois are aware that gas in this state is among the highest priced in the nation. (Ask your respective legislators for details.) Add to this scenario the Hurricane Katrina disaster and analysts suggest that unleaded gas prices could climb another 20-25 cents per gallon in a few short weeks. Readers and drivers continue to ask "why."

According to the Federal Energy Information Administration, over the past two summers (2003-2005) the cost of a gallon of regular gas has risen over 60 percent. In Chicagoland, several retailers are presently charging well over \$3 per gallon.

The taxes on Illinois gas purchases are among the highest in the nation. Combine them with the recent severe damages caused by Hurricane Katrina to petroleum infrastructures in the Gulf of Mexico and you have a recipe for disaster. Any sustained interruption of the refining of crude oil, and gas and oil production in the Gulf area, will cause major economic repercussions to the region and the entire United States.

Realistically, it is up to each vehicle owner/driver to be more judicious with his vehicle usage. It is idyllic to believe that Americans will forego their automobiles and concentrate on the improvement of additional public transportation whenever possible. Only time...and continually rising costs...will bring this dilemma to a head.

Last Friday, Aug. 26th, a noon rally at the Daley Plaza in Chicago kicked off a weekend themed "Salute to Chicago's Finest," commemorating a permanent memorial to Chicago Police Officers killed in the line and performance of duty. During the rally the Motorola Corporation announced that they have made a multi-year commitment to the Chicago Police Memorial Foundation and a leadership donation of \$750,000. Motorola's donation is the largest single contribution the Foundation has received in its efforts to raise funds needed to construct the Gold Star Families Memorial and Park, located just east of Soldier Field.

A host of celebrities were present to lend their time and support to this worthy cause. They included host/comedian Tom Dreesen, actors Dennis Farina (former Chicago Police Officer), George Wendt, Joe Mantegna and Larry Manetti.

Looking for a great place to visit this holiday weekend? Chicago's Millennium Park has something for every family member. Millennium Park will be partially closed for a private event on Thursday, Sept. 8th. On that day, The Crown Fountain, Lurie Garden, Wrigley Square, Welcome Center, Bicycle Station and Harris Theater box office will remain open to the public. The remainder of the park will be closed for the entire day.

Chicagoans and visitors are encouraged to return on Saturday, Sept. 10th through Monday, Sept. 12th for the park's "Blockbuster Weekend" featuring free performances by the Lyric Opera of Chicago (9/10), the Chicago Symphony Orchestra (9/11), and Steppenwolf Theatre Company (9/12).

Located in downtown Chicago on Michigan Ave. between Randolph and Monroe Streets, the 24-acre Millennium Park is an unprecedented center for world class art, music, architecture and landscape design.

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More than 30 top leaders of the AFL-CIO state and local bodies from around the nation sent an open letter recently to

all the unions in the AFL-CIO and in Change to Win — the organization of the unions that disaffiliated from the AFL-CIO — urging solidarity at the local and state level.

The leaders asked for "good-faith efforts of all unions to re-establish the unit of the labor movement at the state and local levels," and say that they believe that the Solidarity Charter proposal offered by the AFL-CIO provides the basis for meeting that goal.

Solidarity Charters would allow a local union of a disaffiliated union to continue to be part of the central labor council (clc) or state federation. As of this writing the AFL-CIO Executive Council is still voting on whether to approve the new Solidarity Charters.

In the letter, the local leaders "recognize the willingness of the Change to Win unions to continue to support our state federations and central labor councils. We are encouraged that so many local unions of the Change to Win unions in our state have expressed their willingness to participate in our organizations as well."

What seems to be remarkable about this call for solidarity is that the very concept of allowing continued participation in local central bodies by unions which have disaffiliated from the national AFL-CIO is as unprecedented as it is important. We'll keep our eyes on this one.

A Cook County Public Health Public Hearing is scheduled for Tuesday, Sept. 13th, at 11 a.m. in Room 569 of the County Building located at 118 N. Clark St. in Chicago.

Commissioner Joan Patricia Murphy will sponsor a resolution to establish the Partners Against Animal Cruelty "PAAC" Task Force in order to promote education regarding cruelty to animals within Cook County and prevent and reduce animal abuse and other related interpersonal violence. (Co-sponsors of this task force include: The Honorable John H. Stroger Jr., President; Elizabeth Ann Doody Gorman, and Debra Sines, County Commissioners.)

The meeting will provide an open forum for all interested parties to voice their support of the need to formalize the "PAAC" Task Force and to voice their outrage against heinous acts of animal cruelty, animal abuse and dog fighting as well as a variety of other criminal activities which plague their neighborhoods.

To obtain a copy of the "PAAC" Strategic Plan or to register to speak at the hearing, call Dolores McLaughlin at the Office of Cook County Commissioner Joan Patricia Murphy at (708) 389-2125 or (312) 603-4216, or contact via e-mail to: jpmurphy@cookcountygov.com.

On Wednesday, Sept. 14th, the Moraine Valley Community College Foundation will host its 24th annual golf outing at Silver Lake Country Club, 147th St. and 82nd Ave. in Orland Park. Proceeds from this event help to fund the Foundation's scholarship-program, in addition to other programs at the college.

The Foundation's annual golf outing also provides a number of opportunities for community participation and support through various levels of sponsorship. A variety of sponsorship opportunities are available. They include: dinner sponsor, golf cart sponsor, hole sponsor, and prize donor. Each of these sponsorships will be fully recognized in the program and clubhouse and are tax deductible to the extent allowed by law. Official gift receipts and letters are provided.

For more information about sponsorship or to get your business or company involved, call the Foundation office at (708) 974-5740.

A Labor Of Love

By Dennis Heaney, President
The Christophers

Happy Labor Day!

This is decidedly a day which most Americans prefer to honor by not working at all. Labor Day weekend is the unofficial end of summer; a final chance to enjoy a trip to the beach or the mountains, or maybe a ballgame. And for many, Labor Day means going back to school and a return to real life and real work. Vacation time is over. Back to business, everybody!

Well, there's nothing wrong with that. Balancing work and rest should be part of the natural cycle of life. For too many people, though, the problem is work itself. It's either stressful or it's boring. It's too demanding or it's mind-numbing. Often, apparently, all at the same time.

Even some men and women who are good at what they do don't seem to find great meaning or simple satisfaction in their daily efforts. And that's too bad, not just for them and their loved ones but also their co-workers, who probably have to put up with their griping and discontent.

There's a story about folks like these that Father James Keller, who founded The Christophers 60 years ago, used to tell. Three laborers were asked about their jobs.

The first replied, "I cut blocks of stone."

The second, a carpenter, answered, "I earn a living for myself and my family."

The third, who carried the stone and wood for the others, said, "What am I doing? Why, I'm building a cathedral!"

It's a matter of perspective, isn't it? That's certainly what Father Keller believed.

In an early Christopher book, *Careers That Change Your World*, he reminded people that "every individual, young or old, rich or poor, in low position or high, can play an important part however small, under God, in changing our world. Mere complaining or criticizing accomplishes nothing. 'Better to light one candle than to curse the darkness' sums up our approach. In exact proportion as light is added, so does the darkness disappear."

"Because God has implanted in every human being a desire to be creative, to make a certain contribution to the peace of the world that no one else can make, the Christopher approach stresses individual initiative. As this simple, hopeful, constructive process is developed, so will the peace of Christ be restored to a weary, desolate world."

"You are important! No one else can substitute or supply the contribution that you - and you alone - can make. With this motivation, the most difficult task can become a labor of love."

There's no doubt that Father Keller liked to think big. He was firmly convinced that God gives each one of us talents and gifts that are ours alone. Whether at home, in our neighborhood - or on the job - we have a unique opportunity to make a difference.

I believe that too. That doesn't mean that every task at work is enjoyable or exciting, but it always has meaning. And it's always part of God's plan - and our mission. Make it a labor of love.

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Exelon Donates \$100,000 To Chicago Police Memorial Foundation

Exelon Corporation, proud parent of ComEd, donated \$100,000 to the Chicago Police Memorial Foundation to support fundraising efforts to build the Gold Star Families Memorial and Park, a permanent memorial to Chicago police officers killed in the line of duty. Exelon challenged Chicago businesses to match their donation to raise \$1 million towards the Chicago Police Memorial Foundation's \$5 million goal.

On Saturday, Aug. 27, donors attended the Celebrity Tribute at Arie Crown Theater, which featured comedy and music performances by a host of Chicago actors, comedians, performers and sports figures including Dennis Farina, Gary Sinise, Vince Vaughn, Joe Mantegna, Peter Cetera, and George Wendt with 'Da Bears' Mike Ditka and the '85 Superbowl Champions. The weekend salute ended at the Gold Star Families Memorial and Park site located between Burnham Harbor and Soldier Field with an all-faith ecumenical service on Sunday, Aug. 28 officiated by Fr. Dan Brandt and Rabbi Moshe Wolf of the Chicago Police Chaplain's Ministry.

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Cook County Sheriff Michael F. Sheahan (left) prepares to Vest-a-Dog at a recent ceremony where four vests were donated to the Cook County Jail's Canine Unit.

The protective gear was donated by Illinois Vest-a-Dog, a non-profit organization that raises money to purchase bullet and stab-proof vests for police dogs. In just over two years, the group has donated 100 canine vests to law enforcement agencies throughout Illinois. Each vest cost more than \$800.

The Cook County Jail canine unit provides security to the county's sprawling criminal justice facility at 26th and California. The dogs are specially trained to search for contraband throughout the jail and assist correctional officers in supervising the inmate population.

Pictured with Sheriff Sheahan, from left, are Lee Harrison from Illinois Vest-a-Dog, Correctional Officer Derrick Rhodes with partner Thunder and Correctional Officer Patrick Moerlien with partner Max.

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Statement On Gasoline Prices

Attorney General Lisa Madigan and her consumer protection and antitrust lawyers have been closely monitoring gasoline prices for possible violations of the law because of the large impact gas prices have on Illinois consumers and businesses. This scrutiny has increased in the past several weeks due to increasing prices at the pumps.

Last week, the Attorney General and her staff met with representatives of the gasoline industry to discuss the summer spike in gasoline prices. Madigan sent a letter to the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) calling on that agency to continue its monitoring of wholesale and retail gasoline prices for illegal activity. Madigan also specifically asked the FTC, consistent with its obligations under the recently enacted federal Energy Policy Act, to investigate to determine whether the price of gasoline is being artificially manipulated in Illinois by reducing refinery capacity or by any other form of market manipulation.

Madigan's scrutiny of gasoline prices has continued to increase in the wake of Hurricane Katrina. Although the ultimate impact of Hurricane Katrina is unknown at this time, Katrina has created a temporary supply disruption that has contributed to gasoline price volatility and price increases. Oil companies report that refineries in the Gulf area have shut down, and transportation of crude oil to some refineries serving

Push For Tougher Controls On Meth Ingredient Sales

With law enforcement evidence showing that methamphetamine makers coming to Illinois to buy meth ingredients that have been severely restricted in their states, Attorney General Lisa Madigan said on Aug. 26th she will propose legislation during the fall veto session to bring Illinois law in line with its border states so that Illinois does not become the "meth shopping mall of the Midwest."

Speaking at an afternoon news conference at the DuQuoin State Fair where she was joined by law enforcement and agriculture leaders, Madigan said she will propose that Illinois adopt a law similar to the one that took effect in Iowa on May 21st, 2005. According to Iowa law enforcement authorities, the Iowa law has led to a 75 percent drop in the number of meth labs reported in that state. Oklahoma officials report a 60 percent drop in reported meth labs since a similar law took effect there in April 2004.

The Iowa law makes ephedrine and pseudoephedrine (PSE) "schedule V controlled substances" - meaning that they must be kept behind pharmacy counters. Although customers wishing to purchase such products do not need a prescription, they must display a photo ID and sign a log. The law requires that single and multi-active ingredient products, tablets, liquids and gel caps be placed behind the counter.

On Jan. 1st, 2005, a law proposed by Madigan took effect in Illinois that required placing adult-strength cold tablets containing ephedrine or PSE as their only active ingredient behind store counters. The law also limited to two packages per transaction the purchase of adult-strength cold tablets containing ephedrine or PSE as the sole active ingredient or in combination with other active ingredients. Additionally, the law required education and training for retail sales personnel. At the time, the law was among the toughest in the nation and the strongest law among our border states. However, since that date, several states have passed laws more restrictive than the Illinois law to combat the meth epidemic.

Madigan said that reports from law enforcement authorities - including the Illinois State Police Meth Response Teams - indicate that meth makers from Iowa, Missouri, Kentucky and Indiana are coming to Illinois to purchase PSE products.

Illinois has been interrupted, resulting in refinery production cutbacks.

Madigan warns Illinois oil companies, suppliers and gasoline retailers against exploiting this natural disaster and taking unfair advantage of consumers by charging unconscionably high prices for gasoline. Oil companies, suppliers and retailers are encouraged to maintain production and retail availability of gasoline at levels as near to normal as possible during the recovery from Hurricane Katrina.

The Attorney General's Office is receiving reports from citizens statewide that gasoline prices have risen dramatically. Madigan will send investigators to stations to investigate these increases, and retailers and suppliers will be contacted by the legal staff. Madigan will take action against retailers or suppliers that have increased their prices unjustifiably.

Welcome Back Mass

The St. Rita High School St. Rita Chapel, 7740 S. Mothers' Club welcomes Western Ave. Meeting and all St. Rita Moms past and refreshments to follow present to their Welcome immediately in the dining Back Mass on Monday, room. Sept. 12th at 7 p.m. in the

Statement Signed By AFL-CIO President

"The Illinois AFL-CIO and union members throughout the state fought against Medical Malpractice legislation because it is inherently unfair. While parts of this legislation go after the real culprits of rising medical malpractice rates - the insurance industry - the arbitrary limits placed on damages a victim can recover only serve to block justice for the very people our system was created to protect. I can only hope that the courts will do the right thing - like they have previously in Illinois and in other states - and declare this law unconstitutional."

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ENTERTAINMENT NEWS

DePaul's 2005-06 Theatre Season

The Theatre School at DePaul University, now in its 80th year, announces its 2005-06 season.

The following plays will be featured at DePaul University's historic Merle Reskin Theatre, 60 E. Balbo Drive, Chicago.

- Saturday, Oct. 8th, to Sunday, Oct. 16th: *Othello*. Previews will take place on Wednesday and Thursday, Oct. 5th and 6th. The William Shakespeare tragedy will be set against the backdrop of the Vietnam War and racial and social issues of 1969.
- Friday, Feb. 10th, to Saturday, Feb. 19th: *The Last Night of Ballyhoo*. Previews will take place Wednesday and Thursday, Feb. 8th and 9th.
- Friday, April 14th, to Sunday, April 23rd, *Pentecost*. Previews will take place Wednesday and Thursday, April 12th and 13th.
- Friday, May 12th, to Sunday, May 21st: *Two Trains Running*. Previews will take place Wednesday and Thursday, May 10th and 11th.

Subscriptions to the Theatre School Showcase are between \$40 and \$48. Singles tickets are between \$6 and \$15. Showcase FlexPasses are available for \$48, entitling the purchaser to four tickets to use as he or she chooses during the season. Group rates are available for 15 or more people.

Post-show discussions and performances interpreted in American Sign Language are scheduled for each production. Subscribers are entitled to free ticket re-scheduling, \$6 parking coupons and other benefits.

For complete details or to purchase a subscription, call the Merle Reskin Theatre Box Office at (312) 922-1999.

Chicago Playworks for Families and Young Audiences also scheduled the following plays for its 2005-06 season.

- Tuesday, Nov. 1st, to Saturday, Dec. 3: *Mango Leaf Magic*. The play is for those age 6 and older.
- Saturday, Jan. 14th, to Saturday, March 11th: *The Boxcar Children*. The play is for those age 8 and older.
- Tuesday, March 28th, to Saturday, May 20th: *The Kingdom of Grimm: A Musical Based on Three Stories by the Brothers Grimm*. The play is for those age 5 and older.

Subscriptions to Saturday performances of Chicago Playworks productions are \$21. Single tickets are \$8. Group rates are available for 15 or more people. Free Teacher/Production Guides, performances interpreted in

American Sign Language and post-show ice cream socials with the cast are available for each production. Subscribers are entitled to free ticket rescheduling, \$6 parking coupons and other benefits.

For completed details and to purchase subscriptions, call the box office at (312) 922-1999.

The Theatre School's Musical Project production is presented at the Athenaeum Studio Three, 2936 N. Southport Ave., Chicago, with free admission.

A New Brain will be performed from Friday, Nov. 11th to Sunday, Nov. 20th, with previews Wednesday and Thursday, Nov. 9th and 10th.

New Directors Series productions are directed in partial fulfillment of the Master of Fine Arts in Directing and a presented in the Athenaeum Studio Three. Admission is free.

How I Learned to Drive will be performed from Friday, Feb. 24th, to Saturday, March 5th, with previews Wednesday and Thursday, Feb. 22nd and 23rd.

The theater school's New Playwrights Series, created to support the school's playwriting program, will present a play still to be announced from Friday, April 28th, to Saturday, May 7th, with previews Wednesday and Thursday, April 26th and 27th. The Playwright Series, now in its third year, features a new play by a current theater school student or recent graduate selected by the theater school faculty.

Further information about the theater school is available at <http://theatreschool.depaul.edu>.

Present "Jabberwock" In Dinner Theater

The Jubal Players haven't been working since June on another fun dinner theater production, just for all of you. The play is "Jabberwock" by Jerome Lawrence and Robert E. Lee and is based on the life of comic James Thurber. Before the comic shenanigans of Jim Carey or Robin Williams, there was James Thurber. Thurber had an especially interesting and bizarre childhood, which he wrote about in "The Night the Bell Fell."

The hilarity is brought to life in the play. Comic characters abound, but the love and closeness of family is certainly the central theme.

This promises to be yet another quality production by the Jubal players, a group who enjoys elevating the art of community theater. The production will be held at the First Nazarene, 12725 Bell Road in Lemont. For a wonderfully entertaining evening of great food in an intimate setting, call (708) 349-0454.

Tickets are \$18 for adults, \$12 for seniors (62+) and children (12 and under). Two weekends are available: Sept. 23 & 24 at 7 p.m. or Sept. 30, Oct. 1 at 7 p.m. and Oct. 2 at 1:30 p.m.

Call For Artists

Illinois artisans are invited to submit applications for the Illinois Artisans Program, a program of the Illinois State Museum. Begun in 1985, the program promotes the work of artisans living in Illinois through exhibitions and activities. All areas of original art and craft are eligible including folk, traditional, contemporary, ethnic and fine art forms.

Artists are required to submit the program application, 6-10 slides, an artist's statement and one-page resume, a SASE and a \$20 application fee. An application is required. Deadline for submission is Sept. 12th. Artists selected will be notified by letter in October. Once accepted into the program artists may take advantage of opportunities to showcase and sell their work in one or more of the four stores located throughout Illinois.

For more information and an application call (312) 814-1794 or send a SASE to Illinois Artisans Program, 100 W. Randolph, Suite 4-300, Chicago, IL 60601.

Tour Chicago's Plymouth Rock

Friends of the Chicago Portage will continue its series of free public tours of the Chicago Portage National Historic Site on Saturday, Sept. 3rd, at 10 a.m.

The Chicago Portage National Historic Site is on the west side of Harlem just two blocks north of the Stevenson Expressway (155). Meet at the monumental statue of Joliet and Marquette and their Native American guide at 10 a.m. Tours of the Chicago Portage National Historic Site will be conducted by Friends of the Chicago Portage every Saturday morning at 10 a.m. until the last tour of the season on Oct. 29.

Tours are approximately one-half mile in length at the newly improved trail through the woods. Wear long pants and walking shoes or boots. All tours are free and open to the public. Reservations for individuals are not required. Groups should call (773) 590-0710 for reservations.

CLASS REUNIONS

Austin High School class of 1955 will hold a reunion from Sept. 30th to Oct. 2nd at the Marriott O'Hare, 8535 W. Higgins. Call (847) 623-5800 or www.austin1955.org.

DuSable High School class of 1955 will hold a reunion on Sept. 25th from 5 to 9 p.m., \$50, Old Barn, 8100 S. Parkside. Call (773) 752-0926.

Englewood High School class of 1955 will hold a reunion on Oct. 14th and 15th. Call (773) 734-0520 or (773) 487-5325.

George Tilton Elementary School Class of 1963 and Friends will hold a reunion picnic on Sept. 17th. Call (815) 788-0905.

Little Flower High School class of 1965 and Little Flower Grammar School class of 1961 will hold a reunion on Sept. 24th. Call (708) 478-6112.

Bowen High School class of 1942 will hold a reunion on Sept. 28th from 11:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Glenwood Oaks Restaurant, \$18. Call (708) 333-5923.

Lourdes High School class of 1955 is looking for classmates for an October reunion. Call (708) 448-8874.

Bowen High School, classes of 1940 through 1949, will hold a reunion on Sept. 28th. Call (708) 333-5923, (773) 734-2467 or (630) 789-8093.

Lakeview High School, classes of 1965 and 1966, will celebrate 40 years from 6:30 p.m. to midnight on Oct. 7th at Lido Banquet Hall on Milwaukee Ave. and Chicago Ave. Call Marilyn Boncimino at (262) 728-8713 or Charles Koenig at (708) 452-7305.

Lincoln-Way High School class of 1995 will hold a 10-year reunion at 6 p.m. on Sept. 17th at Argosy's Empress River Casino in Joliet. E-mail LWHS1995@aol.com.

Morton East High School class of 1950 is looking for classmates and will hold a reunion on Sept. 16th at Drury Lane, Oakbrook. Call (847) 381-4286.

St. Bede the Venerable - 50th anniversary celebration on Oct. 1st, 6:30 p.m. Mass with celebration to follow, 83rd and Kostner. Call (773) 884-2075.

Reptiles Return To Chicago

Almost 47 million households in the U.S. have a resident reptile, according to a recent study by the American Pet Products Manufacturing Association. That number is up 7% since 2002 and could certainly be up even higher this year as over 5,000 "herp lovers" are expected to attend the fifth annual North American Reptile Breeders Conference and Trade Show in Chicago on Oct. 8th and 9th.

The cold-blooded creatures at this amazing exhibition and sale of pet-friendly "herps" are among the finest in the world. With prices ranging from \$5 to \$75,000 everything from the common gecko to extraordinarily rare breeds of snakes with unusual morphing of colors will be represented. Open to the public, this high-quality, captive-bred-only reptile show produced by ECO Wear and Publishing and Chicago Reptile House, Inc. will feature over 100 dealers from across the country offering over 10,000 geckos, frogs, iguanas, snakes, lizards and tortoises. T-Rex, Timberline and Gourmet Rodent sponsor the event.

Both the reptile connoisseur and the reptile-curious shouldn't miss this educational and exciting opportunity to encounter alternative pets along with all of the supplies needed to support a herp hobby. All of the animals at the North American Reptile Breeders Conference & Trade Show are audited to ensure compliance with all federal and state laws as well as the guidelines of the Herpetological Society and the Pet Industry Joint Advisory Council (PIJAC).

The North American Reptile Breeders Conference and Trade Show is open to the public on Saturday, Oct. 8th from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday, Oct. 9th from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Convention Center at Tinley Park Holiday Inn Select, 18501 S. Harlem Ave. (I-80 and Harlem Ave.) in Tinley Park. Weekend passes to the show are \$15 for adults; children under 13 are \$8, while children ages 5 and under are admitted free. Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts with proof of membership will be admitted for \$5. A special VIP badge costing \$100 allows show-goers advance entrance to the Show Preview on Friday, Oct. 7th at 5 p.m. along with complimentary snacks and beverages (sponsored by Reptile Magazine). The VIP badge also provides advance entrance at 9 a.m. on both Saturday and Sunday. For more information on the conference or to order tickets, call (708) 932-8044, email info@narbc.com or visit www.reptileconference.com or www.narbc.com

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Body Worlds Exhibit Open 24 Hours A Day

After a weekend of sold-out attendance for Gunther von Hagens' BODY WORLDS: The Anatomical Exhibition of Real Human Bodies, the Museum of Science and Industry will open the exhibit 24-hours-a-day beginning on Saturday, Sept. 3 at 9:30 a.m. through Monday, Sept. 5 at 9 p.m. This is the first time in the Museum's history, and Chicago's history, that a museum exhibit will be open around the clock for two days.

To date, more than 700,000 guests have experienced this eye-opening exhibition in Chicago. Prior to coming to Chicago, BODY WORLDS was at the California Science Center in Los Angeles, where 665,019 guests went through during its six month run.

The exhibit includes specimens that detail the body's diverse anatomy and numerous systems, including the locomotive, digestive, nervous and vascular systems, and even the development of life in the womb. Twenty-five whole bodies, referred to in the exhibit as "plastinates," reveal the true-to-life spatial relationships among organs, and the complex beauty of the human body. Some plastinates are authentically posed playing soccer or basketball, pondering a chess move, swimming and running, allowing visitors to comprehend the intricate inter-connectedness of the muscle, organ and vascular systems and view them in various positions.

"The Blues Brothers" At Beverly Arts Center

A 25th anniversary screening of "The Blues Brothers" followed by live music from the movie by Blues Fever begins at 7:30 p.m., Thursday, Sept. 15 at the Beverly Arts Center, 2407 W. 111th St. Don't miss this chance to view one of Chicago's favorite films on the big screen then rock to the movie's tunes played live. Tickets are \$10.

"The Blues Brothers," directed by John Landis and written by Landis and Dan Akroyd, is the story of brothers Joliet Jake Blues (John Belushi) and Elwood Blues (Akroyd) and their "mission from God" to reunite their old band and save the Catholic orphanage where they grew up. Their wild romp through Chicago brings them in contact with music legends that include Cab Calloway, Ray Charles, Aretha Franklin and James Brown. Brief appearances by notables such as John Landis, Steven Spielberg, Twiggy, John Lee Hooker and many more keep viewers on their toes.

Known for its irreverent brushes with Chicago's finest, its record for most car crashes in a movie, and its outstanding music - from "RESPECT" to "Rawhide" - "The Blues Brothers" is one of the most popular comedies ever made.

For tickets and information, call the Beverly Arts Center, (773) 445-3838, or go online to www.beverlyartcenter.org.

Combination admissions into the Museum and BODY WORLDS during the day is \$21 for adults; \$11 for kids 3-11; \$17 for seniors and college students with a valid school I.D. card. City of Chicago residents receive a discount on general admission. Admission for BODY WORLDS during the evening is \$16 for adults; \$9 for children and \$15 for seniors and college students with a valid school I.D. card. Audio guides in English and Spanish are also available at \$4 for adults; \$3 for children, seniors and members. Discounted group tickets are also available for organized parties of 20 or more by calling (773) 684-1414.



The Circus Is Coming

The Kelly Miller Circus will be in Midlothian on Tuesday, Sept. 6th. The event, sponsored by the Midlothian Area Chamber of Commerce and the St. Christopher School Advisory Board, will be held in the parking lot of St. Christopher Church, 147th and Keeler Ave. There will be two performances, one at 4:30 and the other at 7:30 p.m.

Kelly Miller Circus considered the premier circus in the industry is in its 67th consecutive year on the road featuring a wide array of international circus stars and wild animals from around the world.

Among the featured acts are the flying trapeze, wheel of death, jugglers, acrobats, aerialists, clowns, mixed animal acts and performing elephants.

Everyone is invited to the show grounds on the morning of Tuesday, Sept. 6th between 8:30 and 9 a.m. to watch the elephants help put up the "Big Top." The tent raising is free of charge. "Not only is the circus one of the oldest forms of entertainment in the world but it is one of the few forms of entertainment that has never required censorship. The circus is not a kiddie show, the circus is a family show with just as much in its program that will appeal to adults as it does to children," said Mr. Jiggs the clown.

Advance tickets are available at St. Christopher Rectory, 388-8190; Harthside Realtors, 371-1910; Bartolini's Restaurant, 396-2333;

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Chicago 5K Run & Walk

Mariah Moran (left), Lisa Jones and Cate Huctter are race directors for the inaugural Chicago 5K Lung run & Walk, which will kick off at 9 a.m., Saturday, Sept. 10, in Lincoln Park. Proceeds from the event will benefit lung cancer research, awareness and advocacy. Lung cancer is the number one cancer killer of men and women in the United States, and yet there is little money directed to developing better treatments or a cure for this lethal disease. At present, The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has \$0 budgeted for lung cancer research. Lung Run entry fees are \$25 per person before Sept. 3. Race shirts and goody bags will be provided to participants. To register or for more information, go online to www.lungrun.org, or call (312) 642-9921 or (773) 771-3178.

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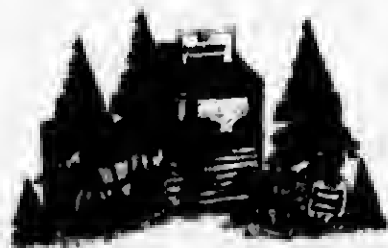
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SXU Sports News

SXU opens the 2005 season on Saturday, Sept. 3rd with a 1 p.m. home game against No. 8 Northwestern Oklahoma State University. The Rangers finished the 2004 season with a 9-2 record.

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Senior Living At Smith Village

The excitement is building at Smith Village in Chicago's Beverly neighborhood. Local seniors are snapping up apartments in the new independent living community that will be part of the state-of-the-art continuing care retirement community (CCRC). To build on the momentum, Smith Village is offering a remarkable incentive package to the next 15 people who select independent living apartments and place their deposits. Nearly 70 percent of the independent living apartments that are part of Smith Village have been reserved.

For a limited time, seniors who make a commitment will receive a \$5,000 incentive that can be applied to their entrance fee or used for decorator upgrades. Additionally, these newest depositors will pay no monthly fee for the first two months after they move into Smith Village, a value between \$3,600 and \$6,000. With these two discounts, new depositors could save more than \$10,000.

These incentives make a strong value even better and are sure to go quickly, according to Michael A. Flynn, chief financial officer for Smith Senior Living that sponsors Smith Village. "As a not-for-profit organization, we have lower operating expenses than most for-profit institutions, allowing us to provide highest-quality lifestyle services and residents for seniors," states Flynn.

"Our entrance fee provides seniors with real security," Flynn explains. "Not only do independent living residents select an apartment where every detail is designed to meet their specific needs, they also receive a 15 percent life-time discount on healthcare services at Smith Village. Residents can feel confident knowing that even if their health situation changes, they won't have to be dependent on anyone. When people have confidence that their physical, financial and healthcare needs are under control, they're free to really enjoy life."

The healthcare plan translates to significant savings for residents who move to the assisted living or nursing units later in life. Also, residents can accumulate as many as 100 free days in Smith Village's assisted living or nursing communities, should they require extra help. Some people take advantage of this benefit so that they

do not need to impose on family while recovering from illness or surgery, according to Flynn.

Additionally, Smith Village's monthly fee streamlines daily expenses for seniors. It includes two meals a day in an elegant dining room or casual café, bi-weekly housekeeping, weekly bed linen service, cable television, all utilities except telephone, emergency call service, maintenance, security and a healthcare benefit that supplements any health insurance plan.

Every detail in the plans for Smith Village encourages continued vitality. Smith Village's 152 spacious and elegant independent living apartments, to be situated along South Western Avenue between 112th and 113th Places in Chicago's Beverly neighborhood, will be ready for occupancy in early 2007. Sponsored by Smith Senior Living, a not-for-profit organization dedicated to serving the lifestyle, housing and healthcare needs of seniors for nearly 80 years, the new community will provide independent living, assisted living, memory support and skilled nursing care with large apartments and a host of services and amenities.

For more information about how Smith Village can help seniors enjoy their retirement years, call (773) 881-4950 or visit its Web site www.SmithVillage.org.

Honor Eugene Smith

The national Society of St. Vincent de Paul will honor Eugene Smith, St. Vincent de Paul's president for the past six years, at the Society's national meeting in Chicago, now through Sept. 30th, at the Sheraton Chicago Hotel and Towers. Smith will officially step down from his role as president, a volunteer position, on Sept. 30th. His six-year tenure is the maximum a president can serve in the organization.

Following the recent national election by the membership, Joseph D. Flannigan of East Brunswick, N.J. will be installed as the Society's new president at the Labor Day weekend meeting. Joseph Flannigan has been an active member of the Society since April 1991. He is currently a Vice-President of the National Council of the Society and Chair of the Finance and Operations Committee.

Approximately 800 Vincentians are expected to attend the Chicago meeting, which will focus on the spirituality behind volunteerism. Also featured will be keynote speakers John Carr, Director of the Dept. of Social Development and World Peace of U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, and Very Rev. G. Gregory Gay, C.M., Superior General of the Congregation of the Mission, and noted author and psychoanalyst Dr. Nancy Reeves, who will host several special workshops on grieving and loss. In addition, religious iconographer Bro. Robert Lentz, O.F.M., will present several special workshops.

Inspired by Gospel values, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, a Catholic lay organization, leads women and men to join together to grow spiritually by offering person-to-person service to those who are needy and suffering in the tradition of its founder, Blessed Frederic Ozanam, and patron, St. Vincent de Paul. Last year, the Society's 70,000 members assisted more than 13,728,500 persons throughout the United States.

Bulletproof Vests Grants Are Awarded

U.S. Representative Judy Biggert (R-IL 13) announced on Aug. 24th that 14 local governments in the 13th Congressional District have been awarded \$75,424 in federal grants to purchase bulletproof vests to provide law enforcement officers greater protection.

The U.S. Department of Justice's Bulletproof Vest Partnership Program will award \$24 million to communities across the country to cover the costs of bulletproof vests ordered through the program. The Bulletproof Vest Partnership (BVP) Grant Act of 2000 provides funding for qualifying jurisdictions with populations less than 100,000. Remaining program funds may be allocated to support grants to jurisdictions with populations over 100,000. The program will match up to 50% of the cost of purchasing bulletproof vests for law enforcement personnel. Congress has appropriated \$118 million for the bulletproof vest program since 1999 benefiting over 11,500 jurisdictions across the nation. Among the grant recipients in the 13th Congressional District are Will County Sheriff's Office, \$7,468 and Cook County Sheriff's Office, \$26,719.

Kids Farm

Rummage Sale Set

The Children's Farm will host its annual rummage sale on Friday and Saturday, Sept. 2 and 3, from 8 a.m. until 1 p.m. at 12700 Southwest Highway in Palos Park.

The sale takes place in the indoor riding arena, which will be filled with a huge assortment of house wares, hardware, sporting goods, kids toys, craft items, clothes, books, audio and video equipment, and furniture.

For further information, interested persons should call The Center at (708) 361-3650.

Honor Gloria Majewski

Velda Davino, President of The Women's Division of the Joint Civic Committee of Italian Americans has announced that Commissioner Gloria Alitto Majewski (pictured) of the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District (MWRD) of Greater Chicago will be honored for demonstrating outstanding leadership and accomplishments during their lifetime.



Commissioner Majewski has served as a role model for younger generations of Italian American women.

She has been with the District since 1983 and was the first woman in the District's 100 year history to be elected by fellow board members as the Chairman of Finance. Majewski pioneered a 5% or less tax cap on District Tax Levies four years prior to the tax cap becoming state law. She established public information speakers program to educate students, communities, social and civic groups on the importance of MWRD's work in protecting the environment and health of residents. Majewski is the recipient of the Metropolitan Chicago Minority Enterprise Development Council "Recognition Award" for her efforts on behalf of women and minority businesses. She received "Humanitarian of the Year Award" from the Gregorian's, successfully lobbied the State of Illinois' Legislature to secure a \$300,000 grant for The New Horizon Center for the Developmentally Disabled. Majewski is a member of numerous Boards and recipient of numerous awards.

President Davino concluded by saying, "The 'Impressa Award' will be presented at the Wyndham Drake Hotel in Oak Brook on Saturday, Sept. 10th in a celebration of our Italian American heritage we wish to preserve and pass down to our children and grandchildren."

For more information contact the office of the Joint Civic Committee of Italian Americans in Stone Park, IL, call (708) 450-9050.

Together We Cope

A Tinley Park food pantry is unusually short on supplies. As of last week, Together We Cope food pantry was down to two cans of green beans in its vegetable supply. Soup and fruit ran out earlier last week. The pantry also is low on everything else, according to Tinley Park food pantry officials.

The pantry had to cut down on the rations they give to each family, officials said.

Because of the low economy and high gas prices, other pantries in the Southland are in a similar situation, according to a spokesman for the Greater Chicago Food Depository.

A Together We Cope spokesman said that pantry dispensed 158 tons of food last year. That's up from 110 in 2003 and 93 tons in 2002.

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Warning To Medicare Recipients

Attorney General Lisa Madigan reminded Illinoisans with Medicare coverage to beware of all unsolicited offers for help making decisions about the new Medicare prescription drug coverage.

Madigan urged Medicare recipients to take advantage of free, trustworthy assistance regarding the new Medicare prescription drug coverage available through the Illinois Senior Health Insurance Program (SHIP) at 1(800) 548-9034 or the Illinois Dept. on Aging Senior HelpLine at 1(800) 252-8966.

Madigan's office already has received reports of persons alleging they are "authorized" or "funded" by Medicare to contact Medicare beneficiaries by telephone or door-to-door to offer assistance with the new Medicare prescription drug coverage. Consumers should be aware that any unsolicited personal contact may represent an attempt to scam a Medicare beneficiary out of money or sell a product that may not be suitable. Madigan said that because of these reports, it is important for people with Medicare to remember:

- Medicare beneficiaries should never give an unsolicited caller or visitor their Social Security number, bank account numbers or personal financial information.
- No payment for a Medicare prescription drug plan should be made before Nov. 15th, 2005. Prescription drug plans may begin marketing Oct. 1st, 2005, but enrollment does not begin until Nov. 15th.
- When prescription drug plan enrollment begins Nov. 15th, 2005, people with Medicare should make sure they enroll with a Medicare-approved prescription drug plan. To verify if a plan is approved, consumers may call Medicare's toll-free number at 1(800) 633-4227.

From May through August, the Social Security Administration has been mailing application forms to people with Medicare who may qualify for extra help with drug plan costs. Almost half of all Medicare beneficiaries will receive an application for extra help. The Social Security Administration may ask for general financial information on the extra help application form, but never specific bank account numbers.

On approximately Oct. 15th, the Centers for Medicare

& Medicaid Services will send information to Medicare recipients describing the Medicare prescription drug plans that will be available to them. The initial enrollment period for Medicare prescription drug coverage will be from Nov. 15th, 2005 through May 15th, 2006. This six-month period will give people with Medicare time to learn about their options and choose what is best for their particular circumstances.

It is important for people with Medicare to carefully read any mail they receive from the Social Security Administration or the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services during the implementation of the new Medicare prescription drug benefit. If consumers have any questions related to the new Medicare prescription drug benefit, they should contact:

- The Illinois Senior Health Insurance Program (SHIP) at 1(800) 548-9034.
- The Illinois Dept. on Aging Senior HelpLine at 1(800) 252-8966.

Additional information is available at www.medicare.gov.

Consumers with concerns or information about people misrepresenting themselves or fraudulently promoting the new Medicare prescription drug benefit should report the situation to Madigan's Consumer Fraud Hotline at 1(800) 243-0618.

Special Recreation Medal Winners

On Wednesday, Aug. 10 more than 50 athletes from Oak Lawn and Evergreen Park participated in the Special Olympics Area 7 Golf Competition at Hidden Meadows in Park Forest. Among the participants were Oak Lawn resident David

Foster and Evergreen Park resident Kelly Fitzgerald. David competed in the skills competition and was awarded a silver medal. Kelly competed in unified golf with Oak Lawn Park District Special Recreation Supervisor Todd Mallo. Together, they were awarded the gold medal. They will compete in the Special Olympics Illinois Fall Games in Decatur the week-end of September 9-11.

Great Books Discussion Group

The Ernest B. Jaski Oak Lawn Great Books Group meets on the second and fourth Monday of the month, September through May, at 6:30 p.m. to discuss and interpret significant works of fiction, philosophy, political science, poetry and drama. They will kick-off the 2005-2006 series with "The Return of the Native" by Thomas Hardy on Sept. 12 and 26.

Meetings are held at the Oak Lawn Public Library, 5300 W. 95th St., in the Mary Nelson Room, lower level. For additional information or a reading list, contact Marcia McGerty, (708) 974-1673 or Jim Klauter, (708) 423-3994.

Local Scholar

Rafael Alvarez of Oak Lawn was among those named to the spring 2005 Roll of Merit for Joliet Junior College.

A student is eligible for the Roll of Merit who has a term grade point average between 3.0 and 3.49.

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CEO Exchange Premieres In March

WTTW National Productions, the award-winning PBS affiliate in Chicago, and the human resource management firm, Society for Human Resource Management (SHRM), have announced an exclusive, long-term underwriting agreement in support of CEO Exchange, the renowned television series which originally premiered in February 2000.

Each program in this fourth season of ten one-hour programs will feature in-depth, candid conversations with internationally recognized and respected CEOs from Fortune 500 companies. CEO Exchange will premiere on public television stations nationwide in March 2006 and internationally the following year.

Respected journalist Jeff Greenfield will moderate the programs, which will be taped before live MBA student audiences on the campuses of top business schools throughout the U.S. and Europe. "You can talk to a business leader and ask

about products and services, profits and losses, and maybe you'll learn whether you should invest in that



company. But considering the scope of what they have to deal with every day of their lives - how to keep their companies vital in an environment that is utterly different from what it was less than a decade ago; balancing the demands of shareholders with a workplace that respects the needs of his employees - CEO Exchange is a more vital and relevant series than ever before," says Greenfield.

Munchkinland Market Days

Because of the favorable response received last year, the producers of Munchkinland Market Days are again offering a free event guide for the annual festival scheduled for Sept. 16th, 17th and 18th. Munchkinland Market Days will again be held in cooperation with the annual Chesterton Wizard of Oz Festival. The Oz Festival is produced by Lakeshore Festival & Events, Inc. It is held in the streets of historic downtown Chesterton, Indiana on the southern shore of Lake Michigan. Munchkinland Market Days is produced by the Yellow Brick Road Gift Shop & Oz Fantasy Museum and is held on its grounds, two miles south of Chesterton. A free shuttle bus, courtesy of the Oz Festival Committee, operates on Saturday and Sunday between the two festivals.

Munchkinland Market Days features autograph parties with actors who appeared in MGM's 1939 classic film *The Wizard of Oz* and other Oz celebrities, a life-size Picture Yourself in Oz tableau, craft booths, Oz collectibles, Auntie Em's Pie Booth, kids games, Spitunia the Clown, Mark the Magician, face painters and more. The event is sponsored by Coca-Cola, Hilton Garden Inn, Jewel-Osco and The Yellow Brick Road Gift Shop.

Admission is free for Munchkinland Market Days and there is no charge for autograph sessions. There is a nominal fee to be photographed in the Picture Yourself in Oz tableau. A wide variety of collectibles, books and photos are available for purchase. Auntie Em's Pie Booth benefits the Duneland Working Women Scholarship Fund and Munchkin Kid's Games benefits Burns Harbor Lions Club.

The free event guide will list all of the celebrities scheduled to appear in addition to listing the time each celebrity will appear and the time each of the other activities at Munchkinland Market Days will take place. To receive a free Munchkinland Market Days event guide, send a stamped (37-cent), self-addressed business-size (#10) envelope to: Munchkinland Guide, Yellow Brick Road Gift Shop, 109 E. Yellow Brick Road, Chesterton, IN 46304, or check the web site at www.yellowbrickroadonline.com.

The Yellow Brick Road Gift Shop & Oz Fantasy Museum is located on State Route 49 and the Indiana Toll Road, two miles south of Chesterton, Indiana. They can be reached at (219) 926-7048.



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LOCAL SCHOLARS

Oak Lawn residents Kara Berghs and Elizabeth Kapustka were named to the 2005 spring semester dean's list for Quincy University.

Berghs, a senior criminal justice major, is the daughter of John and Dianne Berghs. She is a 2002 graduate of Mount Assisi Academy.

Kapustka, a junior psychology major, is the daughter of Maria Kapustka of Oak Lawn and Andrew Kapustka of Macomb, Mich. She is a 2003 graduate of Oak Lawn Community High School.

To be eligible, a student must earn a grade point average of between 3.5 and 4.0.

Oak Lawn residents Amanda Bentley, Anna Hardaloupas and Jamie Matusiak were named to the 2005 spring semester dean's list for Valparaiso University, Indiana.

Bentley, a May graduate, majored in elementary education. She is a graduate of Mother McAuley High School.

Hardaloupas, a junior, is majoring in the classics. Matusiak, a junior, is majoring in meteorology. She is a graduate of Oak Lawn Community High School.

To be eligible for the dean's list, a student must achieve at least a 3.50 grade point average on a 4.0 scale and be enrolled full time.

Oak Lawn residents were included in the reception in which Moraine Valley Community College, Palos Hills, recognized recipients of its college, foundation and high school scholarships.

They were Ashley A. Brown, Sarah Dearth, Scot M. Denison, Amie Habdas, Nicholas Harvey, Kyle A. Kalchbrenner, Neil Neumann, Cora R. Newman, Patricia S. Novosel, Jennifer Ostrowski, Natalia Panek and Dean Tuxford.

Brown, Denison, Habdas, Kalchbrenner, Neumann, Newman, Novosel, Panek and Tuxford received a Distinguished Scholar award.

Dearth earned a Matthew Walsh Scholarship.

Harvey received a Support Staff Association award.

Ostrowski earned a Faculty Association award. These scholarships are awarded to students based on academic merit and, in some instances, personal essays that outline the student's need or desire for the particular scholarship.

Brian Joseph Walczak of Oak Lawn was among May 2005 graduates of Benedictine University, Lisle.

He earned a Bachelor of Science degree in health science.

Erin Elizabeth Kupres of Oak Lawn was named to the second semester 2004-05 dean's list for Miami University, Oxford, Ohio.

A student who achieves a 3.5 or higher grade point average is eligible.

Deanne L. Drechsler was among students at Millikin University, Decatur, named to the spring 2005 high dean's list.

Drechsler is a senior in the College of Arts and Sciences.

A student on the high dean's list must earn a perfect 4.0 grade point average.

Edward D. Waxmanský of Oak Lawn graduated from Northern Illinois University, DeKalb.

He earned a Bachelor of Science degree in political science/public administration and service.

Discussion Groups

The Friends of the Oak Lawn Library sponsor two discussion groups that meet once a month, September through May, at the Oak Lawn Public Library, 5300 W. 95th St., in the Mary Nelson Room, lower level.

Short story discussions are held on the second Wednesday of the month at 1 p.m. They will meet on Sept. 14th to discuss "Bulldog" by Arthur Miller and on Oct. 12th for "The Tell-Tale Heart" by Edgar Allan Poe. Copies of these short stories may be picked up one month in advance at the Readers Advisory Desk.

Book discussions are held on the fourth Wednesday of the month at 1 p.m. They will meet on Sept. 28th to discuss "A Tale of Two Cities" by Charles Dickens. There will be a movie viewing prior to the discussion. The group will then meet on Oct. 26th for "Bleachers" by John Grisham. Copies of these books may be checked out one month in advance at the Circulation Desk.

For additional information, call Dorothy Whitney at (708) 422-2390.

Chicago Jazz Festival

Jazz up the Labor Day weekend with three full days of free music in Grant Park, which includes special tributes to four jazz legends, preceded by the ticketed concert at the Symphony Center on Thursday, Sept. 1st.

The City of Chicago, Jazz Institute of Chicago and U.S. Cellular proudly announce the 2005 Chicago Jazz Festival from Sept. 1st to 4th. The Chicago Jazz Festival opens with the Symphony Center concert on Thursday, which celebrates the 70th anniversary of Down Beat magazine with a unique performance featuring three generations of world-renowned jazz musicians: pianist John Medeski, Louis Hayes and the Cannonball Adderley Legacy Band, and The Zawinul Syndicate with Joe Zawinul. This compilation of musicians kicks off the weekend's celebration. Tickets are available at the Symphony Center box office, (312) 294-3000, or on www.cso.org.

The festival moves to Grant Park on Friday, opening at 11 a.m. Music begins at noon on the Jazz on Jackson stage and will feature, among others, Artist in Residence Slide Hampton. As highly regarded for his writing as his playing, Hampton is a jazz trombonist icon who performs with local Chicago musicians on all three stages, including a performance with the Chicago Jazz Ensemble on the Petrillo Music Shell on Sunday evening. In addition to the music, the Chicago Jazz Festival features an art fair located in the rose garden just south of Jackson. The fair offers a variety of handmade crafts and artwork. Jackson Boulevard is also the locale where jazz fans can enjoy refreshments from local vendors or relax in the wine garden. For more information, call (312) 744-3370, TTY (312) 744-2964.

Knights Of Columbus Tootsie Roll Drive

South West Recreation Association (SWSRA), an agency that provides year-round recreation programs for individuals with disabilities, is looking for volunteers to help at the Knights of Columbus Tootsie Roll Drive Fundraiser on Friday and Saturday, Sept. 16 & 17.

All volunteers will represent SWSRA, and this agency will receive a portion of what is collected. The funds collected will assist in funding SWSRA Special Olympics and Day Camp programs.

SWSRA needs help so consider volunteering. For more information, call (708) 389-9423.

POLICE CALLS

On August 10th David Hendzel, 47, of Oak Lawn was arrested and charged with driving under the influence and traffic violations after officers observed erratic driving near 94th Street and 54th avenue. Officers observed him veer into the southbound lane of 54th and just missing hitting a parked car. While officers were questioning Hendzel, they observed slurred speech and the odor of alcohol.

On August 11th Phillip Pfeifer, 54, of Hickory Hills was arrested and charged with possession of a controlled substance and possession of drug paraphernalia after a traffic stop near 89th and Austin. Pfeifer, a passenger in the back seat of the van, had a crack pipe with crack cocaine. The driver, Jodi Walczak, 34, of Oak Lawn was charged with traffic violations.

On August 11th Michael Washington, 62, of Oak Lawn was arrested and charged with driving under the influence and traffic violations. Washington hit a car in the 4200 block of 93rd St. when officers responded, they observed Washington's blood shot eyes and slurred speech.

On August 14th Edison Irizaray, 20, of Oak Lawn was arrested and charged with underage consumption of alcohol after officers found him in the 4300 block of 100th Street at 2:00 a.m.

On August 14th Kenneth Chaffin, 18, of Alsip was arrested and charged with possession of cannabis after witnesses observed a passenger in the car flashing gang signs in the 10800 block of Keeler. Officers discovered a pillowcase on the back seat of the car containing a plastic bag with a green leafy substance that field tested positive for cannabis.

On August 18th Patrick Lynch, 18, of Oak Lawn was arrested and charged with possession of cannabis after officers responded to a complaint of people kissing in an apartment building stairwell in the 4100 block of 99th. Officers observed marijuana on Lynch's shirt and a bag containing a leafy substance that field tested positive for cannabis in his pocket.

On August 19th Matthew Burrows, 19, of Marshfield Wisconsin was arrested and charged with possession of cannabis after a traffic stop near 98th and Kilpatrick. Officers observed a plastic bag containing a leafy substance that field tested positive for cannabis between the seat and console.

On August 19th Jesse Martinez, 30, of Chicago was arrested and charged with retail theft after being observed concealing two bottles of perfume in his pocket, then exiting the store without paying.

On August 19th Jason Hawkins, 29, of Homewood was arrested and charged with retail theft after being observed removing a pair of athletic shoes from a box, then placing them on his feet, the continuing to the grocery section of the store where he opened up a package of cheese and ate it, concealing two watches to his pocket, and a belt, a pair of socks, and a shirt in a bag, then exiting the store without paying.

On August 21st Lee Jacobson, 19, of Chicago was arrested and charged with possession of a controlled substance and possession of anabolic steroids after officers responded to suspicious activity in Fox's parking lot. Officers discovered two plastic wrapped mushrooms and two types of anabolic steroids in the car.

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SHOP AND SAVE IN OAK LAWN

Thoughts On Health & Nutrition

by
Lucinda K. Lysen, RD, RN, BSN

DOCTORS ADVICE TO LOSE WEIGHT

Next time you are in your doctor's office, if his sage advice is to "lose weight," you may want to rise above your attitude and heed his words. Over half of adult America is overweight, and as each year passes the percentage climbs. A big problem until recently is that most doctors did not discuss obesity with their patients. Not to say that being condescending or inflammatory is the way to reach you; usually it backfires sending a patient home insulted or irate, threatening to never go back. But until now doctors for the most part have steered away from this topic due to lack of tools or skills on how to approach it, concrete suggestions on how to manage it, or merely the lack of time it would take to address the subject in a way that would prove beneficial to the patient.

Fortunately, we have come a long way in the educational process. Medical schools and residencies are incorporating nutrition into their programs, (we dietitians have done a lot to move this along) and physicians now have more resources (besides the "one-way" discussion) to provide them with the proper information to distribute to patients—at least to get them "jump-started." Registered dietitians are accessible in hospitals, outpatient clinics, and private practice settings to work with patients. Insurance benefits are becoming more prevalent and diseases like diabetes and renal disease are receiving Medicare coverage for nutrition counseling. And the media is bombarded with information daily prepared by qualified medical/nutrition professionals. The American Dietetic Association, the "mother" organization to over 75,000 dietitians, has a media spokesperson program to provide dietitians to the media in most major US cities and surrounding areas. These dietitians go through a rigorous training program to prepare for public speaking and writing, and for interviewing on TV and radio.

The truth is that the truth hurts. We eat wrong, exercise sparingly, and stress ourselves out at work and with family. And doctors and the health care community in general are seeing that dietary habits influence disease outcome in outrageous proportions. The cost of caring for patients and their medical complications is becoming prohibitive, and poor diet is to blame for a lot of the problem to begin with. Just picture the cardiac patient in the ICU. Prevention is much less costly than attempts to cure.

I recently read in one of our Chicago daily papers that Dr. Terry Bennett, in Rochester, New Hampshire, was investigated by a panel of the New Hampshire Board of Medicine, which recommended that he be sent a confidential letter of concern over his dialogue to a patient—including the statement that she was "obese." The Board rejected the suggestion and asked the Attorney General's office to investigate. Bennett rejected that office's proposal that he attend a medical education course and acknowledge that he made a mistake. "What really makes me angry is that he told the truth," another patient whom he helped lose 150 pounds stated. "I have been in this lady's shoes. I have been angry and left his practice...in my car taking off angry," the patient said. "But once you think about it, you're angry at yourself, not Dr. Bennett."

Now isn't this food for thought?

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St. Francis 100th Birthday Party

Mark your calendar and plan to bring the family to St. Francis Hospital & Health Center's 100th Birthday Party on Saturday, Sept. 10th from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the hospital, 12935 S. Gregory St. in Blue Island.

Highlights include a host of children's activities, including hands-on exhibits like "perform surgery at St. Francis," entertainment, refreshments, giveaways, raffles, face painting, a clown, valuable health information for all members of the family, free chair massages and much more.

In addition, the Blue Island Police Dept. and Blue Island Fire Dept. will share important safety information.

Call (708) 597-2000, ext. 4560, for more information, or visit the hospital's web site at www.stfrancisblueisland.com.

Stem Cell Research

On Aug. 29th Governor Rod R. Blagojevich and Comptroller Dan Hynes sent a letter to 30 doctors and scientists currently conducting stem cell research in Missouri encouraging them to explore research opportunities in Illinois. Last month, the Governor and Comptroller made Illinois the first state in the Midwest, and only the fourth state in the nation, to commit public funds to the life-saving work of stem cell research. Studying stem cells allows scientists and doctors to better understand what causes serious medical illnesses and conditions in hopes of discovering new ways to treat or even cure them.

Stem cells are cells that have the potential to develop into many different types of healthy new cells in the body. As described by the National Institutes of Health, they act like an internal repair system for the body. Stem cells can divide to replenish other cells for as long as the body is alive. When a stem cell divides, each new cell has the potential to either remain a stem cell or become another type of cell like muscle cell, a red blood cell, or a brain cell.

Studying stem cells allows doctors to try to analyze how cells transform into other cells. Many of the most serious illnesses or birth defects are caused by problems in this process. So, understanding the process better may help doctors discover how to prevent, treat or cure illnesses and conditions.

A potential way to use stem cells is to make new cells or tissues for medical therapies. Currently, donated organs and tissues are used to replace those that are diseased or destroyed. But, there are far more people who need organ transplants than there are organs available. Some stem cells offer the possibility of making replacement cells and tissues to treat various diseases and conditions including Alzheimer's, spinal cord injury, stroke, burns, heart disease, diabetes, osteoarthritis and rheumatoid arthritis.

The Governor's Executive Order dictated that the IRMI (Illinois Regenerative Medicine Institute) program will provide funding for stem cell research that involves adult, cord blood and embryonic stem cells. Medical and scientific accountability standards and rules will generally be consistent with those issued by the National Academies of Sciences and the National Institutes of Health, and the Department of Public Health will issue an annual report that details IRMI's operation.

The Executive Order also mandated that no funding will be authorized for research involving human cloning, nor will funding be awarded to anyone who purchases or sells embryonic or fetal tissue for research purposes, and time limits will be set for extracting cells from blastocysts.

Home Health & Hospice Bill

Gov. Rod Blagojevich has signed HB 130, a home care bill, into law.

HB 130, now called Public Act 94-0638, was initiated by the Illinois HomeCare Council (IHCC) and creates the "Home Health and Hospice Drug Dispensation and Administration Act." This law protects home health care and hospice consumers by allowing registered nurses and advanced practice nurses in home health and hospice to have five specific prescription drugs available in their nursing bags to be used as needed, provided a physician gives a verbal order. These drugs are saline, heparin, sterile water, Benadryl and Epinephrine.

The issue positively affects patients around the state,

Governor Signs Medical Malpractice Reform

Flanked by physicians, patients, hospital administrators and legislators, Governor Rod R. Blagojevich signed critical legislation on Aug. 25th to address the growing cost of medical malpractice insurance. In an effort to improve patient access to health care, the new law caps monetary awards for pain and suffering, gives the state the authority to more aggressively regulate malpractice insurance companies premium increases, increases the ability of Illinois regulators to enforce physician practices and finally, allows consumers to learn about previous judgments or complaints against any physician licensed in Illinois.

Senate Bill 475, limits the amount a jury can award for personal pain and suffering to \$500,000 from physicians and \$1,000,000 for hospital judgments. While these limits were higher than some had advocated for, they represent reasonable restraints on the awards that can be made to victims of malpractice. By establishing award ceilings, insurance companies, self-insured health care providers and physicians will be able to better plan for the monetary costs associated with malpractice awards. To reduce frivolous lawsuits the bill also requires that before a case can be brought against a physician or hospital, another doctor must certify that the action has merit and should be brought to court.

SB 475 makes it possible for the state, for the first time, to deny medical malpractice rate increases. In addition to eliminating a requirement that the business climate in Illinois be deemed "non-competitive," the Department of Financial and Professional Regulation (IDFPR) will also collect and make available actuarial data relied upon for pricing by every medical malpractice insurer.

The new law also makes changes to the way physicians are regulated and the Medical Practice Act is enforced. Two additional public members, who are not physicians, will be appointed to the Medical Disciplinary Board, which reviews citizen complaints and disciplinary actions against licensed doctors.

SB 475 creates a new opportunity for Illinoisans to learn about the doctors who treat them. An Internet site will be created with access to background information about doctors, containing data on the previous five years' history, involving criminal convictions, malpractice awards and disciplinary actions taken by the State of Illinois or reported by other states.

SB 475 becomes effective immediately.

"Life Without Lupus" 5K Walk & Fun Run

To highlight the critical need for early diagnosis and treatment, the Lupus Foundation of Illinois' 5th annual "Life Without Lupus" 5K Walk & Fun Run will be held on Sunday, Sept. 18 at Chicago's Lincoln Park beginning at 9 a.m. More than 3,000 participants are expected to join together to promote public awareness of lupus, and to raise funds in support of lupus education, advocacy, patient services, and research. There is a pre-race registration fee of \$35 per person and a race day registration fee of \$40. Activities will include a free Kids' Dash for children 10 and under, prizes for runners and teams, pre and post race refreshments, a "Living with Lupus" tent featuring lupus information, and a doctor to answer questions. For more information or registration forms, contact the Lupus Foundation of Illinois at 1-800-2 LUPUS 2 or online at www.lupusil.org.

but especially in rural areas. If a patient goes into anaphylactic shock, a major allergic reaction that can result in death, and needs Benadryl or Epinephrine quickly, the nurse would have to drive to the nearest pharmacy to get the drug. This law eliminates this dangerous possibility by allowing nurses to carry the drugs that can help a patient immediately. Similar legislation has already been passed in Georgia, Indiana, Kentucky, Missouri, New Hampshire, Oklahoma, Texas and Vermont.

"Illinois is proud to have this new law to better serve home health and hospice patients around the state, and especially in rural Illinois," Nancy S. Nelson, IHCC Executive Director, said.

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Veterans And Soldiers News

By Lori Taylor

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Navy Seaman Recruit John W. Schneider, son of Regina Schneider of Alsip and James T. McTighe of Mesa, Arizona, recently completed U.S. Navy basic training at Recruit Training Command, Great Lakes. Schneider is a 2004 graduate of Dwight D. Eisenhower High School in Blue Island.

Air Force Reserve Airman Laura C. Boehm has graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas. She is the daughter of Suzanne Walsh of Chicago and Dave Boehm of Worth. The airman is a 2005 graduate of Mother McAuley High School in Chicago.

Navy Seaman Michael S. Zylus, son of Karen Bonomo of Burbank and Charles Zylus of Oak Lawn, recently completed U.S. Navy basic training at Recruit Training Command, Great Lakes. Zylus is a 2004 graduate of Oak Lawn Community High School.

The Illinois Student Assistance Commission, in partnership with the state's public universities and community colleges, will award more than \$26 million to eligible Illinois veterans during the 2005-06 academic year to help pay for their college education. The Illinois Veteran Grant program, administered by the Commission, pays tuition and mandatory fees for eligible students enrolling in an Illinois community college or public university.

The governor recently signed legislation proposed by ISAC that rewrites the long-term Illinois Veteran Grant program.

Individuals are eligible for the grant if they enter federal active duty service as an Illinois resident, serve at least one year of federal active duty service or less than a year if the service is in a foreign country, and have an honorable service record. Those who have left service must return to Illinois within six months to maintain eligibility. Beneficiaries of the Illinois Veteran Grant are not required to pay tuition or mandatory fees while attending a state university or community college for the equivalent of four years of full-time enrollment, including summer terms.

Members of the Illinois National Guard are eligible for the grant if they meet the eligibility criteria. National Guard members can also receive the Illinois National Guard Grant which covers tuition and some fees. The bill recently signed by the governor expands the grant to be available for officers in the National Guard and allows recipients to accept the grant for the equivalent of four years of full-time enrollment, including summer terms.

For more information about the two grants, call the Illinois Student Assistance Commission. In addition to these military service grants, the agency provides fourteen other scholarship and grant programs, as well as educational loans for students and parents. All program administration and outreach activities focused on helping Illinois students and families are supported by ISAC's student loan programs. The ISAC staff can be reached toll-free at (800) 899-ISAC (4722). Applications for the programs are online at the comprehensive college planning web site, CollegeZone.com. College Zone counselors and materials are available in Spanish.

Good-bye for this week. God bless you and God bless America.

Letter To The Editor

Editor:

Voters in eighteen states across America - people of all races, creeds, religions and political affiliations - have spoken clearly by amending their state constitutions with overwhelming majorities (an average of just over 70 percent) to defend marriage from those who seek to redefine it.

Citizens of Illinois would also like to have the opportunity to vote on an amendment to their state constitution which will define marriage clearly and protect it from those who are willing to impose a vast, untested, social experiment upon our culture and children.

Those who truly believe in our democratic way of life must get involved. If this issue isn't decided by Illinois voters, it will be decided for us by unelected, activist judges as evidenced in Massachusetts.

If you want to get involved in this historic effort, or if you just want to learn more, please visit www.protectmarriageill.org or call toll-free (877) 787-8011.

We invite you to take part in the Protect Marriage Illinois petition drive to put a referendum on the 2006 ballot to call on the General Assembly to establish marriage as it is intended by nature, tradition and common sense - between one man and one woman.

David E. Smith, Project Director
Protect Marriage Illinois

Ozone Air Pollution Tour

A busload of federal and state environmental protection authorities toured 15 north side businesses recently to see firsthand how some Chicagoans are voluntarily reducing ozone air pollution.

The tour was organized by Clean Air Counts, a program of the Metropolitan Mayors Caucus that has so far recruited more than 260 businesses and other organizations, half of them in the city of Chicago, half in the suburbs.

Among those touring the Clybourn Avenue corridor and Goose Island were six U.S. Environmental Protection Agency executives, including Robert Brenner, director, Office of Policy Analysis and Review; EPA Office of Air & Radiation. Illinois EPA executives were also aboard, and Sen. Richard Durbin, Sen. Barack Obama and Lt. Gov. Patrick Quinn all sent representatives along for the ride.

Midlothian Mayor Tom Murawski, chairman of the Metropolitan Mayors Caucus and incoming chair of Clean Air Counts, led the tour, saying, "In less than two years we have introduced a new model for corporate environmental citizenship. Collectively our participating organizations are removing about a ton and a half of pollutants from the air every day."

Each business chooses clean air strategies that fit its circumstances best. They include workplace transportation options, employee bicycle racks, low-energy lighting and office equipment, cleaner manufacturing

processes, native landscaping and use of paints and cleaners that are low in volatile organic compounds.

Clean Air Counts is a collaborative partnership of the Metropolitan Mayors Caucus, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, City of Chicago and Illinois EPA. The campaign offers a voluntary approach to targeting smog-inducing pollutants from unregulated sources, coupled with an innovative quantification and reporting system. The campaign's goal is to remove from the air five tons per day of VOCs and nitrogen oxide pollutants. Information about what Illinoisans can do is at www.cleanaircounts.org.

Passenger Rail Travel

The Illinois Dept. of Transportation (IDOT) and Amtrak announced on Aug. 24th that all of the trains Amtrak runs under contract with the IDOT moved a record number of passengers in the state's fiscal year 2005. Three trains, the State House (Chicago-St. Louis), the Illini (Chicago-Carbondale) and the Hiawatha Service (Chicago-Milwaukee) posted double-digit increases, while the fourth state assisted train, the Illinois Zephyr (Chicago-Quincy), reported a ridership increase of almost 8%.

All state sponsored trains posted record levels of ridership. The Chicago-St. Louis train posted an increase of 10.86 percent to 120,852, Chicago-Carbondale was up 10.9 percent to 121,311, and Chicago-Quincy rose 7.6 percent to 113,086 in figures calculated by IDOT for the period July 2004 through June 2005. Figures include only the IDOT-supported trains on those routes.

The Chicago-Milwaukee service had an increase to total 494,075 passengers, up by 10.98 percent, from last year's 439,865. The Hiawathas, run by Amtrak, are sponsored by the Wisconsin Dept. of Transportation and IDOT.

IDOT and Amtrak jointly sponsor regular meetings with community coalitions that work to market and otherwise support the downstate services.

The State of Illinois and Amtrak partner on the three downstate routes to ensure that regular passenger rail service continues to be offered throughout Illinois. During state fiscal year 2005, IDOT's contribution to maintaining regular service of the four routes was approximately \$12 million. The General Assembly recently improved spending the same amount in Illinois' fiscal year 2006.

For more information about the Illini, State House, Hiawatha Service, Illinois Zephyr or other Amtrak services, call (800) USA-RAIL or visit the www.amtrak.com web site.

Final Plea For Cook Area Host Families

Foreign high school students are scheduled to arrive soon for academic semester and year program homestays, and the sponsoring organization needs a few more local host families.

According to Pacific Intercultural Exchange (P.I.E.) Executive Director, John Doty, the students are all between the ages of 15 and 18 years, are English-speaking, have their own spending money, carry accident and health insurance, and are anxious to share their cultural experiences with their new American families. P.I.E. currently has programs to match almost every family's needs, ranging in length from a semester to a full academic year, where the students attend local high schools.

P.I.E. area representatives match students with host families by finding common interests and lifestyles through an informal in-home meeting. Prospective host families are able to review student applications and select the perfect match. As there are no "typical" host families, P.I.E. can fit a student into just about any situation, whether it is a single parent, a childless couple, a retired couple or a large family.

Families who host for P.I.E. are also eligible to claim a \$50 per month charitable contribution deduction on their itemized tax returns for each month they host a sponsored student.

For the upcoming programs, P.I.E. has students from Germany, the former Soviet Union, Venezuela, Argentina, Brazil, Macedonia, Hungary, Korea, Mexico, Australia, Yugoslavia, China, and many other countries. P.I.E. is also participating in two special government-funded programs to bring scholarship students from the Newly Independent States of the former Soviet Union as well as predominately Islamic countries such as Yemen, Syria, Jordan, Morocco, Kuwait, Iraq and Qatar to the United States. P.I.E. is a non-profit educational organization that has sponsored more than 25,000 students from 45 countries since its founding in 1975. The organization is designated by the United States Department of State and is listed by the Council on Standards for International Educational Travel (CSIET), certifying that the organization complies with the standards set forth in CSIET's Standards for International Educational Travel Programs.

Doty encourages families to contact the program immediately, as it will allow the proper time for the students and hosts to get to know one another before they actually meet for the first time.

Cook area families interested in learning more about student exchange or arranging for a meeting with a community representative may call P.I.E., toll-free, at 1-800-631-1818. The agency also has travel/study program opportunities available for American high school students as well as possibilities for community volunteers to assist and work with area host families, students and schools.

Plan St. Therese Celebration

A feastday celebration in honor of St. Therese of Lisieux will be held at the National Shrine of St. Therese on Friday, Sept. 30, according to the Rev. Robert Colarcsi, O.Carm., director of the Society of the Little Flower.

The celebration will begin with a presentation entitled "The Spirituality of St. Therese" at 9:30 a.m. in the shrine chapel. The Very Rev. John Welch, O.Carm., provincial superior of the Canadian-American Carmelites, will be the speaker.

A feastday mass will be offered at 11:30 a.m., at nearby Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church. Fr. Welch will be the homilist and principal celebrant.

The celebration will conclude with a prayer service honoring St. Therese at 2 p.m. in the shrine chapel. Br. Eric Bell, O.Carm., shrine director, will conduct the service.

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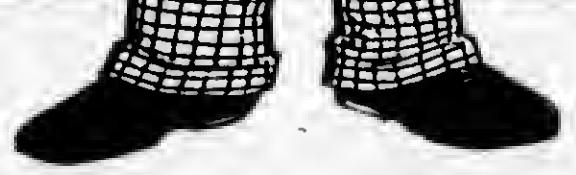
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The mortgaged real estate is improved with a single family residence and will NOT be open for inspection. The judgment amount was \$77,552.10. Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance, by certified funds, within 24 hours. The sale shall be subject to general taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and any prior first mortgages. The subject property is offered for sale without any representation as to quality of title or recourse to Plaintiff. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information. For information: Sale Clerk, Shapiro & Kreisman, 4201 Lake Cook Road, 1st Floor, Northbrook, IL 60062. (847) 498-9990, between the hours of 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. only. 141586C Sell Your Auto In The Classified Section. Call (708) 388-2425 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois, County Department — Chancery Division. National City Mortgage Company, Plaintiff, vs. Bernarda Gluszyk a/k/a Bernarda K. Bluszyk, et al., Defendants. Case No. 05Ch-2574. PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on May 24, 2005, The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 a.m. on October 4, 2005, in its office at 33 N. Dearborn St., 10th Floor, Chicago, IL 60602-3100, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as: 8059 Leamington Ave., Burbank, IL 60459. The real estate is improved with a one story single family home with gray siding and attached one car garage. The judgment amount was \$137,613.17. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; the balance, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale. The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information. For information: Visit our website at http://service.atty-pierce.com, between the hours of 3 and 5 p.m. only. PIERCE & ASSOCIATES, Plaintiff's Attorneys, One N. Dearborn St., Ste. 1300, Chicago, IL 60602, (312) 476-5500. Please refer to file number PA0500995. NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act you are advised that Plaintiff's Attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. 140308C	IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Wells Fargo Bank, NA, as Trustee for Option One Mortgage Loan Trust 2002-A, Asset Backed Certificates, Series 2002-A, Plaintiff, vs. James P. Sima Jr., et al., Defendant. Case No. 05Ch-3379. PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on May 10, 2005, The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 a.m. on October 4, 2005, in its office at 33 N. Dearborn St., 10th Floor, Chicago, IL 60602-3100, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as: 8925 S. Saratoga Dr., Bridgeview, IL 60455. The real estate is improved with a single family residence. The judgment amount was \$105,304.64. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; the balance, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale. The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information. For information: Contact Plaintiff's Attorney: The Sale Clerk, CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 N. Frontage Road, Suite 100, Burr Ridge, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876 Ext. 1320. Please refer to file number 14-05-1991. NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act you are advised that Plaintiff's Attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. 140328C IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Federal National Mortgage Association, Plaintiff, vs. Dawn Rollo, et al., Defendants. No. 04Ch-19281. PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above entitled cause on February 9, 2005, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Monday, September 12, 2005 at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 W. Madison St., Suite 718A, Chicago, IL, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described mortgaged real estate: Commonly known as 8841 S. Central Ave., Oak Lawn, IL 60453. The mortgaged real estate is improved with a single family residence and will NOT be open for inspection. The judgment amount was \$175,291.45. Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance, by certified funds, within 24 hours. The sale shall be subject to general taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and any prior first mortgages. The subject property is offered for sale without any representation as to quality of title or recourse to Plaintiff. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information. For information: Sale Clerk, Shapiro & Kreisman, 4201 Lake Cook Road, 1st Floor, Northbrook, IL 60062. (847) 498-9990, between the hours of 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. only. 141591C	IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department, Chancery Division. Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., Plaintiff, vs. Cleveland Davis a/k/a Cleveland Davis, Jr., et al., Defendants. No. 04Ch-20250. NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE Fisher & Fisher file #62338 (It is advised that interested parties consult with their own attorneys before bidding at mortgage foreclosure sales.) PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered on June 22, 2005 in the amount of \$144,097.25, Kallen Financial & Capital Services, Inc. as Selling Official will at 11:30 a.m. on September 28, 2005 at 175 W. Washington Street, Chicago, IL, sell the following described real property to the highest bidder at auction for cash: C/K/A: 3429 W. 76th Pl., Chicago, IL 60652. The improvements on the property consist of a masonry multi-level single-family dwelling with separate garage. The property will NOT be open for inspection. Sale terms: property offered "as is," with no express or implied warranties; sale subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, and superior liens, if any; 10% of successful bid to be paid at conclusion of auction and balance by noon the next business day, both by cashier's checks; and no refunds. After confirmation of the sale by the court, the successful bidder will receive a Selling Official's Deed. For information, contact the Sales Officer at the office of the Plaintiff's attorneys, Fisher & Fisher, 120 N. LaSalle Street, Chicago, IL (312) 372-4784, between 1:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. Monday through Friday; however, under Illinois law the Sales Officer is not required to provide information in addition to that contained in this notice. 144425C IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., Plaintiff, vs. Kimberly Brown, et al., Defendant. Case No. 05Ch-3052. PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on April 19, 2005, The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 a.m. on September 29, 2005, in its office at 33 N. Dearborn St., 10th Floor, Chicago, IL 60602-3100, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as: 5348 Waterbury Dr., 1903, Crestwood, IL 60445. The real estate is improved with a condominium. The judgment amount was \$108,546.71. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; the balance, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale. The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information. For information: Contact Plaintiff's Attorney: Kropik, Papuga & Shaw, 120 S. LaSalle St., Suite 1327, Chicago, IL 60603, (312) 236-6405. Please refer to file number 35605. Pursuant to Sec. 15-1507(c)(7) of the Illinois Code of Civil Procedure, no information other than the information contained in this notice will be provided. NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act you are advised that Plaintiff's Attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. 140870C	IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Wells Fargo Bank, NA successor by merger with Wells Fargo Home Mortgage, Inc., Plaintiff, vs. Nick Quirke a/k/a Nicholas Quirke, et al., Defendant. Case No. 05Ch-2670. PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on April 20, 2005, The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 a.m. on September 28, 2005, in its office at 33 N. Dearborn St., 10th Floor, Chicago, IL 60602-3100, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as: 11959 S. Keeler Ave., Alsip, IL 60803. The real estate is improved with a single family residence. The judgment amount was \$153,672.58. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; the balance, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale. The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information. For information: Contact Plaintiff's Attorney: The Sale Clerk, CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 N. Frontage Road, Suite 100, Burr Ridge, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876 Ext. 1320. Please refer to file number 14-05-1508. NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act you are advised that Plaintiff's Attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. 140835C IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for First National Bank of Arizona or its successors and assigns, Plaintiff, vs. Antonio Garcia, et al., Defendants. No. 05Ch-1005. PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on June 1, 2005, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Wednesday, September 28, 2005, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 W. Madison St., Suite 718A, Chicago, IL, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described property: Commonly known as: 4663 W. 84th Pl., Chicago, IL 60652. The improvement on the property consists of a single family residence. Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, by certified funds. No refunds. The judgment amount was \$183,242.21. The property will NOT be open for inspection. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the premises after confirmation of the sale. For information: Visit our website at http://service.atty-pierce.com, between 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. only. PIERCE & ASSOCIATES, Plaintiff's Attorneys, One N. Dearborn St., Ste. 1300, Chicago, IL 60602. Tel. No. (312) 476-5500. PIERCE & ASSOCIATES File No. PA0500023. 139956C	IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Commercial Federal Bank, Plaintiff, vs. Jennifer L. Zawisza a/k/a Jennifer L. Cochran, et al., Defendants. No. 05Ch-2809. PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on May 17, 2005, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Tuesday, September 27, 2005, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 W. Madison St., Suite 718A, Chicago, IL, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described property: Commonly known as: 14522 Sherman Ave., Posen, IL 60469. The improvement on the property consists of a single family residence with a separate two car garage. Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, by certified funds. No refunds. The judgment amount was \$101,906.25. The property will NOT be open for inspection. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the premises after confirmation of the sale. For information: Visit our website at http://service.atty-pierce.com, between 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. only. PIERCE & ASSOCIATES, Plaintiff's Attorneys, One N. Dearborn St., Ste. 1300, Chicago, IL 60602. Tel. No. (312) 476-5500. PIERCE & ASSOCIATES File No. PA0501473. 139958C Changing Careers? In The Classified Section for all the up-to-date job information IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. GMAC Mortgage Corporation, Plaintiff, vs. Gerard J. Wilson, et al., Defendant. Case No. 04Ch-19210. PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on May 9, 2005, The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 a.m. on September 20, 2005, in its office at 33 N. Dearborn St., 10th Floor, Chicago, IL 60602-3100, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as: 13309 S. Kolin Ave., Robbins, IL 60472. The real estate is improved with a single family residence. The judgment amount was \$83,629.41. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; the balance, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale. The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information. For information: Contact Plaintiff's Attorney: The Sale Clerk, CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 N. Frontage Road, Suite 100, Burr Ridge, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876 Ext. 1320. Please refer to file number 14-04-8905. NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act you are advised that Plaintiff's Attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. 141081C

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois, County Department — Chancery Division. Washington Mutual Bank, FA, Plaintiff, vs. Oscar Olaz, et al., Defendant. Case No. 05Ch-2088. PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on April 25, 2005, The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 a.m. on October 5, 2005, in its office at 33 N. Dearborn St., 10th Floor, Chicago, IL 60602-3100, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as: 4631 W. 82nd St., Chicago, IL 60652. The real estate is improved with a single family residence. The judgment amount was \$169,046.68. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; the balance, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale. The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information. For information contact Plaintiff's Attorney: The Sale Clerk, CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 N. Frontage Road, Suite 100, Burr Ridge, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876 Ext. 1320. Please refer to file number 14-05-1141. NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act you are advised that Plaintiff's Attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. 139847C	IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois, County Department — Chancery Division. Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Homecomings Financial Network, Inc. or its successors or assigns, Plaintiff, vs. David A. Benn, et al., Defendants. Case No. 05Ch-1844. PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on May 23, 2005, The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 a.m. on September 20, 2005, in its office at 33 N. Dearborn St., 10th Floor, Chicago, IL 60602-3100, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as: 8035 S. Campbell Ave., Chicago, IL 60652. The real estate is improved with a brown brick single family w/ 1 story separate 1 1/2 car garage. The judgment amount was \$114,498.85. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; the balance, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale. The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information. For information: Visit our website at http://service.atty.pierce.com, between the hours of 3 and 5 pm only. PIERCE & ASSOCIATES, Plaintiff's Attorneys, One N. Dearborn St., Ste. 1300, Chicago, IL 60602, (312) 476-5500. Please refer to file number PA0500879. NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act you are advised that Plaintiff's Attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. 141106C	IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois, County Department — Chancery Division. Emigrant Mortgage Company, Inc., Plaintiff, vs. Sara Han-neh, et al., Defendant. Case No. 05Ch-2178. PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on April 27, 2005, The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 a.m. on September 20, 2005, in its office at 33 N. Dearborn St., 10th Floor, Chicago, IL 60602-3100, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as: 15212 Walnut Rd., Oak Forest, IL 60452. The real estate is improved with a single family residence. The judgment amount was \$216,801.28. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; the balance, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale. The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information. For information contact Plaintiff's Attorney: The Sale Clerk, CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 N. Frontage Road, Suite 100, Burr Ridge, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876 Ext. 1320. Please refer to file number 14-05-963. NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act you are advised that Plaintiff's Attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. 141074C	IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois, County Department — Chancery Division. Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., Plaintiff, vs. Paul Zaitz, et al., Defendant. Case No. 05Ch-2182. PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on March 31, 2005, The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 a.m. on September 19, 2005, in its office at 33 N. Dearborn St., 10th Floor, Chicago, IL 60602-3100, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as: 9131 Meadowview Dr., Hickory Hills, IL 60457. The real estate is improved with a single family residence. The judgment amount was \$284,826.45. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; the balance, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale. The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information. For information contact Plaintiff's Attorney: Kropik, Papuga & Shaw, 120 S. LaSalle St., Suite 1327, Chicago, IL 60603, (312) 236-6405. Please refer to file number 35528. Pursuant to Sec. 15-1507(c)(7) of the Illinois Code of Civil Procedure, no information other than the information contained in this notice will be provided. NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act you are advised that Plaintiff's Attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. 141094C	IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois, County Department — Chancery Division. Chase Home Finance LLC, successor by merger to Chase Manhattan Mortgage Corporation, Plaintiff, vs. Chester M. Hudson, et al., Defendants. Case No. 05Ch-2715. PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on May 23, 2005, The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 a.m. on October 7, 2005, in its office at 33 N. Dearborn St., 10th Floor, Chicago, IL 60602-3100, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as: 2749 W. 90th Pl., Evergreen Park, IL 60805. The real estate is improved with a brown brick alum frame single family w/ 1.5 stories separate 2 car garage. The judgment amount was \$171,555.84. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; the balance, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale. The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information. For information: Visit our website at http://service.atty.pierce.com, between the hours of 3 and 5 pm only. PIERCE & ASSOCIATES, Plaintiff's Attorneys, One N. Dearborn St., Ste. 1300, Chicago, IL 60602, (312) 476-5500. Please refer to file number PA0501077. NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act you are advised that Plaintiff's Attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. 139747C	IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois, County Department — Chancery Division. Chase Manhattan Mortgage Corporation, Plaintiff, vs. Richard E. Hulsey a/k/a Richard Edward Hulsey, et al., Defendants. Case No. 05Ch-841. PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on July 5, 2005, The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 a.m. on October 7, 2005, in its office at 33 N. Dearborn St., 10th Floor, Chicago, IL 60602-3100, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as: 14735 S. Harrison Ave., Posen, IL 60469. The real estate is improved with a single family residence 1.5 stories brick beige separate 2 car garage. The judgment amount was \$134,123.36. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; the balance, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale. The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information. For information: Visit our website at http://service.atty.pierce.com, between the hours of 3 and 5 pm only. PIERCE & ASSOCIATES, Plaintiff's Attorneys, One N. Dearborn St., Ste. 1300, Chicago, IL 60602, (312) 476-5500. Please refer to file number PA0500051. 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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois, County Department — Chancery Division. Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as Nominee for Aegis Mortgage Corporation, Plaintiff, vs. Debra A. Jackson, et al., Defendant. No. 05Ch-3401.

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on May 18, 2005, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Thursday, September 29, 2005, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 W. Madison St., Suite 718A, Chicago, IL, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described mortgaged real estate:

Commonly known as: 3736 W. 86th St., Chicago, IL 60652. The improvement on the property consists of a single family residence.

Sale terms: Bidders must present, at the time of sale, a cashier's or certified check for 10% of the successful bid amount. The balance of the successful bid shall be paid within 24 hours, by similar funds.

The property will NOT be open for inspection.

For information call Ms. Oiane Thomas, at Plaintiff's Attorney, Freedman, Anselmo, Lindberg and Rappe, 1807 W. Diehl Road, Naperville, IL 60566-7107. 630/983-0770. 139914C

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois, County Department — Chancery Division. Beneficial Illinois, Inc. d/b/a Beneficial Mortgage Co. of Illinois, Plaintiff, vs. Houghson Gillette, et al., Defendants. No. 04Ch-16914.

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on June 1, 2005, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Tuesday, September 27, 2005, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 W. Madison St., Suite 718A, Chicago, IL, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described mortgaged real estate:

Commonly known as: 4116 W. 136th, Robbins, IL 60472.

The improvement on the property consists of a single family residence.

Sale terms: Bidders must present, at the time of sale, a cashier's or certified check for 10% of the successful bid amount. The balance of the successful bid shall be paid within 24 hours, by similar funds.

The property will NOT be open for inspection.

For information call Mr. James A. Larson at Plaintiff's Attorney, Larson & Nierling, 11 S. LaSalle St., Chicago, IL 60603. (312) 422-0057. 139979C



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Houses For Sale

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois, County Department - Chancery Division, Aurora Loan Services, Plaintiff, vs. Brian Crawford a/k/a Brian P. Crawford, et al., Defendant. Case No. 05Ch-3117.

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on June 6, 2005, The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 a.m. on October 4, 2005, in its office at 33 N. Dearborn St., 10th Floor, Chicago, IL 60602-3100, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

Commonly known as: 12620 S. Alpine Dr., Unit 5, Alsip, IL 60803.

The real estate is improved with a condominium.

The judgment amount was \$73,264.52.

Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; the balance, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagee, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.

The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information.

For information contact Plaintiff's Attorney: The Sale Clerk, CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 N. Fruitage Road, Suite 100, Burr Ridge, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876 Ext. 1320. Please refer to file number 14-05-1724.

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REAL ESTATE

Houses For Sale

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois, County Department - Chancery Division, Green Tree Servicing, LLC f/k/a Conesco Finance Servicing Corp. f/k/a Green Tree Financial Servicing Corporation, Plaintiff, vs. Darrell F. Jados, et al., Defendants. Case No. 05Ch-3410.

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on May 16, 2005, The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 a.m. on October 7, 2005, in its office at 33 N. Dearborn St., 10th Floor, Chicago, IL 60602-3100, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

Commonly known as: 3726 W. 80th Pl., Chicago, IL 60652. The real estate is improved with a red brick single family home with detached garage.

The judgment amount was \$48,232.39.

Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; the balance, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.

The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information.

For information: Visit our website at <http://service.atty-pierce.com> between the hours of 3 and 5 pm only. PIERCE & ASSOCIATES, Plaintiff's Attorneys, One N. Dearborn St., Ste. 1300, Chicago, IL 60602, (312) 476-5500. Please refer to file number PA0501725.

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REAL ESTATE

Houses For Sale

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois, County Department - Chancery Division, National City Mortgage Co., Plaintiff, vs. Enrique Garduno, et al., Defendant. Case No. 03Ch-2156.

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of the above Court entered in the above entitled cause on January 10, 2005, The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 a.m. on September 30, 2005 in its office at 33 N. Dearborn St., Suite 1015, Chicago, IL 60602-3100, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

Commonly known as: 3729 W. 86th Place, Chicago, IL. The real estate is improved with a single family residence. The judgment amount was \$166,617.47.

Sale terms: The bid amount shall be paid in cash immediately by the highest and best bidder at the conclusion of the sale. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to plaintiff. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.

The property will NOT be open for inspection. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information.

For information contact Plaintiff's Attorney: Heaven, Scott, Beyers & Mihlar, 111 E. Main St., Suite 200, Decatur, IL 62525, (217) 422-1719 ext. 23.

NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act you are advised that the Law Firm of Heaven, Scott, Beyers & Mihlar is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

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Seventeen New Cases Of West Nile Virus Confirmed

Dr. Eric E. Whitaker, state public health director, announced 17 new West Nile disease cases have been identified in Chicago, suburban Cook and DuPage counties, bringing to 63 the number of cases reported so far this year in the state.

The new cases are two women and two men from Chicago who were hospitalized with West Nile neuroinvasive disease and a Chicago man diagnosed with West Nile fever; from suburban Cook County two women with West Nile disease, one man with West Nile fever and four women and one man with West Nile neuroinvasive disease; and in DuPage County four people with some form of West Nile disease. There have been 25 other cases of West Nile disease this year in suburban Cook County. The state's other cases of West Nile disease have been from Chicago (9), DuPage (5), Kane (5), Peoria (1) and Will County (1).

West Nile Virus is transmitted through the bite of a mosquito that has picked up

the virus by feeding on an infected bird. Most people with the virus have no clinical symptoms of illness, but some may become ill three to 14 days after the bite of an infected mosquito.

Anyone who develops symptoms such as high fever, confusion, muscle weakness, severe headaches or stiff neck should see a doctor immediately. These symptoms may indicate meningitis or encephalitis, two potentially life-threatening illnesses. Diagnosis is made through a blood test, but no specific medication exists to treat or cure the disease.

For more WNV prevention information or to report a dead bird or animal, call CCDPH at (708) 492-2650, or visit these sites:

www.cookcountypublichealth.org

www.cdc.gov/ncidod/dvbid/westnile/index.htm

www.idph.state.il.us/envhealth/wnv.htm

The Illinois Department of Public Health has established a toll-free information line on WNV: (866) 369-9710.

YMCA Adventure Guides Gear Up For Another Season Of Fun

Want to spend quality one-on-one time with your child?

The way to do it is to join the YMCA Adventure Guides. With the start of the school year, the YMCA Adventure Guides are gearing up for another season of fun. The YMCA Adventure Guides offer father/daughter, father/son, and mother children programs. Typically, children range in age from 5 through 10 years.

Nationally, for more than 50 years the YMCA Adventure Guides Program has put into action the YMCA tag line, "We build strong kids, strong families, strong communities."

The program is designed to promote family values and instill a strong bond between parents and their children. The Adventure Guides is a program of the YMCA Network located in Alsip which has provided families with addiction and counseling services, crisis intervention, homeless youth programs and drug and violence prevention

programs for 42 years.

The southwest suburban Adventure Guide monthly outings take place during the school year September through June and include fun activities as a bike hike in the forest preserves, a pumpkin hunt in the woods, and a swim and gym.

Each year in the fall and spring the YMCA Adventure Guides host overnight weekends at YMCA residential camps where parents and their sons or daughters spend time at rifle or archery ranges, on climbing walls, and participating in campfire ceremonies.

While the agenda for the father/daughter and the father/son programs are similar, they do offer some different experiences. For example, the father/daughter program has an annual, "Sweetheart Dance," which takes place around Valentine's Day each year. This event is like a prom, with a dinner/dance at the Orland Chateau. The girls go on a "date," with their dads.

Flowers are provided and a photographer takes a photo of each father and daughter in their formal attire.

"My relationship with my children is stronger as a result of the time we spent together in this program," says Tom Gibbons of Palos Park who has been involved in the YMCA Adventure Guides Program since 1995. His children are now 17, 15, 12, and 10 years old. "Some of the best memories of their childhood were from spending time together at outings. My 12 year old is turning 13 soon, which is a little old for some of the activities, but she enjoys the outings so much she doesn't want to quit," Gibbons says.

The southwest suburban father/daughter & father/son groups each have nearly 150 families involved. All events are planned and organized by parents participating in the program. "This program offers not only a great way to spend time with your children but also allows you to meet other parents active in your community," says Gibbons. Gibbons says many fathers he knows have stayed in touch with each other even after their children have left the program, as a result of the friendships they have forged while taking their children to sponsored events.

Interested in learning more? Attend an information meeting on Wed. Sept. 7th from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m., at the Glen Maker Legion Hall, 10739 Ridgeland Ave., Chicago Ridge. Those who are unable to make the meeting, should call Mike Sedlak (father/son program) at (708) 214-5400, or Mike Powell (father/daughter program) at (708) 444-0531, or check out the program at www.Adventureguides.info.



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Southwest Area Obituaries

Jose Herredia

Services were held Monday at the Hann Funeral Home, Bridgeview, with interment in Mexico, for Jose Herredia, 68, a long time resident of Justice. He was born in Mexico and came to this country in 1973. He was working as a cook for Niko's restaurant for over 20 years.

He is survived by a brother in Mexico.

Julius Pudik

Mass was said Monday, at the S.S. Peter and Paul Ukrainian Orthodox Church, Palos Park, with interment at Mt. Hope Cemetery, for Julius Pudik. He was a World War II Navy Veteran. He served in the Pacific aboard the Destroyer U.S.S. McDermutt, battle of Leyte Gulf. He was the owner of the University Tavern in Burnside for 36 years. He was a charter member of American Legion Triangle Post #933 and a member of the VFW. He worked in the oil fields of the Navajo Nation in New Mexico.

He is survived by his children, Kathleen (Glen) Rey and Janet (Paul) Ibanez; three grandchildren; three great grandchildren; his sister, Irene Belkow; and his brother, Edward Pudik.

Marylou Quinn

Mass was said Monday at St. Julie Billiard Church, Tinley Park, with interment at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, for Marylou Quinn. She was a registered nurse with 20 years of service at St. Francis Hospital & Health Center.

Marylou Quinn is survived by her brothers, Thomas CPD (Stephanie CPD), James CPD (Kathleen) & Patrick (Cynthia) Quinn.

Charles L. Hickey

A memorial service was held Wednesday, with interment at Holy Cross Cemetery, for Charles L. Hickey, 58. He was retired from CSX Railroad.

He is survived by his brother, Paul A. (Vickey) Hickey.

W. Dean Joritz

Services were held Monday at the Zimmerman & Sandeman Funeral Home, Oak Lawn, with interment at Fairmount-Willow Hills Cemetery, for W. Dean Joritz, 83.

He is survived by her children, Richard (Leah), Sandra (Roland) Ewalt, Linda (William) Stasek, William W. (Linda) Maideane (Steven) Allen; 16 grandchildren; 25 great grandchildren; and her sisters Evelyn and Helen.

Aurora Burnett

Services were held Tuesday at the Salem Evangelical Lutheran Church, Blue Island, with interment at First Evangelical Lutheran Cemetery, Alsip, for Aurora "Rory" Burnett, 64. She was

20-year employee of the Blue Island Police Department.

She is survived by her children, Tom (Cheryl), Judy (Jeff) Laing, Julie (Dave) Benedetto, Jim (Ruby) Sue (Jim) Lambros & Joe; seven grandchildren; and his sister, JoAnn.

Frances M. Terrance

Services were held Wednesday, at the Kosary Funeral Home, Evergreen Park, with a private interment, for Frances M. Terrance, 62.

She is survived by her brother, Roger (Pat).

Geraldine Vande Werken

Services were held Tuesday, at the Colonial Chapel, Orland Park, with interment at Chapel Hill Garden South Cemetery, for Geraldine "Gerry" Vande Werken.

She is survived by her children, John Jr. (Barbara), Jerry (Patti) and James (Laura); six grandchildren; one great grandson; her sisters, Maric Schripsema and Theresa Harkins; and her brother Martin Huiner.

Edward J. Stevens Sr.

Mass was Monday, at Incarnation Church, Palos Heights, with interment at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, for Edward J. Stevens, Sr., 83.

He is survived by his wife Margaret; his children, Ed Jr. (Bobbie), Kathy Yoder, Peggy Brown, Tom (Sandy), Reenie (Bill) Murley and Mary (Steve) Hofer; sixteen grandchildren; seventeen great grandchildren; and his sister Pat Mumane.

Adrienne M. Cairo

Mass was said Tuesday at St. George Church, Tinley Park, with a private interment, for Adrienne M. Cairo.

She is survived by her children, Christopher (Nicole) and Kevin (Tricia); her sister, Kathleen (Mike) Mihalik; and her brother David Genge.

John D. Hight

Mass was said Wednesday, at St. Christina Church, Mt. Greenwood, with interment at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, for John D. Hight, 85. He was a veteran of the U.S. Marine Corps and the former Deputy Building Commissioner for the City of Chicago.

He is survived by his children, Paula Hight and Mary (Don) Rudnik; and two grandchildren.

Helen Salazar

Mass was said Wednesday, at SS Peter and Paul Orthodox Church, Palos Park, with interment at Mt. Hope Cemetery, for Helen Salazar.

She is survived by her children, Mary (Max) Rayhom, Barbara (Max) Narancich and Joseph Jr. (Barbara) Salazar; seven grandchildren & seven great grandchildren.

George Lusinski

Services were held Monday at the Vandenberg Funeral Home, Tinley Park, for George "Motorcycle George" Lusinski. He was a Korean War Veteran serving with the U.S. Air Force.

He is survived by his wife Doris; his children George, Dorene (Marco Duckstein), Nancy (Henry Brouette) Susan (Ken Rocznik), Barbara (Allen Dolph); twelve grandchildren; and sixteen great grandchildren.

Angeline T. Wasag

Mass was said Tuesday at Incarnation Church, Palos Heights, with interment at Resurrection Cemetery, for Angeline T. Wasag, 93.

She is survived by her son, Ronald (Irene); three grandchildren; eight great grandchildren; her sisters Stella DeFranco, Cassie Lyskanowski, Lorraine Palicz, and Adeline Wisniewski; and her brother Joseph Wrobel.

James F. Leatherman, Sr.

Mass was said Monday, at St. Elizabeth Seton Church, Orland Hills, with interment at Good Shepherd Cemetery, for James F. Leatherman Sr. He was the former Commissioner of the Police and Fire Department of the Village of Chicago Ridge, the former Youth Commissioner of Chicago Ridge and a Former Coach of Youth Sports for many years in the Southwest Suburbs and a member of AFSCME.

He is survived by his wife, Jo; his children, Jim (Patty), Mike (Sharon), Pat (Cindy) and Tim (Sharon) Leatherman; twelve grandchildren; eight great grandchildren.

Helen Eure

Mass was said Monday at Queen of Martyrs Church, Evergreen Park, with interment at St. Casimir Cemetery for Helen Eure, 91.

She is survived by her son, John (Norma) Eure; four grandchildren; and eleven great grandchildren.

John R. Butler, Sr.

A Memorial Service will be held Thursday, Sept. 8, at the Center, 12700 Southwest Highway, Palos Park, for John R. Butler, Sr., 66, of Palos Heights. He was a veteran of the United States Army. He was an accountant and a Real Estate Appraiser.

He is survived by his wife, Sharon B.; his children, Jane

(James) McCarthy and John R., Jr.; three grandchildren; three step grandchildren; his brother Joseph and his sister Diane Foster.

Francis Farrell

Services were held Friday at the Chapel Hill Gardens South Funeral Home, with a private interment for Francis Farrell, a veteran of the U.S. Army during the Korean War.

He is survived by his wife, Eiko; his children, Michael and Steven (Carol Joy); two grandchildren; & his brother Donald.

Veronica A. Jaworski

Mass was held on Saturday at the Lawn Funeral Home, Orland Park, with interment at Holy Cross Cemetery, for Veronica A. Jaworski.

There were no immediate survivors.

John F. Nasko

Mass was said Saturday at St. Isadore Church, Blue Island, with interment at Queen of Heaven Cemetery, for John F. Nasko, 87, currently of the West Pullman area. He was a retired manager of credit and collection for International Harvester Export Company and a retired International finance speaker.

He is survived by his wife, Rosanne; his children John (Nancy), Patricia Smith and Mary Jo Nasko.

Ronald J. Sarhage

Mass was said Saturday at St. Damian Church, Oak Forest, with interment at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, for Ronald J. Sarhage. He was a 40-year employee of the Peoples Gas Co.

He is survived by his wife, Kathleen; his children, Daniel (Kathy), Jack (Sue) CFD, Martin (Christina) CFD, Timothy (Katie) PHFD and Kathleen (George) Ditchman; fifteen grandchildren; and his sister Irene Clohessy.

Gloria A. Walsh

Mass was said Saturday at St. Elizabeth Seton Church, Orland Hills, with entombment at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery for Gloria A. Walsh, 81. She was a veteran of the U.S. Navy service as a WAVE. She was also the principal of Hazelgreen Elementary School, District 126, Alsip, IL. She was the first recipient of the George McGuire Award at St. Xavier University.

She is survived by her children, John "Jack", Robert (Michelle), Michael Patrick

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(Nancy), Mary Elizabeth St. Christopher Church, 147th (Marty) Mikolajewski, Kathleen Mulcahy (Patrick Reda) and Peter (Veronica) Walsh; and many grandchildren.

Frank E. Zoll

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Special Needs Class

A special Sunday School class for elementary children with developmental disabilities will be offered at the First United Methodist Church of Oak Lawn on Sunday mornings from 9 to 10 a.m. beginning Sunday, Sept. 11th. The class will be led by a certified special education teacher and use curriculum designed for developmentally disabled children.

The church is at 100th St. & Central Ave. Call Kathy at (708) 423-7081 to register in advance and for any further information needed.

Children's Clothing

Southwest Chicago Christian School is holding its Fall/Winter children's clothes and equipment resale on Sept. 24th from 9 a.m. to 12 noon in the Oak Lawn gym located at 5665 W. 101st St. Toys and baby equipment will be sold along with gently used boy's (infant to size 20) and girl's clothing (infant to size 16). Interested sellers may register on Sept. 8th from 5:30 to 7 p.m. at the Oak Lawn campus. The registration fee is \$5. The seller will receive 70% of the sale, the school receives 30%. The sale will be cash only. No children or baskets/bags will be allowed into the sale.

Writers Workshop At Oak Lawn's Public Library

Barbara Gregorich will lead a half-day writers workshop on Saturday, Oct. 8th from 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Oak Lawn Public Library, 5300 W. 95th St. Advance in-person registration begins Saturday, Sept. 3rd at the Reception Booth. Limited to 24 participants. A \$10 workshop fee must be paid at enrollment. Light refreshments will be provided.

Gregorich will focus on the basics of writing and getting published. Fiction, non-fiction, children's material and magazine articles will be explored. Learn about

how and where to get ideas, writing proposal and query letters, outlines and sample chapters, getting a contract, rewriting and promoting your work.

Gregorich studied at Kent State University, the University of Wisconsin and Harvard. Her published works include "She's on First," a well-received mainstream novel about a woman major leaguer, and "Dirty Proof," a mystery featuring a Croatian private detective in Chicago. Her 1993 non-fiction work, "Women at Play: The Story of Women in Baseball," won a Chicago Women in Publishing award for best adult trade book of the year as well as a SABR-Macmillan award for best baseball research of the year.

For additional information, call (708) 422-4990.

AIDS Lecture

On Tuesday, Sept. 6th, Morgan Park Presbyterian Church will host the Rev. Dr. Nyansako Nyku, Moderator of the Africa Council of Churches, as he presents a lecture entitled "The Pandemic of AIDS in Africa: Old News or Good News?" The lecture will begin at 7:30 p.m. Dr. Nyku is the executive minister of the Presbyterian Church of Cameroon and an international leader in mobilizing education to prevent the spread of HIV/AIDS throughout the continent of Africa.

The church is at 11056 S. Longwood Dr. All are welcome. For more information, contact the church office, (773) 779-3355.

Homeschool Group Forming

Homeschooling families can meet and work together as part of a new resource and sharing group forming at the Oak Lawn Public Library, 5300 W. 95th St. Monthly meetings will be held every second Thursday at 10 a.m. The first two gatherings are set for Sept. 8 and Oct. 13. Activities will include tours of the library, instruction on improving research skills, presentations and book discussions.

Register in-person at the Youth Services Desk or by phone at (708) 422-4990.

Local Cadet Named To Dean's List

Cadet Leo Thomas Krystof, son of Donald and Susan Krystof of Oak Lawn, was named to the Dean's List at the U.S. Military Academy.

To qualify for the Dean's List, a cadet must maintain a 3.0 grade point average.

Krystof graduated from St. Rita High School in 2004. He plans to graduate from West Point in 2008 and be commissioned a second lieutenant in the U.S. Army.

The mission of the U.S. Military Academy is to educate, train, and inspire the Corps of Cadets so that each graduate is a commissioned leader of character committed to the values of Duty, Honor, Country and prepared for a career of professional excellence and service to the Nation as an officer in the United States Army.

Free Wireless Internet Access

The Oak Lawn Public Library, 5300 W. 95th St., now offers free wireless Internet access or "hot spots" for patrons with laptop computers or other devices capable of receiving wireless signals. Users are responsible for ensuring that their equipment is "wireless ready," with the correct settings and necessary hardware, including virus protection. The library's wireless Internet service is filtered and access to printers is not available through the connection. Those who use the library's wireless network must agree to comply with the Oak Lawn Public Library Access to Electronic Information Policy. Copies of this policy are available at all public service desks. The library's wireless signal is strong enough to be picked up almost anywhere in the building.

For additional information, call (708) 422-4990.

Rummage Sale

You know Fall has arrived when Oak Lawn's Trinity Lutheran Church announces the dates of its Fall Rummage Sale. This year the sale will be held on Thursday, Sept. 15th from 7 to 9 p.m. and Friday, Sept. 16th from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Bag Day will be Saturday, Sept. 17th from 9 to 11 a.m. Everything that can be stuffed in a brown paper grocery bag can be purchased for only \$2. Please note new days.

Bargains available include clothing for all ages, household goods, jewelry, books, toys, furniture, and much more. Trinity Lutheran Church is at 9701 S. Brandt Ave. (two blocks west of Cicero Ave.).

Crocheting Class

The Worth Township Seniors will hold a class in crocheting on Tuesday mornings in the senior room of the Worth Township Center, 11601 S. Pulaski Rd. The classes will start Sept. 20th and end Nov. 8th.

Those interested in this class should call Jean at (708) 371-2900, Ext. 28.

Starve Rock

Take in the beautiful fall colors at Starve Rock State Park on Monday, Oct. 3 with the Oak Lawn Park District. Enjoy a one hour narrated tour of the Illinois River aboard the Belle of the Rock, a Historic Trolley Tour and Lunch at the Starve Rock Lodge. The Travel Services Deluxe Motorcoach will depart from Oak View Center, 4625 W. 110th St., at 9:30 a.m. and will return at 4:30 p.m. Fee for this trip is \$56 for Oak Lawn residents and \$61 for non residents.

Registration deadline for this trip is Friday, Sept. 9. For more information on this or other trips, call 708-857-2200.



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State Pension Reforms

Governor Rod R. Blagojevich announced a series of reforms on Aug. 26th that would significantly change the way in which the state's pension boards conduct their investment business. These reforms are intended to bring more accountability and openness to a system whose business practices have recently been the subject of federal indictments and numerous media reports.

Reforms would eliminate placement agent contingency fees, strengthen ethics rules, create stiffer penalties for fraud and ethical violations against employee pension systems, expand disclosure to identify and eliminate conflicts of interest, and require stricter standards for hiring of investment advisors. Many of these reforms would be the first adopted by the state's pension systems and would align their practices more closely with those of their governmental counterparts. Some reforms would also be the most extensive adopted by any state in the nation.

Free Wireless Internet

The Oak Lawn Public Library, 5300 W. 95th St., now offers free wireless Internet access or "hot spots" for patrons with laptop computers or other devices capable of receiving wireless signals. Users are responsible for ensuring that their equipment is "wireless ready," with the correct settings and necessary hardware, including virus protection. The library's wireless Internet service is filtered and access to printers is not available through the connection. Those who use the library's wireless network must agree to comply with the Oak Lawn Public Library Access to Electronic Information Policy. Copies of this policy are available at all public service desks. The library's wireless signal is strong enough to be picked up almost anywhere in the building.

For additional information, call (708) 422-4990.



St. Rita Student Council Sets Theme For School Year

The St. Rita High School Student Council officers, working with Activities Director, Brother Jack Hibbard, OSA, chose as its theme for this school year, "101 Years...Rita Pride and Tradition Live On." The council will work throughout the year to plan and coordinate student activities food drives, dances, spirit weeks, and pep rallies.

Serving as Student Council Officers for the 2005-06 school year are the following: President, Michael Patrick (Oak Lawn); Vice President, Matthew Ladd (Beverly); Secretary, Michael Gallik (Beverly); Treasurer, Michael Lally (Oak Lawn); Sergeant-At-Arms, Sean Rowan (Evergreen Park). Serving as Senior Class Officers for the 2005-06 school year are the following: President, Joseph Marciano (Mt. Greenwood); Vice President, Michael Galeher (Beverly); Secretary, Thomas Harrington (Beverly); Treasurer, Richard Gabel, (West Lawn); Sergeant-At-Arms, Bernard Cooper (Calumet City).

Pictured: (front row from left) Joseph Marciano, Matthew Ladd, Sean Rowan, and Michael Galeher; (back row) Michael Patrick, Thomas Harrington, Activities Director Bro. Jack Hibbard, OSA, Michael Lally, Michael Gallik and Bernard Cooper.

Patron Appreciation Day

Oak Lawn residents and patrons from other communities are invited to take part in the first annual Patron Appreciation Day at the Oak Lawn Public Library, 5300 W. 95th St., from 1 to 5 p.m. on Sunday, Sept. 18th.

Discussion Groups

The Friends of the Oak Lawn Library sponsor two discussion groups that meet once a month, September through May, at the Oak Lawn Public Library, 5300 W. 95th St., in the Mary Nelson Room, lower level.

Short story discussions are held on the second Wednesday of the month at 1 p.m. They will meet on Sept. 14th to discuss "Bulldog" by Arthur Miller and on Oct. 12th for "The Tell-Tale Heart" by Edgar Allan Poe. Book discussions are held on the fourth Wednesday of the month at 1 p.m. They will meet on Sept. 28th to discuss "A Tale of Two Cities" by Charles Dickens. There will be a movie viewing prior to the discussion. The group will then meet on Oct. 26th for "Bleachers" by John Grisham. Copies of these books may be checked out one month in advance at the Circulation Desk.

For additional information, call Dorothy Whitney at (708) 422-2390.

Celebrate the many ways that you are "Free to Read" with an afternoon of fun and festivities, on the first date that the library reopens for Sunday hours.

The Windy City Harmonica Trio will perform impromptu mini-concerts on the first and second floor of the library between 1 and 2:30. The Harvest Moon Barbershop Quartet will sing old-time favorites at various locations from 2:30 to 4 p.m.

Refreshments will be available in the library's lobby, while supplies last. There will be giveaways. The first 350 patrons to enter the building will receive a red, white and blue "Free to Read" silicone wristband.

Oak Lawn residents may enter to win one of ten \$5 gift certificates for The Food for Thought Café. Entry blanks and details at the Reception Booth.

Children are invited to stop in to create their own star necklace in the Youth Services Dept. The first 100 participants will receive a free pinwheel.

For additional information, call (708) 422-4990.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

SEPTEMBER 12 - Monday - AARP Meeting, VFW Hall, 9514 52nd Ave., 1 p.m.

SEPTEMBER 12 - Monday - OL Park Board Meeting, 4 W. 110th St., 7:30 p.m.

SEPTEMBER 12 - Monday - Business Development Commission Meeting, 9446 S. Raymond, 7:30 p.m.

SEPTEMBER 13 - Tuesday - Environmental Concerns Meeting, 9446 S. Raymond, 7:30 p.m.

SEPTEMBER 13 - Tuesday - Special Events Committee Meeting, 9446 S. Raymond, 7:30 p.m.

SEPTEMBER 13 - Tuesday - Community Mental Health Board, 9401 S. 53rd Ct., 8 p.m.

SEPTEMBER 13 - Tuesday - Human Services Board, 9446 S. Raymond, 8 p.m.

SEPTEMBER 13 - Tuesday - Worth Township Committee Board Meeting, 11601 S. Pulaski, 7:30 p.m.

SEPTEMBER 13 - Tuesday - OL Village Board Meeting, Municipal Building, 9446 Raymond, 8 p.m.

SEPTEMBER 13 - Tuesday - Village Hall open to 8 p.m.

SEPTEMBER 13 - Tuesday - VFW 5220 Meeting, 9514 S. 52nd Ave., 8 p.m.

SEPTEMBER 14 - Wednesday - Free Blood Pressure Test, Oak Lawn Library, Lower Level, 5300 W. 95th St., 1 to 3 p.m.

SEPTEMBER 14 - Wednesday - Fire & Police Commission Meeting, 9446 S. Raymond, Conference Room B, 6:30 p.m.

SEPTEMBER 15 - Thursday - Public Works Meeting, 9446 S. Raymond, 7:30 p.m.

SEPTEMBER 15 - Thursday - Athletic Club Auxiliary Meeting, VFW Hall, 9514 S. 52nd Ave., 8 p.m.

SEPTEMBER 15, 16 & 17 - Fall Rummage Sale, Oak Lawn Trinity Lutheran Church, 9701 Brandt Ave., Thursday, 7 to 9 p.m.; Friday, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Saturday, 9 to 11 a.m. (Bag Day).

Jesse White Warns Of Hurricane Related Scams

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Illinois Law Enforcement Alarm System Sends 150 Officers To Louisiana For Hurricane Assistance

The Illinois Law Enforcement Alarm System (ILEAS) coordinated the effort to send 150 law enforcement officers to Louisiana to support local officers. The responding ILEAS group represents 72 law enforcement agencies throughout the State and consists of 150 sworn personnel. Sixty of the officers are specially trained local and state Weapons of Mass Destruction Response Teams consisting of experienced SWAT personnel trained and equipped by ILEAS, Chicago and the State Police.

The officers and deputies were from many sized departments from across the state. They include municipal departments, sheriff's offices, university/college departments, park district police departments, Chicago Police Department, State Police, Secretary of State investigators and Department of Natural Resources - all ILEAS members. Gary Stryker, ILEAS Governing Board President, stated "We were overwhelmed with requests from officers and departments willing to send resources and staff to assist in this most devastating tragedy. It is gratifying to see the enthusiasm of officers and deputies who want to help."

On Friday morning, Sept. 2nd, the State of Louisiana asked for and received aid by invoking the "Emergency Management Assistance Compact (EMAC), an interstate agreement for rendering aid in times of need. EMAC is coordinated through the Illinois Emergency Management Agency. Working closely with the Illinois State Police, ILEAS coordinated the response of the personnel and equipment.

The officers left for Louisiana from the Illinois State Fairgrounds in Springfield on Saturday, Sept. 3rd at 2:30 p.m., within 24 hours of receiving a request to assist. They arrived Sunday morning and immediately started receiving assignments from Louisiana emergency management officials.

The ILEAS contingent, known as "Task Force Illinois," is presently based in Hammond, Louisiana. The convoy consisted of over 75 vehicles including squad cars, a command post vehicle, two armored cars, seven rescue boats, 4X4 all-terrain vehicles, etc.

ILEAS is presently coordinating the second wave of over 100 officers to respond and relieve the first group. The second wave may also include telecommunications personnel. For further information, contact the ILEAS office at 1-217-328-3800.

For a list of the agencies sending personnel, and photos of the deployment, see the ILEAS website at www.ileas.org and click on the Katrina link on the home page.

Local Firefighters Aid With Katrina Victims

As All-State Arena anticipates the arrival of several hundred Katrina survivors, hundreds of fire fighters and paramedics from all over the Chicagoland area will converge upon the arena to provide aid to the victims.

Also a contingent of 53 specially trained fire fighters and paramedics from Chicago and suburbs has been deployed to the demolished city of New Orleans.

Mokena, Orland Park, Palos Heights and Palos Park have also contributed workers and equipment to the cause.

West Nile Update

Dr. Erie E. Whitaker, is hospitalized with West Nile fever.

The state's other cases of West Nile disease have been from Chicago (18), suburban Cook County (46), and the counties of DuPage (13), Kane (7), Lake (1), Peoria (2), St. Clair (1) and Will (1). There has been one West Nile disease fatality reported - a 92-year-old woman from suburban Cook County who died Aug. 27th.

Neuroinvasive disease is the most severe form of the West Nile virus and affects a person's nervous system. Specific types of neuroinvasive disease include: West Nile encephalitis, West Nile meningitis or West Nile meningoencephalitis. Encephalitis refers to an inflammation of the brain, meningitis is an inflammation of the membrane around the brain and the spinal cord, and meningoencephalitis refers to inflammation of the brain and the membrane surrounding it. Persons older than 50 years of age have the highest risk of severe disease.

In addition to human cases, a total of 181 birds, 1,647 mosquito samples, one horse and one llama from 37 counties have tested positive for West Nile virus since surveillance for the mosquito-borne disease began on May 1st.

Additional information about West Nile virus can be found on the Department's Web site at www.idph.state.il.us/cnyhe/alth/wnv.htm or people can call the West Nile Virus Hotline at (866) 369-9710 Monday through Friday between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m.

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Letter To The Editor

U.S. Rep. Bobby L. Rush (D-IL) In Letter To Bush: "Hurricane Katrina Rescue Efforts Is One Of The Greatest Injustices Of My Lifetime"

September 2, 2005

The Honorable George W. Bush,
President of the United States
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, DC 20502

Dear Mr. President

For most of my life, I have fought for justice and equal rights in this country. What I have seen over the past week in the wake of the destruction of Hurricane Katrina qualifies as one of the great injustices of my lifetime and one of the biggest travesties in American history.

I do not say this lightly. Mr. President, I along with millions of other Americans have witnessed on television unspeakable, widespread suffering in Mississippi and (especially) Louisiana that has led to the wholesale denigration and destruction of thousands upon thousands of human lives. I and millions of other Americans have seen 80% of the city of New Orleans submerged in water. We have seen people stranded on their rooftops for days without any rescue, who are dying of starvation, dehydration and exhaustion. We have seen thousands of people literally baking in the hot sun on the highways that are above water. We have seen mothers desperately seeking nourishment for their children - for their infants! - and we have seen the elderly weakly sitting in a daze, simply waiting to die.

Mr. President, we have seen the Superdome and other "refugee" centers - an insulting term - descend into complete anarchy, where people lack basic necessities and are submerged in the stench of filth and raw sewage. Worse they are terrorized by criminals who brazenly prey on them with violence, including rape and murder.

I have heard you and others in your Administration say that we did everything we can and are doing everything we can to save the lives of these innocent souls. I do not believe that this is true. Nothing, anyone says in a press conference in front of cameras will convince me that the richest, most powerful nation in the world is incapable of mobilizing its massive, unprecedented resources to simply deliver food and water to people dying in the streets.

It is impossible for me to believe that we can't deploy sufficient troops to the Superdome and other so-called safe havens to protect people and provide them with basic necessities.

Mr. President, the response to this catastrophe has been completely incompetent at the very best, and unconscionably indifferent at the very worst. There is no good reason why a massive military or national guard effort did not take place sooner to alleviate the death and suffering of the citizens of New Orleans. No one can convince me that we could not have moved a convoy of personnel carriers into the city to evacuate people from the Superdome and the other relief centers. There is no good reason why an armada of helicopters couldn't give food and water to large congregations of people dying in the streets.

It is no coincidence that the vast majority of the people suffering and dying in New Orleans are poor and African American. These are citizens that simply did not have the logistical or financial wherewithal to evacuate New Orleans along with the rest of her citizens. It is my belief that if Hurricane Katrina had left wealthy white citizens in dehumanizing squalor surrounded by flood waters, the federal government would have mobilized swiftly and decisively to rescue and evacuate those people. On top of all of the suffering and death taking place, I am outraged by this blatant display of discrimination.

I hope you will hold everyone in your Administration accountable for the lack of response to this human catastrophe. While nothing will be able to make-up for the inhumanity suffered by the citizens of New Orleans, we must go forward from here and do everything in our power to alleviate their pain. And we must also determine exactly what went wrong and hold accountable those people who had the responsibility to decisively act in a time of crisis.

Sincerely,
s/s Bobby L. Rush
Member of Congress

Cardinal Asks Catholic Schools To Welcome Students Displaced By Hurricane Katrina

Francis Cardinal George, Archbishop of Chicago, asked all Catholic elementary schools and Catholic high schools in the Archdiocese of Chicago to welcome students displaced by Hurricane Katrina.

Cardinal George has asked Catholic school administrators to waive tuition fees for the displaced students. The Cardinal also advised school administrators that regular admission paperwork and documentation may be completed after students are admitted.

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Biggart Presents Transportation Funds For Lemont

U.S. Representative Judy Biggart (R-13th-IL) attended a meeting of Lemont's Village Board to present a check symbolizing \$360,000 in federal transportation funding.

Biggart presented the check after touring downtown Lemont with Village officials. The Village of Lemont will receive \$280,000 for improvements to the intersection of McCarthy, Derby and Archer roads. Biggart also presented the village with another \$80,000 to begin the process of connecting the I&M Canal and Centennial Trails through construction of a pedestrian bridge.

Additionally, Congresswoman Biggart announced that two other transportation projects in the Lemont area will receive federal funding: \$360,000 to the County of Cook for improvements to 127th Street east of Lemont in unincorporated Cook County; and \$713,600 to the Illinois Department of Transportation for the resurfacing of 123rd St. from Bell Road to 86th Ave. in Palos Park.

All the projects were included as part of the final Federal Transportation Bill that was passed by Congress on Friday, July 29th.

Hurricane Katrina Recovery & Cleanup

In the aftermath of one of the nation's most devastating hurricanes, Gov. Rod R. Blagojevich on Aug. 30th authorized the Illinois Medical Emergency Response Team to travel to Louisiana to assist in Hurricane Katrina recovery efforts. The governor also directed the Illinois National Guard to stand by to travel to Louisiana should the state request Illinois' assistance.

The state of Louisiana made the request to Illinois Emergency Management Agency (IEMA) officials through the Emergency Management Assistance Compact (EMAC). The compact, which includes 48 states, two territories and the District of Columbia, is a mutual aid agreement and partnership that facilitates states assisting other states during emergencies.

The Illinois Emergency Medical Team consists of 10 highly trained doctors and specialists with clinical experience and field experience who can quickly assist in medical disasters, including setting up on site field hospitals. The IMERT team was assembled in Springfield on Aug. 30th and was deployed to Louisiana on Aug. 31st.

On Monday, Aug. 29th, Hurricane Katrina slammed

into the Gulf States with winds in excess of 140 miles per hour, inflicting catastrophic and widespread damage across the region. Katrina, downgraded Tuesday to a tropical storm, shattered buildings, smashed cars and boats, toppled trees and flooded entire communities. It's estimated that nearly 75,000 people are being housed in 240 shelters across the region. Nearly five million homes and businesses in Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama and Florida are without electricity, according to utility companies serving the region. Risk analysts estimate the storm may cost insurers \$26 billion, making Katrina potentially the costliest U.S. natural disaster.

In addition to sending medical personnel to Louisiana, Gov. Blagojevich encouraged Illinois citizens who want to help hurricane victims to donate to the American Red Cross Disaster Relief Fund.

Donations to the Disaster Relief Fund can be made by calling 1(800) HELP NOW or 1(800) 257-7575 (Spanish). Contributions may also be sent to your local American Red Cross chapter or through a secure Internet site at www.redcross.org.

Jesse White Warns Public Of Hurricane Katrina-Related Investment Scams

Illinois Secretary of State Jesse White on Sept. 2nd advised the public to beware of investment scams that may arise in the wake of the widespread devastation caused by Hurricane Katrina.

Many of the scam artists prey upon the public using telephone sales people, advertisements, or Internet postings that tout investment pools or bonds to help hurricane victims. They may also advertise supposed water removal or purification technologies and electricity generating devices. These advertisements should be a red flag for investors.

White also urged investors to watch out for oil and gas scams given the rising price of gas and the prospects of even higher prices following Katrina's destruction of Gulf of Mexico's oil refineries.

The Illinois Securities Dept. is responsible for regulating the securities industry in Illinois, which includes the registration of investment products and those who sell them. The Department can be reached at 1(800) 628-7937.

White suggested a few tips to help investors avoid loss: Hang up on cold callers promoting phony oil and gas investments.

Beware of e-mail or Internet messages discussing small companies with new hurricane-related technologies or products.

Use common sense: if the profits sound too good to be true, it is probably a scam.

Scotland Comes To Midlothian

On Saturday, Sept. 24th, Scotland will come to Midlothian. This is the day of the 8th annual Scottish Fair. The fair will open at 10 a.m. on the Village Green located at 147th, one block east of Pulaski. The fair will include: world-class fiddling competition with fiddle judge Deborah Clark Colon who will also play for the fairgoers at 5 p.m. in the Pub Tent; mini-pipe band performances; Scottish Highland and Scottish Country Dancing demonstrations; a sheep herding demonstration; Irish Dancing; Scottish and Celtic vendors; Scottish and American food vendors; clan/genealogy booths; a storyteller; children's games (with prizes), along with a jump, face painting and a take-home art project; "Mary Queen of Scots"; and a Pub Tent featuring StoneRing and The Ploughboys providing Celtic pub music. There is something for everyone at the

Midlothian Scottish Fair...all for the small entertainment charge of \$5 for adults, \$3 for seniors, \$2 for children 3-12 or a special family rate of \$10. The fair is handicapped accessible with ample free parking in Metra lots.

The fair is one block from the Metra commuter station. For additional information, look on Midlothian's web site, www.villageofmidlothian.net. Or call the Village of Midlothian at (708) 389-0200.

Moraine Valley TRIO Grant Renewed

Thanks to the renewal of a four-year, \$1,000,000 federal grant, Moraine Valley will be able to further its efforts to help first-generation students, economically disadvantaged students and students with disabilities.

Qualified applicants are provided with academic and personal support, financial assistance/scholarship search, tutoring and study groups, tours to colleges and universities, workshops, cultural activities and events, and computer technology assistance.

For information on TRIO Support Services, contact Bev Behland at (708) 974-5648.

Statement From Rev. Michael Boland

As our nation begins to deal with the devastating effects of Hurricane Katrina, Catholic Charities has taken action both locally and nationally in order to aid the victims of this national disaster.

Catholic Charities is working to provide emergency assistance to persons coming to our agency from hurricane-stricken areas. We have also created a Disaster Relief Fund in order to aid Catholic Charities agencies in the areas hardest hit by the hurricane.

These Catholic Charities agencies are preparing to provide emergency assistance to those who come to us in need of food, clothing, shelter, housing and counseling once it is safe to return to those communities hit by the hurricane. Catholic Charities will also provide long-term recovery help to victims, including rental assistance, food vouchers, cash vouchers, counseling, and job placement services.

Donations to Catholic Charities' Disaster Relief Fund can be mailed to: Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Chicago, Disaster Relief Fund, 721 N. LaSalle St., Chicago, IL 60610.

Additional information is available on our web site at www.catholiccharities.net or at www.catholiccharitiesusa.org.

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul National Council will be coordinating volunteer efforts to those areas affected by this disaster. Individuals or organizations who are interested in helping in the recovery effort are encouraged to contact the national office at (314) 576-3993. Authorities in areas hardest hit by the hurricane are asking that independent groups of volunteers not travel to these communities unless they are part of an organized effort.

During this time of national disaster, our prayers are with the hurricane victims and their families. While we mourn for the heavy loss of lives and homes, we are thankful for the many people in the city of Chicago who have joined with us in order to help their brothers and sisters in need.

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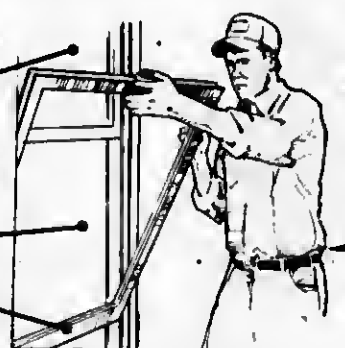
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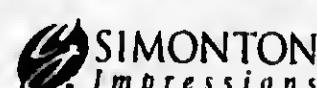


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Madigan Urges Caution With Charity Calls For Hurricane Aid

Attorney General Lisa Madigan on Sept. 1st urged Illinoisans to be generous, but careful, in their charitable giving, especially over the Internet, to agencies and organizations involved in relief efforts in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina.

"This is definitely a time for all of us to help the victims of this disaster. But it's an unfortunate fact that natural disasters like Hurricane Katrina can bring out con artists looking to make money off of tragedy," Madigan said.

Should consumers decide to donate to relief efforts, Madigan said it is always best to donate to reputable relief organizations with which they are familiar. Madigan said consumers can check with her office's Charitable Trust Bureau to make sure an organization to which they are considering donating is properly registered. Madigan stressed that some highly respected charities such as the American Red Cross, the Salvation Army and many religious-affiliated organizations do not appear on the Attorney General's Internet list of registered charities because they are exempt from the office's filing requirements.

Many organizations now feature Web sites to make donating more convenient, however, Madigan said consumers should be on guard for Internet-based scams.

For example, consumers may receive e-mails that they should avoid "phishing" e-mails look similar or try to appear to be from well-known organizations like the Red Cross, but contain links embedded within them that take a donor to a fake site with a scam artist on the other end. After the tsunami disaster last year, Madigan said many donors discovered a number of computer viruses were spread by these phony charity messages.

"We have heard today from the Federal Trade Commission that 'phishing' is already well underway in response to Hurricane Katrina," Madigan said. "Simply put, do not respond to any unsolicited e-mail asking for donations. It is best to go directly to a reputable organization's Web site, or call the organization directly to make your pledge."

Madigan said consumers should keep in mind some tips when considering their donation:

Find out if the solicitor is a paid fundraiser. If so, a portion of the contribution will go toward the solicitor's salary. Illinois law requires paid fundraisers to identify themselves and to name the charity for which they are soliciting.

Request written information. A legitimate charity will not hesitate to provide background on its mission and how donations will be used.

Refuse high-pressure tactics such as a solicitor saying a donor must make his or her decision before hanging up.

Never pay the donation in cash. For security and tax purposes, pay by check.

Keep a record of the donation by making a copy of the check, credit card receipt or confirmation number.

Pay close attention to the name of the charity. Sometimes fraudulent charities confuse donors by using names that sound similar to respected, legitimate charities.

Write the full name of the charity on the check, do not use initials.

Madigan said another resource consumers can consult before giving is the Web site www.give.org/reports/index.asp for a listing and reports from some of the major organizations involved in Hurricane Katrina relief efforts.

More information about charitable giving is available by contacting Madigan's Charitable Trust Bureau at (312) 814-2995 or by going online to Madigan's Web site www.illinoisattorneygeneral.gov and click on "Building Better Charities."

Biggart Reacts To Rehnquist Recent Death

U.S. Rep. Judy Biggart (R-IL-13) issued the following statement on Sept. 4th in reaction to the death of Chief Justice William H. Rehnquist:

"The death of Chief Justice Rehnquist is a terrible loss for our nation. During his 34 years on the bench, Chief Justice Rehnquist crafted so many of the most important opinions that have shaped our world. Throughout his tenure, he served the court with the highest degree of honor and integrity. I have no doubt that history will remember him as one of our nation's greatest legal minds."

"As co-chair of the Congressional Caucus on the Judicial Branch, I had the privilege to meet with the Chief Justice to discuss his thoughts on the relationship between the judicial and congressional branches—a relationship he personally worked to improve in recent years."

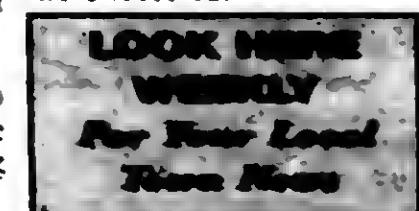
"I came away from our meeting even more impressed by his intellect and his deep respect for the distinct, yet interconnected roles of the two branches of government."

"I am hopeful that President Bush and the Senate will act promptly and thoughtfully to nominate and confirm a justice and/or chief justice who demonstrates the high quality of jurisprudence that we have known in Chief Justice Rehnquist for more than three decades."

Beef Up Spending

Just before heading home for summer recess, the Senate Appropriations Committee compiled the fiscal 2006 Senate Agriculture Appropriations Act, totaling more than \$100 billion, \$597 million more than the president's request. Senate appropriators beefed up the agriculture spending bill with 257 special interest research grants and projects totaling \$208.7 million. The bill is also saturated with funding for programs that the president suggested terminating, such as \$60 million for the Natural Resources Conservation Service's watershed and flood prevention operations. In addition to their usual shenanigans of adding money for unrequested pork projects, appropriators also added lump sums of funding for questionable grant programs including \$40 million for rural business enterprise grants and \$20 million for economic impact initiative grants.

The Senate will vote on the bill upon their return in September. Hopefully, the Senate will keep the looming \$331 billion deficit in mind and trim the excess fat.



**All Points
Southwest**
By THOMAS E. GAVIN

This Labor Day Weekend I took advantage of the great weather, gentle breezes and sunlit skips to enjoy a social round of golf with a few friends. Being fully engrossed in the modest match taking place, I hardly noticed the luxurious grass carpet, surrounded by majestic trees and flowering plants nor the sounds of the squirrels, ducks and geese, and a pair of hawks that sailed overhead calling to each other. This tranquil setting was magnificent. As golfers are wont to do, we were discussing the world's problems and potential solutions when I was struck by a sinking feeling...a gut wrenching wave of nausea...or was it guilt... thinking of my good fortune.

While I was enjoying my holiday, the countless victims of Hurricane Katrina were just trying to find a spot to dry off and examine the damages they have suffered. Their worldly possessions destroyed. The years of sweat and toil to provide for one's family wiped out by a force of nature so final that the most powerful nation on the planet seemed helpless in its wake. I pray that the families that survived this most horrific disaster will be able to reclaim their lives in the months and years to come.

Recognizing that we might not have had a relative or acquaintance impacted by this disaster, we still are obliged to assist our fellow Americans. We must dispense with the blame games and racial innuendoes and get down to the business of helping these people in need. We can each do our part...large or small...be it a modest or large monetary donation to agencies like the American Red Cross Hurricane Relief Fund, Salvation Army, Catholic Charities or one of a number of equally worthwhile agencies. Clothing, shoes, canned goods, bottled water, disposable diapers, and health products are always needed. Just think everyday necessities.

Remember, neighbors, these are the times when our countrymen need our help and support. Do it now!

Joined by agricultural, business and community leaders and legislators at last week's Farm Progress Show held in Decatur, Gov. Rod Blagojevich awarded grants to 30 gas stations across the state to help convert regular gas pumps to E-85 pumps. E-85, an advanced hybrid of ethanol that is 85 percent ethanol and 15 percent gasoline, is between 15 and 50 cents cheaper than a gallon of regular gasoline, saving consumers eight to ten dollars with each tank fill-up. According to the National Ethanol Vehicle Coalition, there are 4.5 million E-85 compatible vehicles on U.S. roads, including various models of Ford Taurus, the Dodge Stratus, the Sonoma GMC pickup and the Ford Explorer.

Last year at this time All-Points alerted drivers to House Bill 5129's signing, which promoted E-85, a renewable corn-based fuel. In March of this year the governor launched his E-85 Clean Energy Infrastructure Program—making \$500,000 available to gas stations to convert pumps to E-85. There are about 10 gas stations around the state presently offering E-85 to motorists.

Ethanol and E-85 can play an increasing role in America today by reducing our dependence on oil imported from unstable regions of the world, reducing customer energy costs, cleaning the air, and supporting rural economic development by creating jobs and increasing grain prices.

The 2005 Farm Progress Show was a 3-day event billed as the "Superbowl of Agriculture." The show is the largest farm show in the country—showcasing the latest farming innovations, technologies, equipment, products, services and information. Over 450 companies were participants.

The Village of Oak Lawn proudly announces that its annual "Fall on the Green" will be held this weekend, Sept. 9th, 10th and 11th on the Village Green at 95th Street & Cook Avenue. This enjoyable family event features entertainment, food and games for everyone. Admission, parking and rides are free, compliments of the Village of Oak Lawn and numerous local businesses.

The food court features a variety of sandwiches and dishes for the most discriminating eater. The beer garden offers a huge selection of domestic beers and wines, as well as a number of micro-breweries. Live music and entertainment, as well as raffles, boom box karaoke and games of skill will be available.

Over 70 crafters and exhibitors will display their creations during the Arts & Crafts Show on Saturday and Sunday from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

For a day, evening or weekend of fun, entertainment and sumptuous food, visit the "Fall on the Green" celebration this weekend.

Another event which is a must this weekend is St. Francis Hospital & Health Center's 100th Birthday Party Celebration on Saturday, Sept. 10th from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Located at 12935 S. Gregory Street in Blue Island, St. Francis Hospital's anniversary highlights will include entertainment, refreshments, raffles and giveaways for all family members. A variety of children's activities will include face painting, a clown, and hands-on exhibits like "perform surgery at St. Francis."

The Blue Island Fire Department and Blue Island Police Department will also be available to share important safety information about your homes and families.

For more information, call (708) 597-2000, ext. 4560, or visit the hospital's web site at www.stfrancisblueisland.com.

Celebrate the 25th Anniversary of Misericordia's Family Fest this Sunday, Sept. 11th from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. at Misericordia, 6300 North Ridge Avenue in Chicago. Enjoy the food, music, games and more at one of Chicagoland's premier family days. Proceeds support challenging programs for 560 children and adults with developmental disabilities from all racial, economic and religious backgrounds. For tickets and other information, call (773) 273-2766. It's a great day and a greater cause.

The United Homeowners/Good Government Party proudly invites the friends of Evergreen Park to a celebration of "Mardi Gras Madness" on Tuesday, September 13th from 7 to 10 p.m. at Bourbon Street, 115th and Homan Ave. The evening will feature refreshments, a buffet dinner, vocals by Karen Marie and more. Mardi Gras attire is optional. Tickets are \$45 per person including open bar. For more information, call (708) 424-0015.

The 24th Annual Golf Outing hosted by the Moraine Valley College Foundation will be held Wednesday, Sept. 14th at Silver Lake Country Club in Orland Park. The Foundation hopes to raise additional funding to support its Foundation-sponsored scholarships. A \$150 golf contribution entitles the player to 18 holes of golf, cart, locker, scoring, coffee station, lunch, dinner and the chance to win a variety of prizes. As a special bonus, the "Beat Gordon Rice Challenge Hole" and the \$10,000 hole in one contest are also available for those who feel lucky. For more questions, information or reservations, call the Foundation office at (708) 974-5740.

Illinois Secretary of State Jesse White is alerting law enforcement that out-of-state vehicles have been granted exemption from Illinois registration requirements to help them travel to assist in Hurricane Katrina relief efforts. The information was relayed on LEADS (Law Enforcement Automated Data System). State law allows the Secretary of State to implement this initiative. The last time the office granted an exemption was last year during the Florida hurricanes.

The current exemption is now in effect through September 30, 2005. The exemption will allow vehicles that do not have interstate plates to pass through Illinois in order to transport relief equipment and/or supplies to Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama and Florida for hurricane relief.

Take Steps To Increase Availability Of Gasoline

The Illinois EPA has granted a provisional variance to waive the requirement for the sale, dispensing, supply or transport of "summer" gasoline in Illinois, allowing early use of wintertime gasoline. In addition, the provisional variance waives sticker requirements for gasoline delivery vessels.

As a further effort to increase the supply of gasoline, the provisional variance waives the Illinois requirement for retailers to sell summer gasoline, similar to the waiver of federal requirements issued by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. Summer-blend gasoline is required in Illinois from May 1st to Sept. 15th.

The Illinois Petroleum Council sought a provisional variance from applicable requirements of the Illinois Administrative Code until Sept. 15th, 2005, at which time the regulatory control period for summer gasoline ends. The variance also allows gasoline delivery vessels, approved for use in other states, to transport fuel into Illinois.

Further action by the Illinois EPA allows ExxonMobil Oil Corporation in Joliet a provisional variance of their air permit to allow loading of winter gasoline onto barges at the Joliet Refinery Wharf Loading facility, without the vapor collection and control system required during the summer months. This action will also be in effect until Sept. 15th.

United Way Assists Hurricane Victims

Many of you have seen the devastation in New Orleans and the Gulf Area and have reached out to United Way seeking ways to provide assistance. By partnering with United Way you can provide for both the immediate and long term needs of those affected.

Short term needs of emergency food and shelter are being provided by key United Way partners; American Red Cross and FEMA. In all large and small disasters, help beyond the first few days is essential to helping people rebuild their lives. United Ways in the affected area and across the country are working actively to help those affected by the hurricane get the help they need beyond the first few days – services like transitional housing, counseling, access to health care, etc.

For those who want to contribute to the Hurricane Katrina Relief Fund, checks should be made payable to South-Southwest Suburban United Way and reference "Hurricane Katrina Response Fund" in the memo.

Raise Money For People With AIDS

On Thursday, Sept. 22nd bars all across Chicagoland will join together to raise money for families and individuals living with HIV/AIDS. Cbicago-area bars will donate a percentage of their receipts on Sept. 22nd to benefit AIDSCARE. Just like Dining Out for Life, the success of the event depends on getting the word out because the amount of money raised depends on how many people participate by simply patronizing a "Bar AIDS" bar on Thursday, Sept. 22nd.

"Bar AIDS helps those impacted by HIV/AIDS live with dignity and hope," says Elyn Harris, Chief Development Officer of AIDSCARE. "All of the money raised goes directly to providing residential housing, case management, and support services to those in need. Every day more people in our city are infected with the virus and we are raising money for our mothers, fathers, sisters, brothers, friends and relatives who are impacted by HIV/AIDS."

AIDSCARE assists children, families and adults living with advanced HIV/AIDS in the Chicago area achieve a better quality of life through housing, care and supportive services. AIDSCARE is one of the largest providers of housing for people living with HIV/AIDS in Illinois.

Visit www.bar-aids.org for an up-to-date list of participating bars.

Open Illinois Schools To Children Displaced By Hurricane

Gov. Rod R. Blagojevich on Sept. 1st ordered Illinois public schools to waive residency requirements and enroll any child displaced by Hurricane Katrina who relocates to live with family, friends or in a shelter in Illinois. Hundreds of thousands of children in the Gulf States were displaced by the devastating storm and many schools may not reopen for months, if not the entire school year.

Louisiana officials estimate Hurricane Katrina forced as many as 150,000 school children away from their homes. Mississippi officials estimate 35,000 school children were displaced.

Children, whether traveling alone or with their families, will be considered homeless for enrollment purposes and will be enrolled immediately by local school districts in Illinois. The Illinois State Board of Education and Illinois Dept. of Public Health will also temporarily waive immunization requirements for these children to allow for their immediate enrollment in school. Illinois has more than 4,000 K-12 public schools.

This is the latest in Illinois' efforts to assist the Gulf States in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina.

Gov. Blagojevich authorized the Illinois National Guard to travel to Louisiana to assist in Hurricane Katrina cleanup efforts. The Illinois National Guard will send large military cargo trucks to Louisiana that

can drive through several feet of water to transport supplies and cleanup debris, among other tasks. Up to 210 members of the Illinois National Guard 3637th Maintenance Company in Springfield, along with drivers and a command and control element, will travel to Louisiana to help keep recovery equipment in working order and provide other recovery support.

In addition, the Illinois Dept. of Corrections is sending supplies including blankets and uniforms to prisons in Louisiana.

The governor announced that Illinois' Community College system will accept any student from Illinois who attends college in the Gulf States and needs somewhere to continue their education.

Children's Art Classes

New six-week sessions of Children's Art and Pottery Classes will begin at The Log Cabin Center for the Arts on Saturday morning, Sept. 10, at 9 and 10:30 a.m. The Log Cabin Art Center is part of The Center, 12700 Southwest Highway in Palos Park.

Art instructors Evie Ditzler of Palos Heights, Laura Milkert and Carol Jalowiec of Palos Park, Marilyn VandenBout of Evergreen Park, and Amanda Miller of Orland Park will teach the children to use a variety of artistic media and techniques, including drawing, painting, papermaking, papier-mâché, printmaking, and more. The natural areas of The Center's farm and woods provide subject matter, inspiration and sometimes the raw materials for the classes.

According to Center Program Director Lois Lauer, "The children love these hands-on classes which combine the worlds of art and nature." Lauer adds that the classes are kept small to encourage individual self-expression.

Advance registration is required. For further information, interested persons should call The Center at (708) 361-3650.

19th Annual British Car Festival

The Moraine Valley campus, 10900 S. 88th Ave., will become an outdoor showroom spectacular for the 19th annual British Car Festival on Sunday, Sept. 11th. More than 800 vintage and classic British cars and motorcycles are expected to arrive at the college for a 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. showing. In addition, vendors will be on site offering technical sessions.

Sponsored by the British Car Union, an alliance of 20 British Car Clubs in the Greater Chicago area whose purpose is to enjoy and promote Classic British vehicles, and hosted by Moraine Valley's Student Life Office, the Festival is the 19th annual gathering of British car enthusiasts. The 2004 British Car Festival drew more than 2,000 people, gave away gifts and prizes, and featured a variety of more than 750 British automobiles.

This year there will be expanded activities and more fun, including a chance to walk around on a "guided tour," where spectators can learn the history of each of the individual cars they're seeing. The festival will present British cars ranging from 1928 to present, including Austin, Austin-Healey, Bentley, DeLorean.

Churches To The Rescue

As an estimated 5,000 to 10,000 evacuees await transport to Illinois, churches of all denominations throughout the south side and southwest suburbs have mobilized on behalf of those whose lives have been devastated by Hurricane Katrina.

Saints Constantine and Helen Greek Orthodox Church in Palos Hills is dedicating several of their fundraising activities, including the September 24th bike/run/walk-a-thon to the hurricane relief effort.

Members from New Faith Baptist Church in Matteson assisted Tinley Park in preparing part of Tinley Park Mental Health Center to receive evacuees.

Quinn Chapel African Methodist Episcopal Church in Chicago has been the scene of major meetings to prepare for the embattled guests' housing, nourishment and clothing.

Lighthouse Church in Alsip, which has one of the more active music outreach programs in the area, is planning a concert to benefit the victims.

House of Hope is hoping to bring in \$100,000 from a major gospel concert upcoming.

And the list of churches to the rescue goes on.

Illinois Community College Board Establishes Hotline To Help Students Affected By Hurricane

The Illinois Community College Board announced on Sept. 2nd that it had established a hotline for students to call who may need to enroll in local community colleges after being displaced from attending schools closed due to Hurricane Katrina.

Many Illinois college students studying at colleges in New Orleans or near the Gulf Coast have found those institutions closed due to damage or problems caused by Hurricane Katrina. Gov. Blagojevich announced that he had directed the Illinois Community College Board to ensure that all Illinois residents displaced from their higher education by Hurricane Katrina be able to continue their education at an Illinois community college.

ICCB Chair Guy Alongi said that some presidents have already started receiving calls from affected parents and students, and that local colleges will ensure that students are able to continue their studies. To help Illinois resident students, the ICCB established the hotline.

The hotline number is 1(800) 573-4604. Students may also contact their local community colleges directly or via the Internet at <http://www.iccb.org/HTML/colleges/colleges.html> and clicking on the link to their local college.

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ENTERTAINMENT NEWS

Teddy Bear Of The Year Award

Every year, teddy bear lovers from around the world gather to learn which bears will be recognized as the best of the best. On Oct. 28th, Teddy Bear and Friends magazine will announce the winners of this year's coveted Teddy Bear of the Year Public's Choice Awards at the October Faire Show and Sale. The awards are recognized as the benchmark for quality design, workmanship, and competition in the teddy bear industry.

Winners of the award, affectionately known as the TOBYs, are picked by the readers of Teddy Bear and Friends. Last spring, a panel of industry experts at the American International Toy Fair in New York chose five bears in each of 15 categories to receive an Industry's Choice Award. From these readers voted for their favorites to win a Public's Choice Award. Past Public's Choice Award winners include perennial favorites Boyds Collection, Steiff, and Bearington. For the first time, a

"Best in Show" award will honor the bear that received the most votes overall.

The TOBYs are presented at an awards banquet during the weekend-long October Fair Show and Sale held at the Schaumburg Marriott. The October Fair is presented by ABC Unlimited Productions, who promote teddy bear shows all over the United States.

This year marks the 16th year that Teddy Bear and Friends magazine has sponsored these prestigious awards. Teddy Bear and Friends magazine is the ultimate authority on teddy bear artistry and collecting. For more information, visit <http://www.teddybearandfriends.com> or call 1 (717) 393-8371.

Auditions For Christmas Opera

ArtCraft Theatre Projects announces open auditions for its December production of "Amahl and the Night Visitors."

The audition date is Tuesday, Sept. 13 at 7 p.m. with callbacks on Thursday, Sept. 15. Auditions will be held in the performance hall at Bethany Union Community Church, 1750 W. 103rd St., in the historic Beverly neighborhood.

"Amahl" is a beautiful story about the Three Kings, who, on their way to see the Christ child, stop and rest at the home of a peasant woman and her crippled son, Amahl. A wondrous miracle occurs that proves they are indeed seeking the Son of God.

Parts being cast are: Amahl, 10-12 year-old boy or girl (child soprano); the Mother, soprano/mezzo soprano; The Kings, (one tenor, 2 baritone/bass); The Page (baritone); and shepherd and villagers chorus (all voice types). An easy dance audition will be conducted, as a quartet of the villagers do take part in a simple folk dance on stage.

The Christmas opera will take place from Friday, Dec. 9 to Sunday, Dec. 11 in the church's performance hall.

Information on the season and auditions can be obtained by calling ArtCraft at (708) 421-1296, or checking its website at www.artcrafttheatre.org.

CLASS REUNIONS

St. Turibius School class of 1955 - 50th Reunion on Sept. 23rd. Former classmates should call (517) 369-3808 or (708) 599-0045 or email sttribs55@yahoo.com.

Bremen High School class of 1965 is looking for classmates for a reunion on Sept. 30th and Oct. 1st. Call (708) 239-2488 or (815) 469-9456.

Mount St. Mary Academy - All-school reunion on Sept. 10th from 11:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at Pheasant Run Resort, St. Charles. Call (630) 966-2538.

DuSable High School class of 1985 is looking for classmates. Call (312) 603-0523 or (773) 544-3086.

Mary Seat of Wisdom Parish - 50th anniversary dinner-dance, Oct. 29th, 7 p.m. at White Eagle Banquets, \$48. Call (847) 825-8686, ext. 14.

Proviso East High School class of 1955 will hold a 50-year reunion on Sept. 30th and Oct. 1st at Drury Lane, Oak Brook. Call (630) 628-3033 or visit www.classof55.com.

St. Francis High School class of 1965 will hold a reunion on Oct. 7th to 9th. Call (630) 682-9934.

St. Turibius School class of 1955 will hold a reunion on Sept. 23rd. Call (517) 369-3808 or (708) 599-0045.

Tuley High School class of 1965 will hold a reunion on Oct. 18th at 6:30 p.m. at Chateau Ritz, 9100 Milwaukee, Niles. Call (800) 323-3663.

Proceeds From Concert To Benefit Hurricane Victims

The Wooten Choral Ensemble will perform American folk songs, Negro Spirituals, and popular and gospel songs in commemoration of the 9-11 tragedy and the ongoing struggle for freedom and peace in a special concert at the Beverly Arts Center, 2407 W. 111th St., on Sunday, Sept. 11th at 4 p.m. A portion of the proceeds will be donated to victims of Hurricane Katrina in Gulf cities throughout Louisiana and Mississippi.

Concert highlights will include "Oh Freedom," "The Battle Hymn of the Republic," "Freedom" (Duke Ellington) and other classics.

Tickets to the Sept. 11th concert are \$15 and available by calling the Beverly Arts Center at (773) 445-3838 or going online at www.beverlyartcenter.org.

Golf With Bethany

You are invited to golf with Bethany Christian Services for children and families on Sept. 15th. Tee time is 9:30 a.m. at Cog Hill Golf & Country Club, 12294 Archer Ave. in Lemont. This fundraising event is a part of the 20th anniversary celebration of Bethany Christian Services' Illinois office.

Donations are tax deductible. You can register on line at www.bethany.org or by calling (773) 264-0200.

Bethany Christian Services works to find loving homes for children who need family with open arms, provides pregnancy counseling and family counseling. Help support these efforts by registering to golf or by making a donation today! Call (773) 264-0200.

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Plaza Art Competition Applications

Applications are available for the 29th Annual Plaza Art Competition and Exhibition at the Beverly Arts Center, 2407 W. 111th St. The competition, formerly the Alice and Arthur Baer Art Competition, is a juried show and open to artists living and/or working within 100 miles of downtown Chicago. Entry deadline is Oct. 13th.

Eligible are two-dimensional works (oils, watercolors, photographs, prints, etc.) and sculpture, including fiber, wood and ceramic. Awards include Best of Show, \$1,500; BAC Purchase Prize, \$1,000; Best Figurative Work, \$500; Best Non-Representational Work, \$500; Best Three Dimensional Work, \$500; Best Drawing, \$500; Best Photographic/Digital Work, \$500; and Honorable Mention, \$100.

Jurors are Heather Birkhead, American Academy of Art, and Marion Kryczka, School of the Art Institute. Previous jurors have included such notable artists and curators as Don Baum, Whitney Bradshaw, Dr. Margaret Taylor Burroughs, Dr. Margaret F. Farr, Gregory Knight, Mati Maldre and Hamza Walker.

Academy Of Our Lady Alumnae Reunion

The Academy of Our Lady Alumnae Association will sponsor its annual Reunion weekend Saturday, Oct. 15 and Sunday, Oct. 16.

A prayer service will take place at 11 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 15 at the Lourdes Grotto on the AOL campus, 95th and Loomis streets, just south of 95th St.). This year marks the 100th anniversary of the Grotto's construction.

AOL Alumnae will gather again Sunday, Oct. 16 for mass at 10:30 a.m., followed by brunch, at the Hilton Oak Lawn Hotel, 94th and Cicero Ave., Oak Lawn. Mass will be celebrated by the Rev. Gerard McCrane, a Maryknoll priest, in the Astoria Ballroom, followed by brunch in the Grand Ballroom. Brunch tickets are \$35 (cash bar). All AOL alumnae are invited to attend the reunion events. Classes celebrating five year anniversaries of their graduation, years ending in -5 and -0, will receive a special salute. AOL memorabilia may be purchased at the reunion. Five-year anniversary class photos will be taken and may be ordered. Reunion reservations deadline is Oct. 10.

Alumnae who wish to take advantage of a group rate for Reunion Weekend hotel room reservations at the Hilton Oak Lawn are asked to call Hilton hotel reservations at (708) 425-7800 by Oct. 2 and mention the Academy of Our Lady High School Reunion Oct. 16.

Founded by the School Sisters of Notre Dame in 1874, the Academy of Our Lady/Longwood Academy, a Catholic high school for girls, closed in 1999. The Chicago International Charter School, Longwood campus, now occupies the AOL school buildings at 1309 W. 95th St., Chicago. The SSNDs retain ownership of the convent on the property. Sisters continue to live in the convent, and the AOL Alumnae Office is now located there. For more information, call the AOL Alumnae Office at (773) 445-2300.

Artists may submit color slides of up to three separate works. Slides of accepted works will be retained by the Beverly Arts Center. A non-refundable \$30 fee (\$25 for Beverly Arts Center members) is required with completed applications. Artists will be notified by Oct. 20th.

The work of Plaza Art Competition finalists will be on exhibit in the Beverly Arts Center from Nov. 4th through Jan. 7th. An opening reception and awards ceremony is scheduled for Friday, Nov. 4th at 7 p.m.

To request an application or obtain more information, call the Beverly Arts Center, (773) 445-3838, or go online to www.beverlyartcenter.org.

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Chicago showcases the best of international music at the 7th annual World Music Festival: Chicago 2005, Friday through Thursday, Sept. 16th to 22nd. The multi-venue festival showcases both traditional and contemporary music from many diverse cultures. The 2005 festival line-up features over 60 events, 46 of which are family friendly. Events include a mix of free and ticketed concerts, live radio broadcasts and educational workshops presented in museums, parks, cultural centers, plazas, theaters, bookstores, clubs and other venues throughout Chicago.

The festival features more than 55 artists representing 29 countries including Angola, Brazil, Canada, Cape Verde, China, Comoros Islands, Cuba, Dominican Republic, Finland, France, Ghana, Greece, India, Israel, Italy,

Japan, Mali, Mexico, Niger, Pakistan, Palestine, Puerto Rico, Portugal, Spain, Taiwan, U.K., U.S., Uruguay and Venezuela. For more information, call (312) 742-1938

Festival Of Ideas

The 2005 Chicago Humanities Festival, *Home and Away*, brings to the windy city a remarkably diverse range of programs exploring very timely issues and concerns focusing on everything from architecture to opera; from tango to economics; from poetry to politics. Through performances, lectures, discussions, films and more, the 2005 festival covers the highly relevant theme of *Home and Away*, exploring issues that continually encompass and affect our world.

The 2005 Chicago Humanities Festival takes place from Oct. 29th to Nov. 13th. Information about speakers and programs is continually updated at www.chfestival.org. For tickets, call (312) 494-9509 or visit the secure Festival web site.

AIDS Run & Walk In Chicago

Joliet-based Agape Missions, Inc. (formerly the AIDS Ministry of Illinois) will directly benefit from one of the largest AIDS-related fundraisers in the Midwest, the AIDS 5K Run & Walk in Chicago, on Saturday, Sept. 17th, thanks to the AIDS Foundation of Chicago's Community Direct program.

Community Direct is a fundraising program that benefits members of the AIDS Foundation of Chicago's Service Providers Council (SPC). Agape Missions has been a member of the SPC for many years and by forming a local team this year, the agency will receive 50% of all funds the team raises. The remaining 50% is used by AFC to support its prevention, care and advocacy services throughout the Chicago area.

The Chicago event will be held at Columbus and Balbo, with a course winding through Grant Park and along the city's lakefront. This locale, with its view of downtown's panoramic skyline, is easily accessible by mass transit and only a few blocks from large public parking facilities.

For the past 15 years, AML has worked, often quietly behind the scenes, to serve the hundreds of local individuals and families who have been touched by the physical, economic and social impact of HIV and AIDS in Will, Grundy, Kankakee and southern Cook counties. The agency's mission includes case management, transitional housing, spirituality, massage therapy, socialization, counseling, housing advocacy for those living with HIV/AIDS and prevention and education programs for the non-HIV population.

Those wishing to make a pledge to the Agape Missions team or to create a sub-team to help raise funds for Agape Missions can contact Jill Skole at (815) 723-1548, ext. 21.

Tilden's 50th Year Reunion

Tilden Tech. High School Alumni Association's 34th annual Hall of Fame Dinner and Reunion Honoring the January and June Classes of 1955 will be held Friday, Nov. 4th at the Lexington House, 7715 W. 95th St.

For more information call Ed Winkler at (708) 599-3058 or C.J. Murzyn at (773) 582-7411; e-mail kmurzyn@aol.com.

The alumni association has almost 1,000 former Tilden Tech High School students in active membership.

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ENTERTAINMENT NEWS

MDA Telethon Raises Millions

A nationwide outpouring of support for the Muscular Dystrophy Association's annual Jerry Lewis Labor Day Telethon brought \$54,921,586 to the Association in contributions and pledges.

Special appeals during the Telethon were expected to raise about \$1 million for relief efforts in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina. These contributions were funneled to the Salvation Army's program, along with a \$1 million donation from MDA.

Last year's Telethon raised \$59.4 million to fund muscular dystrophy research and services.

The 21½-hour Telethon originated from the International Ballroom of The Beverly Hilton in Beverly Hills, Calif., beginning Sunday night, and was broadcast nationwide and in Canada on nearly 200 TV stations in MDA's "Love Network."

In addition to the tote board figure, which reflects pledges and donations, a number of MDA sponsors presented checks representing their year-round fundraising efforts for MDA. Leading this group was the International Association of Fire Fighters with a record contribution of \$21 million.

MDA Board member Ed McMahon returned as the Telethon's anchor, while Jann Carl from "Entertainment Tonight," TV personality Cynthia Garrett and comedian Norm Crosby assisted Lewis as co-hosts.

Hold Open Auditions For "South Pacific"

Moraine Valley Community College's Academic Theater department will hold auditions for South Pacific on Monday, Sept. 12th and Tuesday, Sept. 13th from 6 to 10 p.m. Callbacks will be on Thursday, Sept. 15th from 6 to 10 p.m. Auditions and callbacks will be held in the Dorothy Menker Theater in the Fine and Performing Arts Center located on campus at 10900 S. 88th Ave. in Palos Hills.

People of all ages, ethnicities and backgrounds are strongly encouraged to audition. Singing and non-singing roles are available. Several roles are intended for Asian/ non-white actors.

Singing auditioners should prepare 16 to 32 bars from a standard Broadway musical (no pop songs) and a two-minute monologue (cold readings will be available as well). An accompanist also will be provided. Non-singing auditioners also should prepare two-minute monologues (cold readings will be available as well), but are not required to sing. There will be dance auditions for everyone, so please wear appropriate attire to accommodate the movements required.

There are several roles available, including principal three women and five men, a secondary/chorus cast of 12 women, 18 men and two children: one boy and one girl, both mixed race.

Performances for South Pacific are Nov. 10th to 13th at Moraine Valley's Dorothy Menker Theater. For more information or to sign up for auditions, contact Dr. Craig Rosen at (708) 974-5432 or e-mail rosen@morainevalley.edu.



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The 9th Annual Chicagoween

Tis' the season to paint the town orange with Chicago's October celebration, Chicagoween.

Throughout the city, boottification takes place and most especially in the Haunted Village, located at Pumpkin Plaza, from October 14th to 31st. Opening

night, Oct. 14th, kicks off from 5 to 8 p.m. and the event continues from Oct. 15th to 31st with hours of Monday through Wednesday from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. and Thursday through Sunday from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Admission is FREE.

The city's civic center plaza known the rest of the year as Daley Plaza (Washington and Dearborn) hosts the Haunted Village and is transformed into Pumpkin Plaza, with pumpkin decorating, spooky sto-

rytellers and more to thrill and chill. Each day there are performances from the high flying aerial entertainers, Midnight Circus: 11:30 a.m., 12:30 & 2 p.m. Thursday through Sunday includes evening shows scheduled at 5:30 & 7 p.m.

Kids can join in on the fun by marching in costume as part of The State Street Halloween Happening Parade on Saturday, Oct. 22nd. The parade steps off at noon at the corner of State and Randolph. Following

the parade, kids can enjoy trick-or-treating, a performance by Midnight Circus and a costume contest - all at Pumpkin (Daley) Plaza.

Free pumpkin decorating is offered on Saturdays and Sundays (except for parade day, Saturday, Oct. 22nd) from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. (or while supplies last) and spooky storytelling runs Thursday through Sunday at 4 and 6:15 p.m.

For more information, call (312) 744-3315, TTY (312) 744-2964.

Lectures At The Field Museum

The Field Museum, 1400 S. Lake Shore Drive, Chicago, will host lectures about China and Africa.

"Field Museum Research in China" will take place at 2 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 17th, Oct. 22nd and Nov. 5th.

Some of China's most fascinating sites will be discussed as well as paleontologists inspecting dinosaur fossils and an anthropologist studying ancient Chinese societies.

"The Real Eve: Modern Man's Journey Out of Africa" will be discussed at noon Wednesday, Sept. 7th.

Dr. Stephen Oppenheimer, a world-renowned expert, known for tracking human

migration through is use of human molecular DNA studies and the latest archaeological evidence, will present the program.

He will provide a ground-breaking account of the past 85,000 years of the human journey out of Africa to the farthest corners of the world.

He will survey archaeological, climatological and genetic evidence drawn from every stage of this journey, presenting new in-sights into the roots of all of Earth's modern human inhabitants.

The lectures are free with museum admission.

Further information is available by calling (312) 665-7400.

2nd Annual Una Serata Concert Scheduled

It may not be Italy, but you will enjoy the ambiance of an alfresco concert of chamber music while dining on a delightful menu. Imagine listening to the Southwest Symphony Orchestra's trio consisting of principal flute, concertmaster violinist, and principal cellist, plus a brass quintet featuring our principal trumpet player as they entertain us in a private garden setting in Tinley Park.

A cool breeze will refresh you and the moon and stars will provide a perfect evening for a musicale after the buffet. Say

farewell to summer as you welcome in the Southwest Symphony Orchestra's 42nd Season with this intimate fundraiser and season opener.

The concert will be held on Sunday, September 11th.... Wine and hors d'ourves will be served at 3:30, casual buffet is set for 4 and the concert begins at 4:30.

Last year's event was a sold out success. Tickets are limited to 100 and cost \$50 per person. Hurry and order yours today by calling (708) 802-0686.

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TRAVEL NEWS

Wisconsin State Fair Park Events

Wisconsin State Fair Park is holding a series of events this month.

Fall skating school will begin Saturday, Sept. 10th, at the Pettit National Ice Center. Fees will be determined for the individual class or program. Further information is available by calling (414) 266-0100 Ext. 108.

The free 2005 4-H Horse Show will take place from 8 a.m. to 9 a.m. Thursdays and from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. Fridays to Sundays from Sept. 13th to 18th at the Coliseum and Livestock Barns. Further information is available by calling (414) 266-7000.

Halloween Express will take place from Thursday, Sept. 15th, to Thursday, Nov. 1st, at the north parking lot. Hours and admission fees will be determined later. Further information is available by calling (414) 259-0980.

The NARI Fall and Remodeling Show will take place from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. Friday and Saturday, Sept. 16th and 17th, and from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Sunday, Sept. 18th, at the Wisconsin Exposition Center. Admission fee is \$5 in advance or \$7 at the door, or \$5 for seniors age 55 and older and on Senior Day Sept. 16th, \$4 at the door. Children age 12 and younger may attend free. Further information is available by calling (414) 771-4071.

An Intergalactic Bead and Jewelry Show will be held from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 17th and 18th, at Tommy G. Thompson Youth Center. Admission fees are \$5 Sept. 17th and \$4 Sept. 18th. Further information is available by calling (678) 924-0818.

A Latin Music Festival is scheduled from noon to midnight Sept. 17th and from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Sept. 18th. Admission is \$6. Further information is available by calling (414) 297-9050 or by visiting www.latinmusicfest.org.

A free World Beef Expo 2005 will take place from Thursday to Sunday, Sept. 22nd to 25th, at Coliseum and

Livestock Barns. Further information is available by calling (800) 884-FAIR.

The Badger Kart Club will meet from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. from Friday to Sunday, Sept. 23rd to 25th, at the Milwaukee Mile. Further information is available by calling (414) 328-8903.

A free pinball auction will be held Sept. 23rd and 24th, at the Wisconsin Products Pavilion. Hours will be announced later. Further information is available by calling (714) 535-7000.

A free harvest fair is scheduled from 4 to 11 p.m. Sept. 23rd; from 10 a.m. to 11 p.m. Sept. 24th; and from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Sept. 25th, at Central Mall and 4 Square. Further information is available by calling (414) 266-7000 or by visiting www.wisstatefair.com.

The Wisconsin Manufacturing and Machine Tool Show will take place from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday and Wednesday, Sept. 27th and 28th, and from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 29th, at the Wisconsin Exposition Center. To register, call (800) 367-5520. Further information is available by calling (800) 367-5520.

The Richard Petty Driving School will be held from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday to Sunday, Sept. 30th to Oct. 2nd, at the Milwaukee Mile. Further information is available by calling (800) 237-3889 or by visiting www.bepetty.com.

Hauntfest is scheduled from Sept. 30th to Sunday, Oct. 30th, at the Master Spas Pavilion and DNR Area. Hours and admission will be announced later. Further information is available by calling (414) 282-3866.

Knox County Scenic Drive

Every year, thousands gather to celebrate the arrival of autumn and Illinois' rustic heritage by participating in the Knox County Scenic Drive.

The self-guided drive will be held on Saturdays and Sundays, Oct. 1st and 2nd, and Oct. 8th and 9th. It is 100 miles long and allows participants to relive the "old days." Communities peppering the Western Illinois countryside organize educational activities along the route such as teaching city dwellers to make butter the old-fashioned way and weave a basket.

Visitors specifically interested in how rural pioneers lived can tour two renovated one-room schools, a log cabin built in 1832, an oil jailhouse, a restored barn and the Old Knox County Courthouse.

Visitors scheduling their drives during the first weekend in October also can pay a visit to the third annual Galesburg Scarecrow Festival held at the Standish Park Arboretum in Galesburg. The festival offers children's activities, live country music and harvest treats. Festival attendees can vote for their favorite homemade scarecrows in the annual contest.

For more information, contact Knox County Scenic Drive Inc. at (309) 343-2485 or <http://home.gallatinriver.net/scenicdrive>. One also can contact Galesburg Convention and Visitors Bureau at (309) 343-2485, www.visitgalesburg.com or www.galesburg.org/commercecenter/dgbs/scarecrow.html.

drive and festival offer many opportunities to taste food including fresh apple butter at London Mills, old-fashioned chicken and noodles at Smithfield's Red Brick School, funnel cakes at Lewistown and baked goods at Duncan Mills.

For more information, contact Spoon River Valley Scenic Drive Associates Inc. at (309) 647-8980 or www.spoonriverdrive.org.

Spoon River Valley Scenic Drive

The Spoon River Valley Scenic Drive will take place Saturdays and Sundays, October 1st and 2nd, & October 8th and 9th.

Every year, nearly 100,000 people drive along 130 miles of the Spoon River Valley.

This year's hilly drive is part of the thirty-eighth annual Fall Festival in Fulton County.

With a distinct culinary focus, the

Route 66 Mother Road Festival

Route 66 found a place in the history books and hearts of America through its many appearances in songs, movies and television.

The road was immortalized in the film "The Grapes of Wrath," leading impoverished Americans to the promised land over "the Mother Road."

Today, Route 66 is still one of the most famous and scenic drives in America, beginning in Chicago, traversing Central Illinois and ending at the Pacific Ocean near Los Angeles.

All visitors to Illinois can experience Route 66 firsthand by seeking out traditional sites along the way, such as restored gas stations, the Route 66 Hall of Fame in Pontiac or the Funks Grove Maple Syrup Farm in Funks Grove.

Hungry motorists can stop at one

of more than 40 historic cafés and restaurants scattered along the route, including the Old Log Cabin Restaurant in Pontiac, home to countless Route 66 items and offering down-home cooking at affordable prices.

An ideal time to careen down Route 66 is during the International Route 66 Mother Road Festival, held September 30th through October 2nd in Springfield. This annual event gathers thousands of vintage car enthusiasts worldwide, and features hundreds of classic vehicles, live entertainment and one-of-a-kind exhibits that line the streets of the state capital.

For more details, contact the Springfield Illinois Convention and Visitors Bureau at (800) 545-7300.

The Great Rivers Byway

Located at the confluence of the Mississippi, Illinois and Missouri rivers, the Meeting of the Great rivers Byway stretches 55 miles and, in early September, offers gorgeous views of Southern Illinois' rich fall foliage.

The route also allows visitors to discover the region's natural and historical heritage, particularly in the historic town of Alton. For instance, in 1673, French explorer Father Jacques Marquette discovered a large pictograph on the bluffs along the Mississippi that represented the Piasa bird, a monster in Native American folklore.

Visitors can learn about the legend of the Piasa bird at the Alton Museum of History and Art and then follow the route southward to see a modern artist's rendition of the pictograph on the side of the cliff.

For families desiring to extend their time in Alton, also known as one of "America's Most Haunted Small Towns" according to the Travel Channel and Fate Magazine, local tour companies offer various haunted tours.

One example is Antoinette's Haunted History Tour, which invites adventurers to board a trolley and visit haunted sites with a tour guide.

Whether hunting for ghosts, learning about haunted history or speaking to spirits, the fright factor is plentiful in Alton.

For another family-friendly activity, visitors can head to Godfrey, starting September 3rd, and get lost in the 2.4-mile Great Godfrey Maze. This year the maze, made entirely of corn, is themed "The Wizard of Oz."

For more information, contact the Alton Regional Convention & Visitors Bureau at (618) 465-6676.

Moraine Valley Offers Help To Students Affected By Hurricane

Moraine Valley will offer educational options to students from the area who attend schools impacted by Hurricane Katrina and launch a fund-raising campaign to support relief efforts in the South.

Those students from the Moraine Valley area and members of displaced families relocated to the area may audit classes at the college at no cost. They will be able to audit classes already underway or short-term classes that start throughout the semester. The college also will work individually with students desiring to earn credit for courses they want to enroll in. For more information on enrollment options, contact Wendy Manser, dean of Enrollment Services, at (708) 974-5346 or email manser@morainevalley.edu.

The college also will respond through a fund-raising effort similar to what was done to aid the relief campaign for victims of the tsunami in Asia. In addition, student clubs are planning on other activities to collect donations.

For more information, call Mark Horstmeyer, director of college and Community Relations, at (708) 974-5275, or email: horstmeyer@morainevalley.edu.

Illinois Parole Reform Program Graduates

The Illinois Dept. of Corrections (IDOC) held a graduation ceremony on Sept. 2nd for 17 parole agents at its general headquarters in Springfield, marking the first parole agent graduate class of the year. The increase in parole agents is part of the governor's Operation Spotlight Parole Reform Initiative that addresses public safety and targets recidivism through the expansion of the agency's parole program.

In his first State of the State address, Gov. Rod R. Blagojevich announced the launch of his four-year plan to transform parole. This

plan aims to reduce repeat crime among convicted felons on parole over the long-term by improving three areas: increased

parole contacts, more effective risk assessment and support, and improved cooperation with local law enforcement, service providers and the community. The plan is to increase parole agent staffing statewide from 325 to 740 over a four-year period. The plan also is designed to reduce parole agent case loads and provide new case management training, risk assessment and graduated sanction tools that empower agents to effectively steer offenders away from crime and drugs and toward honest work and productive citizenship. All 35,000 parolees receive direct supervision in the community. By the end of fiscal year 2006, the authorized parole agent headcount is 471.

Jewish Federation Collecting For Hurricane Relief

In the wake of Hurricane Katrina, one of the most devastating storms ever to hit the nation, the Jewish Federation of Metropolitan Chicago has opened a mailbox to funnel humanitarian aid to the hurricane victims.

The Federation is collecting funds in conjunction with a national effort coordinated by the United Jewish Communities (UJC). The UJC is working with local Jewish federations in the affected regions to help coordinate relief efforts.

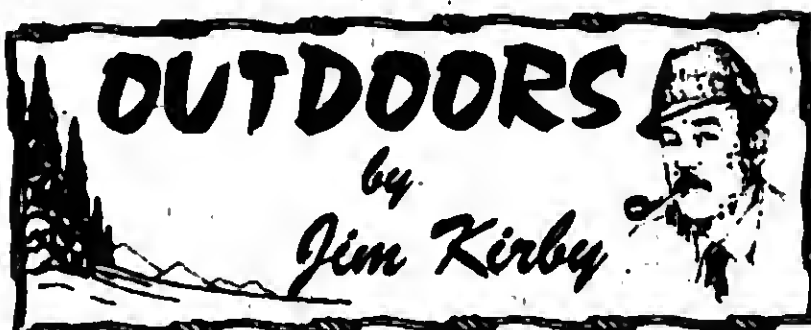
Here in Chicago, the Federation's affiliate agencies also are assuming a role in the emergency assistance efforts.

Funds from the Jewish Federation Katrina Relief Fund will go to support the humanitarian needs of Jewish and non-Jewish residents of the areas affected by Hurricane Katrina. 100% of proceeds will go directly to aid the victims; neither the Jewish Federation nor UJC will deduct any administrative costs.

Individuals wishing to make donations to help the hurricane victims should make checks payable to Jewish Federation Katrina Relief and send them to: Jewish Federation Katrina Relief Fund, c/o Jewish Federation of Metropolitan Chicago, One South Franklin Street, Room 625, Chicago, IL 60606.

In addition, contributions can be made by credit card via JUF's web site at www.juf.org or by calling (312) 444-2854.

For general questions about the Jewish Federation Katrina Relief Fund, contact the Jewish Community Relations Council at (312) 357-4770.



MUSKIE FISHING FEVER - IT RUNS IN THE FAMILY: "We caught and released hundreds of northerns, walleyes, large and smallmouth bass, and muskies, big muskies," said Mark Kirby, New Lenox, who returned from an August Canadian fishing trip with his daughter, 13-year-old Katie.

The father-daughter duo joined friends and relatives who hauled their boats up to Monument Bay on Lake of the Woods. Walleyes caught on jig and minnow provided fare for the traditional shore lunch. The group didn't drive that distance just to enjoy a shore lunch, they were after the fish of a "thousand casts," muskies.

Mark, his wife Donna and Katie have fished for muskies on the lakes near Three Lakes, Wisconsin with some degree of success, and they made other fishing and camping trips in their motor-home.



Katie Kirby and her 18-pound muskie, one of many she caught on Canadian fishing trip.

When the trip was coming to an end, Katie wanted to stay another week, but had to return for the opening of her school, Liberty Jr. High in New Lenox. As consolation, dad agreed to bring her back to Monument Bay next year.

The group used every lure in their tackle boxes, casting for the big ones. Mark and Katie reported the most success with orange and black bucktails. Katie's personal best was a 36 inch-18 pounder. Dad Mark topped out with a 44 inch-25 pounder. They both caught and released many other muskies and large northern pike.

Katie is an avid outdoor enthusiast. In addition to fishing, she enjoys skeet and trap shooting, golf, horseback riding, Girl Scouts, camping, archery and boating, and still has time for school activities including band and cheerleading, and is in the Honor Society.

Don't get the idea that Katie is a "tomboy." She is very much a girl enjoying hanging out with her girlfriends and that feminine pastime: shopping with her mom.



Mark Kirby with 25-pound muskie caught and released on Lake of the Woods, Canada.

This was Mark's fourth, and "not his last" trip to Monument Bay Lodge, a full service facility offering American and House Keeping plans. Amenities include cabins, a guest lodge, boats, motors and guides, and full stock of tackle and baits. For information on Monument Bay Lodge, contact the owners - Jim and Lynne Kafes at (877) 875-4710.

I started this column by stating "Muskie Fishing Fever - It Runs in the Family." This would be a good time to mention that Mark and Katie are my nephew and niece, and I share their passion for fishing and admit to getting an occasional case of "Muskie Fever" myself.

SXU Win One Of Four Matches

Despite an impressive individual performance by junior outside hitter Paige Pedigo of Chicago Ridge and Queen of Peace High School, Saint Xavier University's volleyball team won only one of its four matches over the weekend at Iowa Wesleyan College's Avenue of the Saints Volleyball tournament in Mt. Pleasant, Iowa.

The Cougars (2-3 overall) defeated Trinity International University in four games Saturday, but dropped their other three matches.

SXU dropped its first match of the toumey to Park University in four games despite Pedigo's 11 kills. Sophomore setter, Traci Looby, of Orland Hills and Andrew High School, had 20 digs in the losing effort.

In their second loss (to Loyola of Louisiana) Pedigo accounted for 10 kills. Credited with 12 digs were Eileen

Carls of Tinley Park and Andrew High School, and Danielle Keller of Worth and Alan B. Shepard High School.

In SXU's lone victory, Looby finished with a team-high 14 digs. However, in the final match, against No. 14 ranked Iowa Wesleyan College, SXU lost despite 11 digs from Mallory Winkler of Burbank and Queen of Peace High School.

International Baseball Tryout

Coast to Coast Athletics is recruiting youth baseball players (ages 11-12, 13-15 & 16-18) to represent the USA in international competition in Puerto Rico, Australia and Hawaii. Outstanding amateurs, selected from as many as 46 states nationwide, will compete against international all-star teams during the summer of 2006.

Tryouts are at: College of DuPage, (college baseball field), Glen Ellyn, Saturday, Sept. 17th, 4 p.m.; Ho Chunk Sports Complex (indoor complex - turf area), Lynwood, Sunday, Sept. 18th, 1 p.m.

Coast to Coast tours last 7-14 days and are jam-packed with action, intensive training and cultural excursions. Teams are managed by a staff of top college coaches and pro scouts who provide participating players with a unique perspective on what it's like to play at the collegiate and professional level.

Since spots are limited, players are asked to pre-register online or by calling the East Regional office. Tryout cost is \$25 at the door. Tryout fee includes a Coast to Coast logo "world tour" T-shirt. If you are unable to attend, call for a Program Application. Payment is not necessary to pre-register.

For more information, visit www.CoastToCoastAthletics.com or call (740) 373-4455.

Ride To Discovery

Irons Oaks' first annual Ride to Discovery on Sunday, Sept. 25th will take you on a biking tour of Old Plank Trail through friendly towns and villages, fields and forests, to enjoy the area's unique wildflowers and wetlands.

Three routes are geared toward cyclists of all abilities, with 20, 40 and 62-mile rides. Maps will be available to guide bikers through the well-marked trail. Volunteers are also needed for event preparation and for ride day assistance.

Proceeds from the event will go to support the purchase of interactive exhibits for the new Irons Oaks Discovery Center.

Entry fees are \$20 for adults over age 16, \$10 for youth 9-15 years. Children under 9 years old bike or ride for free. The entry fees entitle riders to rest stops that will be loaded with fruits, beverages and sandwiches. T-shirts will also be available for \$10. Registration information is available at www.IronsOaks.com - click on the Bike symbol.

Irons Oaks Discovery Center, building completed in June 2005, will be dedicated to providing unique learning opportunities for park visitors and school groups. Digital exhibits, created by the Center's visitors, will include imaging, sound recording, and presentation software that will help integrate the natural field studies of Irons Oaks with Discovery Center technology.

Irons Oaks is dedicated to bringing nature's wonders and outdoor experiences to groups and individuals throughout the Chicago area.

For more information, contact Irons Oaks, 20000 Western Ave., Olympia Fields, IL 60461; phone (708) 481-2330; or visit online at www.IronsOaks.com.

Scigalski Scores In Season Opener

Alsip's Sarah Scigalski, graduate of Mother McAuley, scored the go-ahead goal with 25:42 remaining in the game to help St. Xavier University to a 2-1 lead enroute to a 3-2 triumph over Savannah College of Art & Design in SXU's home and season opener.

The victory was a good warm-up for their ensuing participation in the Olivet Nazarene University Tiger Classic.

Calumet College Golf Outing Benefit

The Calumet College of St. Joseph Athletic Dept. will hold its 6th annual golf outing at 11 a.m. on Friday, Sept. 16th at the Scherwood Golf Course, 600 E. Joliet St. in Schererville. All proceeds will benefit the college's sports programs.

The \$150 fee includes golf, lunch and dinner. The \$50 fee is for dinner only. Hole sponsorships are available for \$125. Reservations are required by Sept. 9th. Contact Athletic Director Andy Juscik for more information; call toll-free (877) 700-9100, ext. 327; (219) 473-4327; or e-mail ajuscik@ccsj.edu. You can also contact Colleen Gallagher, director of development, at (877) 700-9100, ext. 328; (219) 473-4328; or e-mail cgallagher@ccsj.edu.

The outing begins at 11 a.m. with registration and lunch, followed by a 12:30 p.m. shotgun start/scramble format. Dinner and an open bar start at 6 p.m. at Teibel's Restaurant, U.S. 30 and Route 41, Schererville. A cash bar starts at 7 p.m. In addition, a silent auction will be held.

Local Millikin Team Members

Head coach Debbie Klick and Millikin University Big Blue Volleyball squad are ready to compete for a conference championship in 2005.

Local team members participating will be Samantha Synowicki, Oak Lawn High School graduate, and Cassie Fouts, Oak Forest High School graduate.

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Waterfowl Hunting Seasons Approved

The Illinois Dept. of Natural Resources has approved a 60-day duck-hunting season statewide, along with 86-day Canada goose seasons in the north and central zones and a 57-day Canada goose season in the south zone for the 2005-2006 waterfowl season. The Illinois season dates and bag limits will be forwarded to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service for concurrence.

The IDNR Natural Resources Advisory Board played a key role in the process, reviewing waterfowl season proposals and considering comments from hunters.

The adjusted south zone dates will also allow hunters to take Canada geese through the end of the four-day Thanksgiving holiday weekend.

Hunters are reminded of the requirement to register with Harvest Information Program (HIP). This important program is designed to produce more accurate federal harvest estimates, which will ultimately help maximize hunting opportunity without hurting the waterfowl resource. Hunters may register with HIP online through the IDNR web site or by going to www.wetland.net. Hunters may also call 1(800) 938-5263 to register with HIP. HIP registration is mandatory.

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Mail Order Pyramid Scheme

Attorney General Lisa Madigan filed suit on Aug. 31st against two Cook County men who allegedly ran identical pyramid schemes to bilk consumers through a phony mail order business they could conduct from home.

Wayne Scott of South Holland, doing business as WorldProfit Marketing, Inc., and Brandon G. Scott of Lansing, doing business as Global Marketing Systems, were named in separate complaints filed in Cook County Circuit Court for violating the Illinois Consumer Fraud and Deceptive Business Practices Act.

According to Madigan's complaints, since May 2004, both operators promised consumers earnings of \$1,000 a day through a mail order business in their homes. Consumers were offered an "Income for Life Dealership Package," which allegedly included so-called insider information and tips on how to earn money from home through mail order dealerships and promises of a "100% success rate."

Glowing testimonials accompanied direct mail pieces sent by the Scotts who instructed potential victims to mail their enrollment form with two payments. The first payment of \$97 was allocated to the marketing firm of each defendant: WorldProfit Marketing in the case of Wayne Scott, and Global Marketing in the case of Brandon G. Scott. Neither firm is incorporated or registered to do business in Illinois. Another \$100 went to a "dealer" listed on the enrollment form that had previously "enrolled" in the program and solicited the consumer who received the mailer.

The alleged pyramid continued by instructing the recipient to use the same sales letter they received, insert their name in the "dealer" portion of the letter and entice new persons to join and send a payment to them. To obtain names of potential targets for their direct mailings, consumers were instructed to purchase lists of names and addresses from DAJ Direct or www.MoreNamesNow.com and then e-mail those lists to Lelli Direct Mail for the process to begin again.

Consumers have been unable to contact Wayne Scott d/b/a WorldProfit Marketing and Brandon G. Scott d/b/a Global Marketing about promised guarantees. Since May 2004, dozens of consumer complaints have been filed against the pair with Madigan's Consumer Protection Division, the Federal Trade Commission, U.S. Postal inspectors and the Better Business Bureau.

Madigan's separate complaints against the two Scotts seek to prohibit each from future violations of the Consumer Fraud Act and asks the court to order each to pay a civil penalty of \$50,000 per violation and an additional \$50,000 for each violation found to have been committed with the intent to defraud.

Madigan's Consumer Protection Division warns that pyramid schemes and many work-at-home offers are fraudulent and provides tips for consumers on how to protect themselves. Before consumers spend money on a work-at-home offer, they should ask the company representative the following questions to determine the truthfulness of the advertisements or literature:

- What does the job involve? What steps will I have to go through? What tasks will I have to complete?
- How and when will I be paid? Who will pay me?
- How much will I have to pay for the work-at-home program, including costs for supplies, equipment, training and other fees?
- What specific standards must my work meet?
- Request the names and numbers of others who have participated in the work-at-home program.
- Request additional data showing how much people earn.

For more information about pyramid schemes, work-at-home schemes or to file a complaint, consumers can visit Madigan's Web site at www.IllinoisAttorneyGeneral.gov/consumers or call the Attorney General's Consumer Fraud Hotline at 1(800) 386-5438, TTY 1(800) 964-3013.

Statement Of The Chicago Teachers Union

We applaud a decision by U.S. Secretary of Education Margaret Spellings on Sept. 1st to allow CPS to continue providing tutoring services to struggling students in the Chicago Public Schools. There are more than 80,000 children in CPS who are tutored by members of the Chicago Teachers Union (CTU) as part of CPS' supplemental services program. The parents of these students chose CPS over private vendors to provide these important services because they recognize the understanding, care and personal commitment to their children that only classroom educators can bring to the table. The announcement by federal officials protects the decision made by parents and acknowledges the high quality of academic services that are provided by CTU members.

Last December, CTU joined CPS officials in expressing serious concerns regarding a U.S. Dept. of Education directive to suspend supplemental services provided by CPS. CTU pointed out that the action would have denied essential academic services to tens of thousands of needy children in our city and compromised the overall quality of supplemental services for which some 200,000 CPS students are eligible.

Furthermore, with the support of our national union, the American Federation of Teachers, CTU has continually called on the federal government to provide greater flexibility in the implementation of the No Child Left Behind (NCLB) federal education law. We believe today's action by federal officials is a very positive step in that direction. However, we also believe that there is considerable work to be done in other areas of the law and remain committed to getting all of NCLB right.

CTU members understand the need for constant improvement in educational services. We are proud of our considerable accomplishments in this respect and we are pleased that the U.S. Dept. of Education has taken stock of them. Our union looks forward to continued work on all matters related to NCLB and its impact on Chicago's classroom educators and their students.

Emergency Rules To Prevent Gas Price Gouging

Attorney General Lisa Madigan on Sept. 2nd issued emergency rules, effective immediately, to help prevent price gouging by petroleum-related businesses including producers, suppliers, wholesalers, distributors and retailers of gasoline.

The emergency rules, which have the force and effect of law, were issued under the Attorney General's power to enforce the state's consumer protection laws.

The rules provide that during any market emergency, it shall be an unfair or deceptive act for any petroleum-related business to sell or offer to sell any petroleum product for an amount that represents an unconscionably high price. Under these rules, price

is unconscionably high if the amount represents a gross disparity between the price of the petroleum product and either the price charged before the emergency or prices readily obtainable by other buyers in the same area and the disparity in price is not attributable to increased prices charged by the businesses' suppliers or increased costs due to the market disruption.

The rules introduced are part of Madigan's broader efforts to prevent exploitation of the tragedy in New Orleans and the Gulf States.

Madigan emphasized that the rules are intended to clarify that price gouging by a petroleum-related business violates the Illinois Consumer Fraud

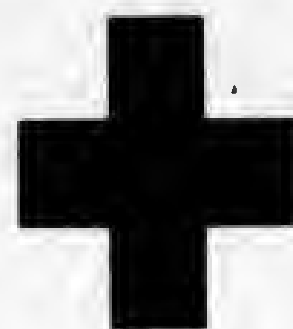
and Deceptive Business Practices Act by setting forth factors that will be considered in determining whether sudden spikes in fuel prices are truly market driven or constitute price gouging in violation of the Act. Madigan said such clarification is necessary at this time to ensure that all petroleum-related businesses are aware of and adhere to the law.

The rules are limited to a market emergency, which includes any actual or threatened shortage in supply of petroleum products or any actual or threatened increase in the price of petroleum products resulting from severe weather, convulsion of nature, failure or shortage of electric power or other source of energy, strike, civil disorder, act of war, terrorist attack, national or local emergency or other extraordinary adverse circumstances.

Madigan filed the emergency rules with the Secretary of State. The rules take effect immediately and remain in effect for 150 days. Also, Madigan submitted a proposal which would, if adopted, make the rules permanent.

In other efforts to prevent exploitation of the current tragedy, Madigan has sent her investigators throughout the state to examine price spikes and serve letters that demand more information about the reasons behind those price spikes. She also has required gasoline suppliers to explain increases in the wholesale prices of gasoline and whether they are cutting off supplies to unbranded gasoline stations.

Madigan also is working with attorneys general from other states to prevent price gouging.



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Lawsuit Filed To Prohibit Rate Increase

Attorney General Lisa Madigan, Cook County State's Attorney Richard Devine, the Citizens Utility Board (CUB) and the Environmental Law & Policy Center (ELPC) filed a lawsuit on Sept. 1st in Cook County Circuit Court to prohibit the Illinois Commerce Commission (ICC) from permitting a Commonwealth Edison (ComEd) and Ameren to raise rates for nearly five million business and residential customers based on so-called market prices.

The ICC is currently holding hearings to review ComEd's and Ameren's proposals to base rates on market prices set through the use of electricity auctions. Utility representatives have stated that the resulting rate increase, which would go into effect in 2007, could be as high as 20 percent. Aug. 31st, ComEd announced a proposal for a six percent increase in rates for delivery of electricity. This increase would be on top of the rate increase for electricity purchased at so-called market prices.

According to the lawsuit, using electricity auctions to set market based rates for ComEd and Ameren's "captive customers" would violate the Illinois Public Utilities Act, which expressly prohibits utilities from charging market based rates to customers who have no alternatives for purchasing electricity. ComEd and Ameren have almost five million captive customers whose only option is to purchase electricity from their local utility.

In June, Madigan, Devine, CUB and ELPC asked the ICC to dismiss ComEd's and Ameren's proposals on the grounds that the Illinois Public Utilities Act prohibits charging market based rates to customers who have no

alternatives to buying electricity from their utility. An administrative law judge denied these motions and the full ICC affirmed that ruling. The Sept. 1st separate suit asks the Circuit Court to prohibit the ICC from approving these proposals.

Governor Rod Blagojevich sent the ICC a letter on Aug. 31st asking the Commission to dismiss ComEd's request for approval of the auction process, stating that "the Public Utilities Act only authorizes the Commission to approve market based rates for customers who take electric service that has been declared competitive."

Madigan said that one of the nation's leading experts on the electric utility industry, Dr. Kenneth Rose, has documented that customers in other states experienced significant increases in their electricity rates when those states deregulated electric utilities and customers started paying market-based prices for electricity. Ameren and ComEd's auction proposals would move customers to market-based rates before the market is ready, Rose cautions. The proposals don't contain sufficient safeguards to protect residential and small businesses from higher prices, he added.

"Shop & Share" Campaign

Show your support for the Oak Lawn Public Library by participating in a Jewel-Osco "Shop & Share" fundraiser Monday through Wednesday, Sept. 19th to 21st.

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PADS Needs Volunteers

Volunteers are needed for the homeless shelter sites of South Suburban PADS. The need for shelter in the southwest suburbs continues to grow and two additional shelter sites have been added since last fall. Shelter is provided seven nights a week from mid-October to mid-April at southwest suburban churches.

New volunteers should attend an orientation session from 1 to 2:30 p.m. on Sunday, Sept. 25th at Trinity Lutheran Church, 9701 S. Brandt in Oak Lawn or from 7 to 8:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 28th at Sacred Heart Church, 8245 W. 111th St., in Palos Hills. Volunteers may sign up or get information by calling Linda Seyller at (708) 857-1039.

PADS volunteers are asked to work one four or five hour shift per month. There are four different shifts available between 6 p.m. and 7 a.m. The greatest need is for volunteers on the late night and early morning shifts, from 11:45 p.m. to 3 a.m. and 2:45 a.m. to 7 a.m., but all shifts need

additional volunteers. Other volunteers are needed to transport linens to Christ Hospital and to prepare and serve food. Doctors and nurses are also needed for the Thursday night medical clinic.

Churches serving as shelter sites this year include: Sunday evening, Oak Lawn Community Church, 9000 S. Ridgeland, Oak Lawn; Monday evening, SW Korean Alliance Church, 9855 Kean Ave., Palos Hills; Tuesday evening, Our Savior's Lutheran Church, 8607 S. Narragansett, Burbank; Wednesday evening, Our Lady of the Ridge, 10810 S. Oxford, Chicago Ridge; Thursday evening, Pilgrim Faith United Church of Christ, 9411 S. 51st Ave., Oak Lawn; Friday evening, St. Mark Evangelical Lutheran Church, 11007 76th Ave., Worth and Sacred Heart Church, 8245 W. 111th St., Palos Hills; Saturday evening, Trinity Lutheran Church, 9701 S. Brandt, Oak Lawn and Redeemer Lutheran Church, 4955 148th St., Oak Forest.

Bringing A Dog Park To Oak Lawn

The Oak Lawn Park District board plans to discuss the possibility of bringing a dog park to Oak Lawn at its meeting on Monday, Sept. 12 at 7:30 p.m. at the administration building, 9400 S. Kenton.

"Dog parks are growing in popularity throughout our nation," Commissioner Mary Margaret Wallace said. "This meeting can prove to be very educational for residents interested in bringing a dog park to Oak Lawn."

There are dozens of dog parks located in Cook County including Chicago, South Holland, Westchester, Hanover Park, and Schaumburg. Dog parks are a cost effective way for residents to enjoy leisurely time with their dogs while meeting area residents. With the growing number of condos, apartments, and homes with smaller lot sizes, dog parks provide an excellent opportunity for residents who have limited outdoor space.

Residents are encouraged to attend to express their interest and concerns regarding this issue.

Those interested in more information should contact Commissioner Wallace at (708) 203-1412 or MaryMargaretWallace@hotmail.com.

Commissioner Wallace was elected to the Oak Lawn Park District in 2005.



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12-1 TRINITY IRISH DANCERS

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BEER GARDEN

FRIDAY 6-8 HURRICANE GUMBO

9:30-11 FIVE GUYS NAMED MOE

SATURDAY

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4-6 DENNIS STELLA EXPERIENCE

7:30-8:30 GIGGLEWATER

10-11 BERNIE GLIM & COUNTRY ROADS

SUNDAY

1-3 GUITAR RED

4-5 A WEEK BACK

6:30-8 NETWORK

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Thoughts On Health & Nutrition

by
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Malnutrition: Can This Be Your Parent's Nursing Home?

Is one of your parents in a nursing home or long-term care facility? If so, chances are, he or she is probably under-eating or not getting enough fluids. Shocking? Not really if you consider the whole picture.

Psychologists will tell you that eating when you are hungry and drinking when you are thirsty are both instinctive and learned. Babies cry when they want to eat and children get irritable. Adults, if able-bodied, usually eat and drink in response to body needs as well as social environment. When an older adult enters a long-term care setting, however, the power to control mealtime, meal choice and to even manage thirst is to a large degree taken over by the healthcare provider. Problems such as inattentive staff and staff shortages can greatly influence this. Compounded by illness and the use of certain medicines, your mom or dad is at high risk for malnutrition and dehydration.

Very commonly prescribed drugs—such as digoxin for heart rhythm and fluoxetine for depression—can decrease appetite. Diuretics given without adequate fluid can dehydrate, and anti-depressants and anti-anxiety meds can dry one's mouth. Diets low in salt to control blood pressure can seem tasteless and also decrease appetite. Mental changes which come with dementia and Alzheimer's can lend themselves to lack of interest in mealtimes or lack of recognition of favorite foods. Appetite loss can also be caused by bereavement, confusion, depression, or simply by dry mouth which decreases the ability to taste.

Many older adults suffer from poor dentition or ill-fitting dentures and/or bad oral hygiene. They may not be able to feed themselves. Stroke patients often have trouble swallowing; arthritis patients sometimes cannot hold eating utensils. Finally, the slower emptying of the stomach which can come with aging, and changes in digestive enzymes (which break down food) can trigger a feeling of fullness before one's plate is empty.

So what can you do to help? The best answer, of course, is to be with your parent as much as you can be, be supportive and encouraging, and be observant. Make note of the problems, so that you may convey them to the appropriate staff. Your presence will not always be possible, so working out a schedule with other family members or a friend could help to keep an eye on the situation. The presence of a family member or close friend at mealtimes or around snack times can help to identify the source of some of your loved one's eating problems. Surprise visits at other times of the day may also give an accurate story of what's going on. For example: look around the room. If the water pitcher is on the window sill and he or she can't get out of bed, this should certainly raise a red flag.

Communication with the staff members is a must. Talk to them about what your parent eats at home, and what some of his or her "favorite" foods are. Ask one of them to write this down on a "likes and dislikes" list which all the staff has access to. Meet with the dietitian to address your parent's needs, and find out who feeds your parent if you cannot be there. Talk to that person as well. And if all else fails, meet with the head nurse and get in touch with your physician. Remember, malnutrition leads to poor immunity and the inability to fight off infections. In an older person, this surely leads to his or her inevitable demise.

One big lesson I have learned along the way, having been on "both sides of the fence"—as health care provider and as daughter—is to **ASSUME NOTHING**. Communication between the patient, family and the caregivers is the key to successful care. And never be afraid to speak up to the staff if you see something questionable going on.

TROUBLESHOOTING LIST

Take this with you on your visit to your parent. You may be surprised at what you find out.

Fluids. Starting with the water pitcher—where is it?

Food. Are snacks served between meals? Do they meet your parent's needs—nutrient-wise and taste and chewing and swallowing-wise? Does someone do food rounds to make sure your parent likes what he is served, and is getting what was requested?

Exercise. Is your parent ambulating as he or she should be? Busy staff members often forget to get patients out of bed or chairs for exercise. Movement enhances strength and appetite.

Swallowing. Is your parent having difficulty swallowing? Swallowing trouble could warrant a swallowing evaluation; thickened liquids may be needed.

Skin appearance. How does your parent's skin look? Is it dry and scaly? These are signs of inadequate fluid intake.

Staff services. Is there an accessible dietitian? Is there an accessible nurse in charge to resolve any problems with your parent?

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Late Medicaid Payments Put Patients At Risk

The Illinois Pharmacists Assn. (IPhA) on Aug. 31st released the results of a survey indicating that many pharmacies may be forced to refuse filling Medicaid prescriptions for low-income seniors and other disadvantaged citizens due to the State's failure to reimburse them for their costs in a timely manner.

The survey sent to 502 independent pharmacies showed that the average amount owed to each pharmacy by the State of Illinois is \$182,115. Some independent pharmacies are owed more than \$1.5 million. The average waiting period for reimbursements is 111 days with the longest waiting period being an amazing 237 days.

Fifty-five percent of the respondents have had to borrow money in order to stay afloat. Some pharmacists have been forced to take second mortgages on their homes to keep their business doors open. Banks have become less willing to lend money without a guarantee that the State will pay its bills. More than half of the pharmacies involved are deciding whether to refuse new Medicaid patients and almost half are contemplating dropping out of the program in total.

Conversations with IPhA members representing retail chain pharmacies indicate that the results of IPhA's survey are consistent with their findings which are expected to be made public in the near future.

One IPhA independent pharmacist was "shocked and embarrassed" to tell her patient that her cash flow was so tight that she couldn't afford to order the patient's \$4,000 monthly medications because of slow Medicaid payments.

IPhA President Gerald Bailey finds it "unconscionable that the State's failure to meet its obligation to pharmacies is putting the health care of every vulner-

able people at risk." "The State of Illinois' refusal to address this issue is creating a crisis in our prescription drug delivery system," Bailey said. "While we recognize there are certainly financial challenges that exist within state government, there seems to have been a deliberate decision made to put vital aspects of health care at the back of the priority line. That is a wrong-headed approach, and must be remedied immediately."

The State previously addressed a similar problem by utilizing a short-term borrowing strategy. Bailey stated that IPhA has requested emergency meetings with Gov. Rod Blagojevich and State Comptroller Dan Hynes in hopes of convincing them to consider that option to deal with this deepening crisis. State Treasurer Judy Baar Topinka's office has pledged to work with IPhA to resolve the issue.

The Illinois Pharmacists Assn. is the state's largest and oldest organization representing pharmacy. Members consist of independent retail and chain store pharmacists, hospital and long-term care pharmacists, and pharmacy technicians. IPhA is dedicated to enhancing the professional competency of pharmacists, advancing the standards of pharmacy practice, improving pharmacists' effectiveness in assuring rational drug use in society, and leading in the resolution of public policy issues affecting pharmacists.

St. Francis Programs

Take a virtual trip around the world with St. Francis Hospital's new mallwalk program! This free program titled, "Passport: A Round Trip to Health," begins with an orientation session Wednesday, Sept. 14, at 8:30 a.m., in the Orland Square mall food court area. The program continues each Wednesday at 8:30 a.m. through Nov. 2. For information, call (708) 824-4850.

Relax your way to a better body with a yoga class at St. Francis Hospital & Health Center. St. Francis is offering a Hatha style of yoga that focuses on beginner as well as advanced postures and poses on Wednesdays, Sept. 14 through Oct. 19, 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. The cost is \$40; \$35 for seniors. To register, call 708-385-4433.

Expectant mothers can learn breast-feeding advantages and proper techniques at a special program offered by St. Francis Hospital & Health Center. "Basics for Successful Breast-Feeding" will take place on Tuesday, Sept. 13, from 7 to 9 p.m. The cost is \$25. To register, call 708-385-4433.

For a complete listing of programs and events at St. Francis Hospital & Health Center, visit www.stfrancis-blueisland.com.

Prostate Cancer Month

For the second year, the Cook County Department of Public Health is promoting awareness of prostate cancer with a September campaign called, Autobody: Maintenance for Men. The Autobody campaign is geared toward men to remind them that their bodies, like their cars, need regular "tune-ups" to keep them running smoothly.

The prostate is a male sex gland and part of a man's reproductive system. About the size of a walnut, it is located below the bladder and in front of the rectum. Prostate cancer occurs when cells within the prostate grow uncontrollably, creating small tumors.

Screening tests such as PSA's or DRE's (digital rectal exams) can detect prostate cancer in the earliest stages. PSA is a simple blood test that measures the level of protein called prostate-specific antigen. The DRE is a simple, safe physical exam performed by a physician that can detect those cancers that may be missed by the PSA screening. Using both tests together is the most effective method of diagnosis.

Though the precise cause of prostate cancer is unknown, some risk factors for developing the disease include advanced age (over 65 years), family history, poor nutrition and physical inactivity.

African-American men are 65% more likely to be diagnosed with prostate cancer than

Caucasian-Americans and are more than twice as likely to die from it.

Prostate cancer is the second most common form of cancer among men in the United States with 230,000 cases diagnosed and almost 30,000 deaths in the U.S. in 2004. According to the American Cancer Society, over 1,200 Illinois men will die from prostate cancer by the end of 2005.

For screening information contact the Cook County Department of Public Health at (708) 492-2000, or visit www.cook-countypublichealth.org.



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Rosacea's Effect On Appearance

No matter whether a person has a mild, moderate or severe case of rosacea – a red-faced, acne-like disorder affecting an estimated 14 million Americans – it can be devastating to one's social life, often making it difficult to appear in public or establish new relationships because of its effect on personal appearance, according to a new survey conducted by the National Rosacea Society and published in Rosacea Review.

In the survey of 660 rosacea patients, 86 percent of respondents with severe rosacea reported it had inhibited their social lives and 67 percent with moderate rosacea were also affected, compared to 38 percent of those with mild cases.

Of the respondents with severe rosacea, 74 percent reported they had avoided public contact or canceled a social engagement because of the disorder's effect on their facial appearance, and 65 percent had even found it difficult to establish new relationships.

In addition, 42 percent of patients with moderate rosacea and 18 percent with mild rosacea reported canceling social engagements because of a flare-up and 44 percent and 19 percent, respectively, found establishing new relationships difficult.

Seventh-three percent of respondents with severe rosacea reported being the subject of stares, misconceptions, rude comments or jokes because of their skin condition, while 63 percent of those with moderate rosacea and 37 percent with mild rosacea reported these reactions from others.

"The results of this survey underscore the importance of long-term care to prevent rosacea from getting worse," said Dr. William James, professor of dermatology at the University of Pennsylvania. "Beyond its physical effects, this is a chronic disorder that calls for ongoing attention because of its potential social consequences, as well as its impact on many people's emotional and professional lives."

Rosacea is a chronic disorder that usually first strikes between the ages of 30 and 60 as a flushing or redness on the cheeks, nose, chin or forehead that comes and goes. As the condition progresses, the redness becomes more persistent, small dilated blood vessels may become visible and bumps and pimples often develop. In severe cases, the nose may become red and swollen from excess tissue, and in many individuals the eyes also become irritated, a condition known as ocular rosacea.

Adding to the potential embarrassment is a common misconception that the flushed face and swollen red nose experienced by many rosacea sufferers are the result of heavy drinking. However, while alcohol may aggravate the condition, the symptoms may be just as severe in a teetotaler.

"When I was a teacher, the school principal made nasty comments about my complexion and even asked if I was drinking. I do not drink alcohol and never did," one survey respondent commented, while another said, "I don't have a social life anymore." Another respondent lamented, "It has impacted my career path negatively," while another commented, "It prohibits me from being the real me."

Ovarian Cancer Awareness

In an effort to increase understanding, early detection and survival of ovarian cancer, the Illinois Division of the National Ovarian Cancer Coalition launches an information campaign this September. 2005 marks the sixth observance in the U.S. of National Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month to encourage women to learn the risks and symptoms of ovarian cancer.

Goals of the campaign are to:

Educate the general public, as well as the medical community, about the risk factors and symptoms of ovarian cancer.

Empower women to take charge of their health care.

Increase early detection and, therefore, survival from this disease.

It is estimated that one in 55 women will develop ovarian cancer in her lifetime. Every woman is at risk. This year, it is estimated that 22,220 new cases of ovarian cancer will be diagnosed and 16,210 will die from this disease – making ovarian cancer the number one cause of death from all gynecological cancers and the fourth cause of cancer death in women.

The National Ovarian Cancer Coalition's theme is "It whispers...so listen." This is based on the symptoms of the disease, which are so subtle, they are likened to a whisper. "Ovarian cancer symptoms are vague. As a result, early diagnosis is key and can increase a woman's chance for survival by 400%," explains Holly Jensen, ovarian cancer survivor and NOCC-IL Division President.

NOCC-IL is a state division of National Ovarian Cancer Coalition, a not-for-profit corporation headquartered in Boca Raton, Florida. For more information on ovarian cancer symptoms and risk factors, visit www.ovarian.org or call 1(888) OVARIAN.

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Despite its devastating social effects, many rosacea sufferers falsely assume that, like teenage acne, their complexion problem will eventually go away by itself. Fortunately, medical treatment and lifestyle changes can bring the unsightly symptoms of rosacea under control, and nearly 70 percent of all survey respondents said effective therapy had improved their social lives.

Anyone who suspects they may have rosacea is urged to see a dermatologist for diagnosis and appropriate treatment.

For information and educational materials on rosacea, write the National Rosacea Society, 800 S. Northwest Highway, Barrington, IL 60010, or call its toll-free number at 1(888) NO-BLUSH. Information and materials are also available on the society's Web site at www.rosacea.org, or via e-mail at rosacea@aol.com.

Mental Illness Family Support Group To Meet

A self-help support group for relatives and friends of persons with serious mental illnesses (brain disorders) will meet at 7 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 8th in the Church of Christ, 4010 W. 206th St. (at Crawford/Pulaski) in Matteson.

The group meeting, sponsored by the south suburban affiliate of the National Alliance for the Mentally Ill, will be led by experienced, volunteer facilitators. The session can be helpful – and hopeful – for family and friends whose loved ones have mental illnesses.

Family Support Group meetings are held on the second Thursday of each month throughout the year at the same time and location. There is no charge to attend. For further information about the meeting and/or the National Alliance for the Mentally Ill (NAMI), call John Rowley at (708) 798-3862.

In Case Of Emergency Phone Numbers

Calling it a simple step that could make a life or death difference during an emergency, Gov. Rod R. Blagojevich on Aug. 18th announced a statewide initiative to encourage Illinoisans to save "In Case of Emergency" entries in their personal cell phones under the acronym "ICE." That information could be accessed by emergency personnel at an accident scene or in the hospital emergency room to contact a family member or friend, who could provide potentially life-saving medical details about the incapacitated victim.

Gov. Blagojevich also directed all state emergency personnel to look for ICE numbers when helping individuals who are unconscious or otherwise unable to provide personal information. He encouraged local police, firefighters, emergency medical technicians (EMTs), hospital personnel and other emergency workers to do the same.

The ICE idea was started by a London paramedic to deal with a long-standing problem encountered by emergency workers – how to contact relatives or other interested parties for a victim who is unconscious, unable to respond to questions or deceased. British cell phone users were urged to put the ICE numbers into their cell phone address books before the name of the person they wanted contacted if they are ever incapacitated. Cell phone users can easily create entries such as "ICE – Mom" or "ICE – Katie" to let emergency workers know quickly who to contact if they are unable to communicate. Additional emergency contacts can be listed by simply noting ICE 1, ICE 2, etc.

In the wake of the London bombings, word is spreading quickly over the Internet on a grassroots basis and in news reports, but no state has officially launched a program until today.

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Veterans And Soldiers News

By Lori Taylor Ph: 708.388.2425

Michael S. Dawes graduated from the Army ROTC (Reserve Officer Training Corps) Leader Development and Assessment Course, also known as "Operation Warrior Forge," at Fort Lewis, Tacoma, Washington. He is the son of Melinda and James Dawes of Orland Park. The cadet is a 2002 graduate of Archbishop Quigley High School in Chicago and is attending Loyola University in Chicago.

Lansing Mayor Dan Podgorski, Village officials and representatives from the Lansing Fire Department, American Legion Color Guard, and the Lansing Memorial Ceremonial Honor Guard are inviting everyone to the Sept. 11th remembrance ceremony of those who lost their lives during the attacks on our country four years ago. The ceremony will take place at 2 p.m. on Sunday, Sept. 11th at the Lansing Veterans Memorial site, Glenwood Lansing Rd. and Burnham Ave. at the Lansing Municipal Airport. Everyone is welcome to attend. It is suggested you bring lawn chairs, as no setting is provided. For more information, call Rich Dominiak, ceremony coordinator, at (708) 862-7731 or Stacy Hastings, ceremony coordinator, at (708) 895-7176.

Midlothian VFW Post 2580, American Legion Post 691 and Sons of the Legion and the auxiliaries to the VFW and American Legion are collecting necessary non-perishable items to send to the victims of Hurricane Katrina. There is a large truck (donated by a very caring individual) in the parking lot which when filled will be replaced by another truck. They will be taken to be shipped by rail to the devastated areas. Anyone wishing to donate items may go to VFW Post 2580, 14817 Pulaski Rd. in Midlothian. So much is needed. Here are a few suggestions: washcloths, shampoo, toothbrushes, new socks, bottled water, toothpaste, disposable razors, shaving cream, soap, new underwear, diapers, bug spray, non-perishable food, band-aids, hair combs and brushes, feminine products, flashlights and batteries. Any little bit you can do will be greatly appreciated. Monetary donations are also accepted and can be mailed to the post at the above address, just add the ZIP code 60445. If you have any questions, call the post at (708) 385-9526. The money is being used to purchase needed items such as underwear in all sizes (men, women and children), socks, etc.

Ruth Ann Smit, newly elected state president of the VFW Ladies Auxiliary, Department of Illinois, will be honored at a Luau on Saturday, Sept. 10th. Over 200 post and auxiliary members, family and friends will attend this grand event. There will be Hawaiian-style food, music and entertainment. Ruth is a resident of Chicago Ridge and a member of the Alsip VFW Auxiliary 450. She has gone through the chairs in her auxiliary, the 16th District and the state to reach this high office of state president. We hope you are one of the 200 who will attend this special event. Hope to see you there.

Mark your calendars. Johnson Phelps VFW Auxiliary 5220, 9514 S. 52nd Ave. in Oak Lawn, will hold a "Dinner is Served" on Monday, Oct. 17th. Doors will open at 6:30 and dinner will be served at 7 p.m. The cost is \$7 per person. No tickets will be sold at the door. To obtain your tickets, call Patricia Hewitt at (708) 422-4475 or Dorothy Hejl at (708) 423-5220. All proceeds will go to the Oak Lawn Fire and Police Department clubs.

Orland Park VFW Post 2604 will hold a dinner-dance on Friday, Sept. 9th from 5:30 to 11 p.m. at the Orland Park Civic Center, 14700 Ravinia Drive, to provide support for returning injured members of the military and their families. The cost is \$8.50 (beer and pop are extra). A DJ will furnish music for all ages. Tickets will be available at the door or call C. Groff, post commander, at (708) 364-1819. The USO will be selling raffle tickets for a new Harley toward their efforts of assisting military personnel.

A National Anthem Project is underway to help re-teach Americans the importance of "The Star Spangled Banner." The project, a multi-year effort, is led by the National Association for Music Education (MENC). Mrs. Laura Bush serves as an Honorary Chairperson.

The campaign launch comes on the heels of a recent Harris Poll that shows two out of three Americans do not know the words to "The Star Spangled Banner" and many are unaware of the historical events that inspired the penning of the song. The goal is to change the practice of Americans listening to a soloist perform the anthem, particularly at special events, and to encourage everyone to sing the anthem together.

The campaign is led by the project's official musical ambassadors, The Oak Ridge Boys, and is supported by leading organizations across the country, including the Girl Scouts of the U.S.A., the American Legion and the History Channel.

This multi-faceted campaign will include curriculum efforts in schools across the country, special performances and alliances with professional sporting events, public service announcements and special events in cities nationwide. For more information, visit the Web site at www.thenationalanthemproject.org.

Legal Battle To Stop Moving F-16s

Gov. Rod R. Blagojevich and Illinois Attorney General Lisa Madigan filed a motion for a temporary restraining order in federal court on Sept. 1st to stop U.S. Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld and the Defense Base Closure and Realignment Commission (BRAC) from moving F-16 aircrafts from the 183rd Fighter Wing in Springfield. Gov. Blagojevich and Attorney General Madigan have said that the Pentagon's May 13th recommendation, which the BRAC Commission also endorsed last week, violates federal law, which dictates that he must give his consent for this type of realignment. Madigan filed the motion for a temporary restraining order on behalf of the governor in United States District Court for the Central Division of Illinois, Springfield Division. This latest legal action follows a lawsuit that was filed in federal court on July 21st blocking the Pentagon's initial recommendation.

Legal counsel for the BRAC recently issued a memo in which he fully agreed with the legal arguments that the State of Illinois has been making all along. BRAC Deputy General Counsel Dan Cowhig wrote that no change in the organizational structure of an Air National Guard Unit can take place without the consent of the state's governor.

The Springfield Air National Guard Base offers unique training opportunities for our military that are second to none and a highly strategic location for homeland security missions for both Illinois and the entire Midwest. Illinois is also home to 11 nuclear power plants that provide 50 percent of our power generation. Further, Illinois has 28 locks and dams on the Illinois, Mississippi and Ohio rivers. If these recommendations are adopted, these vital assets, and many others, will be

at greater risk without the F-16s in Springfield. This would also leave Illinois with only two Air National Guard flying units, which is the same number as several states with much smaller populations, including Alaska, Arkansas and Hawaii.

The governor has been leading a coordinated effort for nearly three years with the Illinois Congressional Delegation, other elected officials and local leaders to prevent Illinois' military bases from ending up on the BRAC list. He consistently has stressed that these actions are a threat to our national and homeland security and are not cost effective.

The Commission must publicly release its final BRAC report by Sept. 8th and will send it to President Bush. The President has until Sept. 23rd to approve or disprove the list. The BRAC list must then be sent to Congress by Nov. 7th, which is given the opportunity to disprove the list through a joint resolution.



Presentation Of Flags

At the National Convention of the Ladies Auxiliary to the Veterans of Foreign Wars held recently in Salt Lake City, Utah, Ruth Ann Smit (center) took part in the Presentation of Flags Ceremony. Pictured with Ruth, who is the state president of the VFW Auxiliary, Department of Illinois, are Maureen Hayden (left), state senior vice president, a member of Tioga VFW Auxiliary 2149 in Wooddale, IL, and Jo Lynn Altvatter (right), state conductress, a member of Indian Portage VFW Auxiliary 3592 in Chicago. Ruth is a member of the Alsip VFW Auxiliary 450 and a resident of Chicago Ridge.

New Deployment Includes National Guard and Firefighters

Governor Rod R. Blagojevich announced Sept. 5th that he is deploying nearly 1,100 more Illinoisans to help Louisiana respond to the devastation resulting from Hurricane Katrina, one of the largest natural disasters to ever occur in the U.S. The latest deployments include nearly 600 firefighters who left Monday and 500 National Guard troops departing for Louisiana on Wednesday.

The Governor said Illinois activated the Mutual Aid Box Alarm System (MABAS), the fire services mutual aid system, to deploy nearly 600 firefighters from around Illinois to supplement New Orleans' over-taxed fire department. The fire services contingent is expected to remain in Louisiana for two weeks.

The three National Guard units who were deployed to Louisiana include the 33rd Area Support Group, based in Chicago, for logistics, maintenance and transportation; the 634th Forward Support Battalion, based in Sullivan, Champaign and Springfield, for supply maintenance and medical support; and Detachment 3, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 35th Infantry Division, based in Decatur, which will assist in command and control of National Guard forces from states other than Louisiana and Mississippi. Those two states will remain under their states' control.

This latest deployment brings to 800 the number of Illinois National Guard troops sent to Louisiana. On Friday, Sept. 2nd, 300 Illinois National Guard troops and more than 50 vehicles departed from Camp Lincoln in Springfield.

On Sunday, Sept. 4th, the Governor announced Illinois will take in 5,000 to 10,000 displaced victims from the areas ravaged by Hurricane Katrina, providing housing, medical care, food, clothing and any services displaced families and individuals need at this time of crisis. The Governor also called on the entire community to match the state's coordinate relief effort.

New Salem Descendants Sought For 175th Reunion

What if you attended a family reunion and discovered that all of the people there had a direct connection to Abraham Lincoln? Just such a reunion is being planned for July 8th, 2006 at Lincoln's New Salem State Historic Site near Petersburg, Illinois.

The 175th anniversary of Abraham Lincoln's arrival at the Sangamon River town of New Salem has been scheduled, and a call is being put out to all direct descendants of the residents who lived there during the six years Lincoln

called the log village his home. A full list of known original settlers is available on the home page of the Lincoln's New Salem web site at www.lincolnsnewsalem.com.

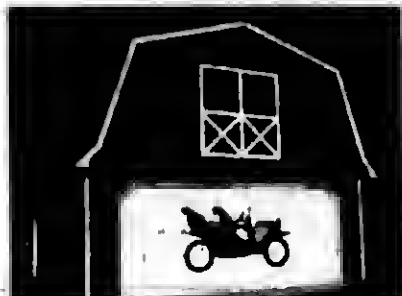
"We encourage anyone who thinks they have a connection to 1830s New Salem to visit our web site," said Lincoln's New Salem Site Manager David Hedrick. "And we look forward to a great family reunion next July."

Those who are descendants of the original New Salem settlers, or those who need more information, may email newsalem@ihpa.state.il.us, or write to Lincoln's New Salem State Historic Site, Attn: Barbara Archer, 15588 History Lane, Petersburg, IL 62675. All persons who provide their own name and the name of the person from whom they are descended will receive an invitation and registration form in early 2006. All descendants attending must pre-register.

The tentative July 8th, 2006 family reunion schedule calls for a barbecue dinner, tours of the 1830s log village with costumed interpreters, recognition of descendants, and a brand new Theatre in the Park production of "Abraham."

Lincoln's New Salem State Historic Site, administered by the Illinois Historic Preservation Agency, is located along Illinois Route 97 about two miles south of Petersburg and 20 miles northwest of Springfield. It is open daily for free public tours.

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"No Pork" Challenge

Citizens Against Government Waste (CAGW) recently challenged members of Congress to block funding for unrelated pork projects in its aid package for hurricane recovery, and to help offset the bill's cost by returning the \$24 billion worth of earmarks in the recently enacted highway bill. Congressional leaders expect to negotiate an emergency supplemental spending bill when Congress reconvenes this week. Hurricane Katrina has been called the most expensive disaster in the country's history. One expert said that federal aid could top \$30 billion, which will add to the \$331 billion deficit predicted for fiscal 2005.

"In the past, Congress has shortchanged our troops, disaster victims, and taxpayers by including self-serving pork projects in emergency spending bills," CAGW President Tom Schatz said. "Maybe this time, the widespread devastation and loss of life will shame them into forgoing egregious spending that will hinder recovery efforts and add to the deficit."

Emergency supplemental bills have become a magnet for pork because they do not count against House and Senate budget caps and such bills are always signed by the President. Past examples include:

In April 2005, Congress passed the \$80 billion Emergency Supplemental Appropriations Act for Defense, the Global War on Terror, and Tsunami Relief (H.R. 1268), which included \$25 million for the Fort Peck Fish Hatchery in Montana and \$500,000 for the oral history of the Negotiated Settlement Project at the University of Nevada, Reno, and the Fire Sciences Academy in Elko, Nevada.

In October 2003, Congress included \$65 million worth of extraneous projects in the fiscal 2003-Emergency Supplemental portion of the fiscal 2004 Legislative Branch Appropriations Act. President Bush requested \$1.9 billion to help cover natural disasters, homeland security, and costs associated with the Space Shuttle Columbia disaster. Sen. Arlen Specter (R-Pa.) grabbed \$1.4 million for three projects in Pennsylvania, including \$1 million to establish centers of excellence for the treatment of autism and \$200,000 for the University of Pennsylvania School of Dental Medicine for a minority outreach program.

In April 2003, Congress passed a \$78.5 billion War Supplemental Appropriations bill. Lawmakers shamefully seized the opportunity to tack on funds for 29 unrelated projects, which cost more than \$348 million, including: \$110 million for the National Animal Disease Center in Ames, Iowa; \$22.7 million for a Capitol power plant; and \$200,000 for Light of Life Ministries in Allegheny County, Pa.

"Every disaster warrants an appropriate response," Schatz concluded. "But Congress will confirm taxpayers' worst assumptions if it hijacks this tragedy for parochial interests. Members of Congress should help offset the cost of the supplemental by returning the \$24 billion for the 6,400 earmarks in the highway bill."

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Editor:

They don't wear badges or uniforms, and although they may live next door to you, you might not know that they are everyday "apostles of charity," quietly and confidentially helping people in your neighborhood and community. Their mission is to help people who are poor, in need or in crisis, and they do so solely for the love of God and their neighbor.

From Aug. 31st to Sept. 3rd, Chicago welcomed one of the largest charitable organizations in the country and in the world as 700 representatives from every one of the United States and guests from several foreign countries participated in the 91st National Meeting of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, hosted by the Society's Chicago Archdiocesan Council.

To honor all its unseen members, who care for their suffering neighbors with deep respect, in confidence and without fanfare, I am taking this opportunity to publicly recognize and thank the members of this extraordinary voluntary Society, made up entirely of lay men and women in the Archdiocese of Chicago and around the globe. As the North Central Region and Archdiocese of Chicago Spiritual Advisor for more than 10 years, I know firsthand the Society's great spirit of charity.

Last year, inspired by the love of God and the example of St. Vincent de Paul, 115,800 "Vincentians" throughout the United States served almost 14.5 million people in need, of all faiths, ethnicities and ages.

In Cook and Lake Counties, the 2,300 men and women of the Society in the Archdiocese of Chicago cared for the needs of more than 264,000 people - family by family, person by person - providing food, clothing, furniture, household articles, financial and medical assistance valued at \$2.9 million.

They did so in a personal manner - visiting the homes of families and individuals suffering from unemployment, illness, financial or medical crisis - assessing their needs in a spirit of respect and compassion, and quickly responding with assistance. All material and financial resources are donated by parishes, individuals and benefactors.

The foundation for this worldwide network of charity was laid in the life of St. Vincent de Paul, a 17th century priest who devoted his life to serving the poor, but the movement was made universal by Frederic Ozanam, a young lawyer, husband and father. Inspired by Vincent's ideals of love for the poor and challenged by the plague of widespread poverty in 19th century Paris, Frederic founded the Society of St. Vincent de Paul as a college student in 1833 to meet the needs of the desperately poor.

The Society grew quickly because it mobilized people of ordinary means who gathered in prayer and reflection in their parishes and were empowered by God's love to help the poor in their own parishes and communities. In 1845, the first American conference (parish group) was established in St. Louis.

In 1857, only 20 years after Chicago became a city, four laymen and their pastor established the first conference of the Society in St. Patrick's Parish. Today, the Archdiocese is blessed by 148 parish conferences in Cook and Lake Counties. In Chicago, the Society operates many parish food pantries and three clothing and household thrift stores.

Rooted in their Christian faith, steeped in the Vincentian ideal of charity - the love and service of the poor for the love of God - and using Frederic's practical, parish-based model of service, members of the Society faithfully live out Christ's mandate in the Gospel of Matthew to visit, feed, clothe, house, welcome and comfort our brothers and sisters in need.

Devoted to spiritual growth and compassionate care for the poor, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul was the inspiration for the development of Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Chicago in 1917, and remains a valued partner in charity to this day.

We can all be grateful for this wonderful organization among us that is dedicated to offering the gifts of love, hope and human dignity to all.

Rev. Michael M. Boland, Administrator
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Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Chicago

Winter Heating Grants Available

With some heating bills expected to rise this winter, Governor Rod R. Blagojevich announced as of Thursday, Sept. 1st, vulnerable households and those currently without home heating due to service disconnections would be able to apply for one-time grants through the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) to meet their winter heating needs.

The Energy Information Administration, which releases official energy statistics from the U.S. Government, stated earlier this month that, "average heating oil prices will be about 16 percent higher this winter compared to the 2004-2005 winter." Through LIHEAP, run by the Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services (HFS), heating bill payments will be made on behalf of seniors, the disabled, families with very young children, those currently without home heating due to service disconnections, and people with medical conditions that would be aggravated by cold.

LIHEAP is a state- and federally-funded energy assistance program that assists households with incomes of up to 50 percent of the federal poverty level. A single-person household can qualify with a monthly income of up to \$1,196, a two-person household up to \$1,604, and a family of four can earn up to \$2,420. Benefits will be paid directly to the household's appropriate utility.

LIHEAP serves as many households as possible while giving priority to households with the greatest energy burden and households whose health and safety is threatened. For a complete listing of LIHEAP's local administering agencies and additional information about the grant program, go to www.liheapillinois.com, or call the toll-free LIHEAP information line at 1-800-252-8643.

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The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information. For information contact Plaintiff's Attorney: Kropik, Papuga & Shaw, 12D S. LaSalle St., Suite 1327, Chicago, IL 60603, (312) 236-6405. Please refer to file number 35605. Pursuant to Sec. 15-1507(c)(7) of the Illinois Code of Civil Procedure, no information other than the information contained in this notice will be provided. NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act you are advised that Plaintiff's Attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. 140870C	IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department - Chancery Division. Wells Fargo Bank, NA successor by merger with Wells Fargo Home Mortgage, Inc., Plaintiff, vs. Nick Quirke a/k/a Nicholas Quirke, et al., Defendant. Case No. D5Ch-2670. PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on April 20, 2005, The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 a.m. on September 28, 2005, in its office at 33 N. Dearborn St., 10th Floor, Chicago, IL 60602-3100, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as: 11959 S. Keeler Ave., Alsip, IL 60803. The real estate is improved with a single family residence. The judgment amount was \$153,672.58. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; the balance, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagee, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale. The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information. For information contact Plaintiff's Attorney: The Sale Clerk, CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 N. Frontage Road, Suite 100, Burr Ridge, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876 Ext. 132D. Please refer to file number 14-05-1508. NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act you are advised that Plaintiff's Attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. 140835C	IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department - Chancery Division. GMAC Mortgage Corporation, Plaintiff, vs. Gerard J. Wilson, et al., Defendant. Case No. 04Ch-19210. PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on May 9, 2005, The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 a.m. on September 20, 2005, in its office at 33 N. Dearborn St., 10th Floor, Chicago, IL 60602-3100, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as: 13309 S. Kolin Ave., Robbins, IL 60472. The real estate is improved with a single family residence. The judgment amount was \$83,629.41. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; the balance, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagee, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale. The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information. For information contact Plaintiff's Attorney: The Sale Clerk, CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 N. Frontage Road, Suite 100, Burr Ridge, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876 Ext. 132D. Please refer to file number 14-04-8905. NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act you are advised that Plaintiff's Attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. 141081C

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois, County Department — Chancery Division. Washington Mutual Bank, FA, Plaintiff, vs. Oscar Olaz, et al., Defendant. Case No. 05Ch-2088. PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on April 25, 2005, The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 a.m. on October 5, 2005, in its office at 33 N. Dearborn St., 10th Floor, Chicago, IL 60602-3100, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as: 4631 W. 82nd St., Chicago, IL 60652. The real estate is improved with a single family residence. The judgment amount was \$169,046.68. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; the balance, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagee, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale. The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information. For Information: Visit our website at http://service.atty-pierce.com, between the hours of 3 and 5 pm only. PIERCE & ASSOCIATES, Plaintiff's Attorneys, One N. Dearborn St., Ste. 1300, Chicago, IL 60602, (312) 476-5500. Please refer to file number 14-05-1141. NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act you are advised that Plaintiff's Attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. 139847C	IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois, County Department — Chancery Division. Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Homecomings Financial Network, Inc. or its successors or assigns, Plaintiff, vs. David A. Benn, et al., Defendants. Case No. 05Ch-1844. PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on May 23, 2005, The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 a.m. on September 20, 2005, in its office at 33 N. Dearborn St., 10th Floor, Chicago, IL 60602-3100, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as: 8035 S. Campbell Ave., Chicago, IL 60652. The real estate is improved with a brown brick single family w/ 1 story separate 1 1/2 car garage. The judgment amount was \$114,498.85. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; the balance, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale. The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information. For Information: Visit our website at http://service.atty-pierce.com, between the hours of 3 and 5 pm only. PIERCE & ASSOCIATES, Plaintiff's Attorneys, One N. Dearborn St., Ste. 1300, Chicago, IL 60602, (312) 476-5500. Please refer to file number PA0500879. NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act you are advised that Plaintiff's Attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. 141106C	IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois, County Department — Chancery Division. Emigrant Mortgage Company, Inc., Plaintiff, vs. Sara Hanle, et al., Defendant. Case No. 05Ch-2178. PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on April 27, 2005, The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 a.m. on September 20, 2005, in its office at 33 N. Dearborn St., 10th Floor, Chicago, IL 60602-3100, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as: 15212 Walnut Rd., Oak Forest, IL 60452. The real estate is improved with a single family residence. The judgment amount was \$216,801.28. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; the balance, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagee, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale. The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information. For Information: Visit our website at http://service.atty-pierce.com, between the hours of 3 and 5 pm only. PIERCE & ASSOCIATES, Plaintiff's Attorneys, One N. Dearborn St., Ste. 1300, Chicago, IL 60602, (312) 476-5500. Please refer to file number 14-05-963. NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act you are advised that Plaintiff's Attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. 141074C	IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois, County Department — Chancery Division. Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., Plaintiff, vs. Paul Zaitz, et al., Defendant. Case No. 05Ch-2182. PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on March 31, 2005, The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 a.m. on September 19, 2005, in its office at 33 N. Dearborn St., 10th Floor, Chicago, IL 60602-3100, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as: 9131 Meadowview Dr., Hickory Hills, IL 60457. The real estate is improved with a single family residence. The judgment amount was \$284,826.45. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; the balance, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale. The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information. For information contact Plaintiff's Attorney: Kropik, Papuga & Shaw, 120 S. LaSalle St., Suite 1327, Chicago, IL 60603, (312) 236-6405. Please refer to file number 35528. Pursuant to Sec. 15-1507(c)(7) of the Illinois Code of Civil Procedure, no information other than the information contained in this notice will be provided. NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act you are advised that Plaintiff's Attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. 141094C	IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois, County Department — Chancery Division. Chase Home Finance LLC, successor by merger to Chase Manhattan Mortgage Corporation, Plaintiff, vs. Chester M. Hudson, et al., Defendants. Case No. 05Ch-2715. PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on May 23, 2005, The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 a.m. on October 7, 2005, in its office at 33 N. Dearborn St., 10th Floor, Chicago, IL 60602-3100, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as: 2749 W. 90th Pl., Evergreen Park, IL 60805. The real estate is improved with a brown brick alum frame single family w/ 1.5 stories separate 2 car garage. The judgment amount was \$171,555.84. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; the balance, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale. The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information. For Information: Visit our website at http://service.atty-pierce.com, between the hours of 3 and 5 pm only. PIERCE & ASSOCIATES, Plaintiff's Attorneys, One N. Dearborn St., Ste. 1300, Chicago, IL 60602, (312) 476-5500. Please refer to file number PA0501077. NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act you are advised that Plaintiff's Attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. 139747C	IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois, County Department — Chancery Division. Chase Manhattan Mortgage Corporation, Plaintiff, vs. Richard E. Hulsey a/k/a Richard Edward Hulsey, et al., Defendants. Case No. 05Ch-841. PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on July 5, 2005, The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 a.m. on October 7, 2005, in its office at 33 N. Dearborn St., 10th Floor, Chicago, IL 60602-3100, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as: 14735 S. Harrison Ave., Posen, IL 60469. The real estate is improved with a single family residence 1.5 stories brick beige separate 2 car garage. The judgment amount was \$134,123.36. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; the balance, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale. The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information. For information: Visit our website at http://service.atty-pierce.com, between the hours of 3 and 5 pm only. PIERCE & ASSOCIATES, Plaintiff's Attorneys, One N. Dearborn St., Ste. 1300, Chicago, IL 60602, (312) 476-5500. Please refer to file number PA0500051. 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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois, County Department — Chancery Division. Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as Nominee for Aegis Mortgage Corporation, Plaintiff, vs. Debra A. Jackson, et al., Defendant. No. 05Ch-3401.

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on May 18, 2005, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Thursday, September 29, 2005, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 W. Madison St., Suite 718A, Chicago, IL, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described mortgaged real estate:

Commonly known as: 3736 W. 86th St., Chicago, IL 60652. The improvement on the property consists of a single family residence.

Sale terms: Bidders must present, at the time of sale, a cashier's or certified check for 10% of the successful bid amount. The balance of the successful bid shall be paid within 24 hours, by similar funds.

The property will NOT be open for inspection.

For information call Ms. Diane Thomas, at Plaintiff's Attorney, Freedman, Anselmo, Lindberg and Rappe, 1807 W. Diehl Road, Naperville, IL 60566-7107. 630/983-0770. 139914C

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois, County Department — Chancery Division. Beneficial Illinois, Inc. d/b/a Beneficial Mortgage Co. of Illinois, Plaintiff, vs. Houghson Gillette, et al., Defendants. No. 04Ch-16914.

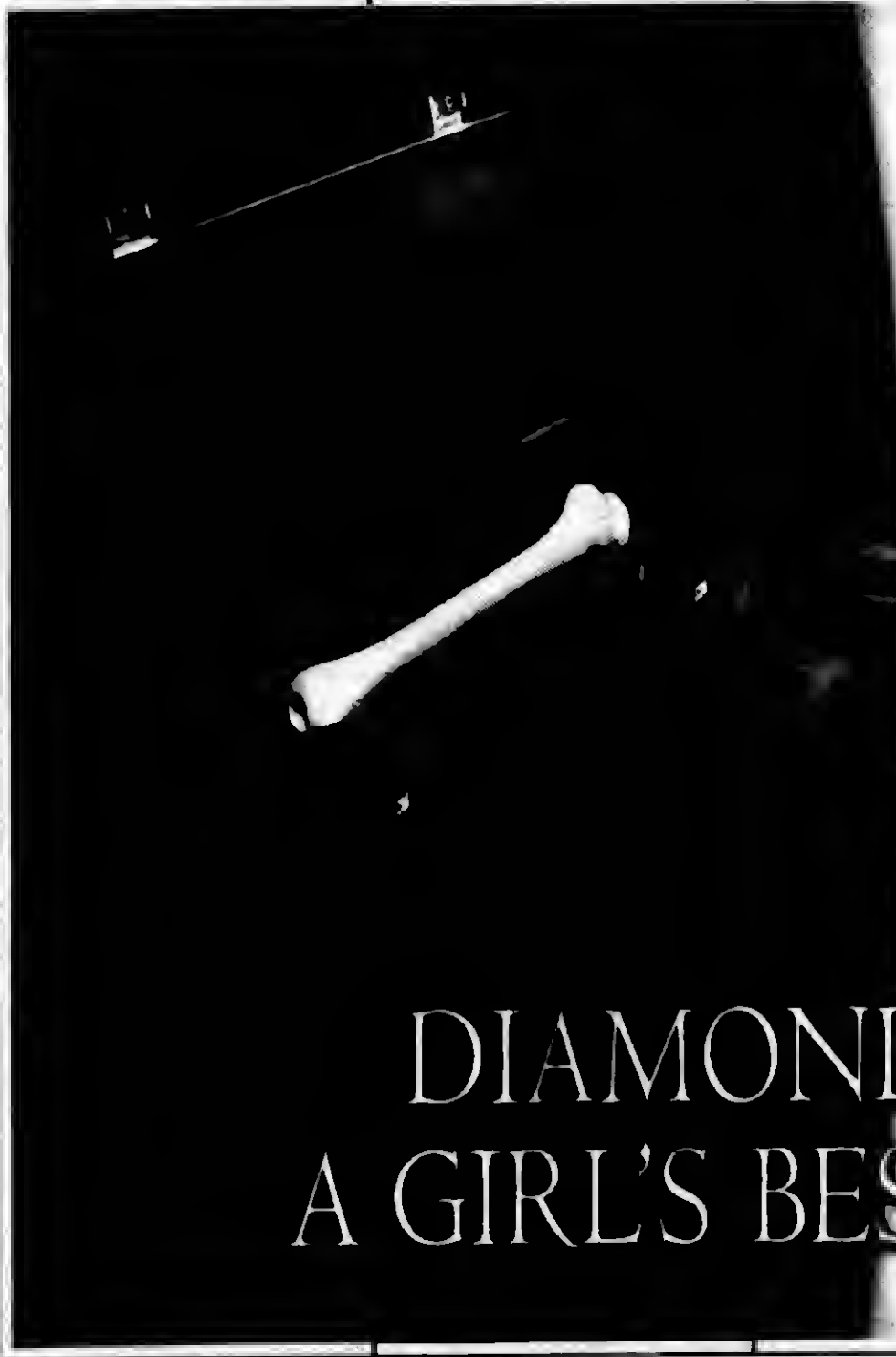
PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on June 1, 2005, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Tuesday, September 27, 2005, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 W. Madison St., Suite 718A, Chicago, IL, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described mortgaged real estate:

Commonly known as: 4116 W. 136th, Robbins, IL 60472. The improvement on the property consists of a single family residence.

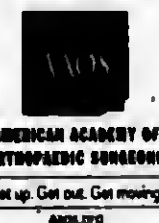
Sale terms: Bidders must present, at the time of sale, a cashier's or certified check for 10% of the successful bid amount. The balance of the successful bid shall be paid within 24 hours, by similar funds.

The property will NOT be open for inspection.

For information call Mr. James A. Larson at Plaintiff's Attorney, Larson & Nierling, 11 S. LaSalle St., Chicago, IL 60603. (312) 422-0057. 139979C



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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department - Chancery Division. Aurora Loan Services, Plaintiff, vs. Brian Crawford a/k/a, Brian P. Crawford, et al., Defendants. Case No. 05Ch-3117.

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on June 6, 2005, The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 a.m. on October 4, 2005, in its office at 33 N. Dearborn St., 10th Floor, Chicago, IL 60602-3100, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as: 12620 S. Alpine Dr., Unit 5, Alsip, IL 60803.

The real estate is improved with a condominium. The judgment amount was \$73,264.52.

Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; the balance, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagee, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.

The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information.

For information contact Plaintiff's Attorney: The Sale Clerk, COOILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 N. Frontage Road, Suite 100, Burr Ridge, IL 60527. (630) 794-9876 Ext. 1320. Please refer to file number 14-05-1724.

NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act you are advised that Plaintiff's Attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. 140333C

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department - Chancery Division. Wells Fargo Bank Minnesota, N.A., as Trustee, Plaintiff, vs. Debra Jackson, et al., Defendants. No. 05Ch-462.

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above entitled cause on May 25, 2005, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Tuesday, October 4, 2005 at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 W. Madison St., Suite 718A, Chicago, IL, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described mortgaged real estate: Commonly known as 3614 W. 87th St., Chicago, IL 60652.

The mortgaged real estate is improved with a single family residence and will NOT be open for inspection. The judgment amount was \$159,287.35.

Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance, by certified funds, within 24 hours. The sale shall be subject to general taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and any prior first mortgages. The subject property is offered for sale without any representation as to quality of title or recourse to Plaintiff. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.

For information: Sale Clerk, Shapiro & Kreisman, 4201 Lake Cook Road, 1st Floor, Northbrook, IL 60062. (847) 498-9990, between the hours of 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. only. 139219C

REAL ESTATE

Houses For Sale

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department - Chancery Division. Green Tree Servicing, LLC f/k/a Conesco Finance Servicing Corp. f/k/a Green Tree Financial Servicing Corporation, Plaintiff, vs. Darrell F. Jados, et al., Defendants. Case No. 05Ch-3410.

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on May 16, 2005, The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 a.m. on October 7, 2005, in its office at 33 N. Dearborn St., 10th Floor, Chicago, IL 60602-3100, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as: 3726 W. 80th Pl., Chicago, IL 60652.

The real estate is improved with a red brick single family home with detached garage. The judgment amount was \$48,232.39.

Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; the balance, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

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For information: Visit our website at <http://service.atty.pierce.com> between the hours of 3 and 5 pm only. PIERCE & ASSOCIATES, Plaintiff's Attorneys, One N. Dearborn St., Ste. 1300, Chicago, IL 60602, (312) 476-5500. Please refer to file number PA0501725.

NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act you are advised that Plaintiff's Attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. 139750C

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department - Chancery Division. Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as nominee for Household Finance Corporation III, Plaintiff, vs. Shaneka Means, et al., Defendant. No. 05Ch-3696.

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on April 26, 2005, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Tuesday, October 11, 2005, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 W. Madison St., Suite 718A, Chicago, IL, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described mortgaged real estate: Commonly known as: 2956 W. 81st St., Chicago, IL 60652.

The improvement on the property consists of a single family residence. Sale terms: Bidders must present, at the time of sale, a cashier's or certified check for 10% of the successful bid amount. The balance of the successful bid shall be paid within 24 hours, by similar funds.

The property will NOT be open for inspection. For information call Ms Diane Thomas at Plaintiff's Attorney, Freedman, Anselmo, Lindberg and Rappe, 1807 W. Diehl Road, Naperville, IL 60566-7107. 630/983-0770. 138592C

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"Kids Helping Kids"

Good things really do come in little packages...especially at this time when there is an enormous need for support after the devastating destruction of Hurricane Katrina. That is why the Children's Museum in Oak Lawn is setting up a "Kids Helping Kids" fund to aid the children and families who have been affected by Hurricane Katrina. All proceeds will be donated to America's Second Harvest, the nation's largest charitable hunger-relief organization based here in Chicago. One hundred percent of the contributions the museum collects and sends to America's Second Harvest will be used for disaster relief. Opportunities to donate and more information about the "Kids Helping Kids" fund will be available during the Fall on the Green event (Sept. 10-11) and the Harvest Home Festival (Oct. 1), as well as the museum itself and on the museum's website at www.cmoaklawn.org.

In conjunction, the museum is asking kids across the Southland region to write a letter or draw a picture to send to the children in the disaster areas. What a great way of letting them know that other kids - even as far away as Chicago - are thinking about them and trying to help in their time of need. These letters will be sent at a later time, once the urgent needs of food, shelter and emergency care have been met. The museum also has resource materials for parents on the subject of talking to kids about disasters.

Contributions, letters and drawings can be sent directly to The Children's Museum in Oak Lawn at 9600 E. Shore Drive, Oak Lawn, IL 60453. Checks should be made out to America's Second Harvest with the words "Katrina Relief" on the memo line. Credit card donations will be accepted in person at the museum. You may also charge a contribution over the phone by calling (708) 423-6709 Monday through Saturday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

For more information on The Children's Museum in Oak Lawn, contact Elizabeth Gelman at (708) 423-6709.

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Monetary donations, cash and checks are also being accepted. Checks must be made payable to Town of Worth with a notation in the memo portion "Hurricane Relief." A receipt will be issued for the donation(s).

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50th Anniversary Of The Park Forest Art Fair

What started as a small group of artists meeting to practice their craft more than half a century ago has now become one of the most well-respected arts groups in the Midwest, and this year that group, the Tall Grass Arts Assn., celebrates its 50th anniversary with the 50th edition of the Park Forest Art Fair, one of the oldest juried art fairs in Chicagoland - Sept. 17th and 18th, in downtown Park Forest.

Over 120 artists in a variety of artistic mediums will display their works, most of which are available for sale. The Park Forest Art Fair is free and open to the public on Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 17th and 18th from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. each day. Food and refreshments are available, plus musical entertainment and children's activities, including art contests and storytellers from the Park Forest Library.

Artists from as far away as Florida, Oklahoma, Kansas and numerous Midwestern states will display affordable fine art including watercolors, oils, sculptures, jewelry, pottery, photography and much more. About 50% of the artists exhibiting in the fair are from the Chicago metro region.

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For more information on the program, call Frieda Burke at (708) 608-4152.

Legislation Protecting Newborn Babies

Legislation protecting babies that are born alive at any stage in their development was signed into law recently, reported State Sen. Christine Radogno (R-Lemont).

Sen. Radogno was a sponsor of House Bill 984, known as the Born Alive Infant Act, which defines a "person," "human being," "child" or "individual" as every infant member of the species Homo sapiens who is born alive at any stage of development. The law distinguishes that a newborn is a person regardless of whether or not the umbilical cord has been cut, and despite whether the baby was the result of a natural or induced labor, a cesarean section, or an abortion.

Radogno explained that by including "born alive infants" in the definition of a "person," living newborn babies are extended the same protections of every state law that includes people, including laws on murder. "This law simply ensures that all newborn infants who are born alive are given the same legal protections as you and me, regardless of the circumstances surrounding their birth," said Radogno.

The senator specifically noted that the new law was in no way intended to affect any state or federal law concerning abortion, or to change any generally accepted medical standards. The law will go into effect on Jan. 1st, 2006.

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Southwest Area Obituaries

Josephine A. Martynus

Mass was said on Saturday, September 3rd at St. Catherine of Alexandria Church, Oak Lawn, for Alsp Park District Senior Citizens Group member, Josephine A. Martynus, 91.

She is survived by husband, Joseph M. Martynus; her son, Kenneth (Nancy) Martynus; two grandchildren; and one great grandchild.

John A. Briggs, Jr.

Services were held on Wednesday, September 7th, at the Wayside Chapel, Palos Park, for John A. Briggs, Jr., 84.

He is survived by his wife, Marilyn; his children, Debra (Glenn) Norvil, and Jack Briggs; and one grandchild.

Roger Harty

Mass was said on Saturday, September 3rd, at Sacred Heart Church, Palos Hills, for Ireland native, Roger Harty, beloved husband of the late Ida Harty.

He is survived by his son, Richard (Ann) Harty; and three grandchildren.

Edward W. Heuser

Mass was said on Saturday, September 3rd, at St. Christina Church, Mount Greenwood, for Edward W. Heuser, 90.

He is survived by his wife, Estelle; his children, Edward J. (Alfreda), Robert F. (Carol), Kenneth (Anne) and Marilyn (Larry) O'Shaughnessy; 11 grandchildren; and 11 great grandchildren.

Margaret E. DeHaan

Services were held on Saturday, September 3rd, at Vandenberg Funeral Home, Tinley Park, for Margaret E. DeHaan, 91, beloved wife of the late Richard DeHaan, Jr.

She is survived by her son, Richard III (Diane); and her granddaughter.

Dr. Aristotle T. Flessor

Services were held on Saturday, September 3rd at Sts. Constantine & Helen Greek Orthodox Church, Palos Hills, for WWII Veteran, Dr. Aristotle T. Flessor, 79, beloved husband of the late Helen.

He is survived by his children, Thomas A. (Deborah), Pamela (Michael) DaValle, and Gina (Peter) Stamos; seven grandchildren; and siblings, Nicholas (Gerri), Beatrice (Nicholas) Sampalis, and Lee.

Dorothy L. Higgins

Mass was said on Friday, September 2nd, at St. Alexander Church, Palos Heights, for Oak Lawn

Senior Citizens Club member, Dorothy L. Higgins, beloved wife of the late Joseph Higgins.

She is survived by her children, Dolores Clyne, Mary Ann Delorenzo and Patricia Schuma; eleven grandchildren; and twelve great-grandchildren.

Richard M. Gory

Services were held on Thursday, September 1st, at Vandenberg Funeral Home, Tinley Park, for former President and Commissioner, Richard M. Gory, 64.

He is survived by his wife, Judith; his children, Lynn, Richard and Suzanne Gory; one grandchild; and brothers Robert (Joan) and Andrew.

Rudy P. Yukich

Mass was said on Wednesday, September 7th at St. Bernadette Church in Evergreen Park for former owner of Yukich Insurance Agency, and manager and coach of many baseball and basketball teams through the years, Rudy P. Yukich, 82, husband of the late Betty.

He is survived by children, Dan (Dale), Raymond (Karen), Richard (Karen), George (Rachel), and Robert (Debbie) Yukich, and Cathy (Mark) Bohdan; 17 grandchildren; five great grandchildren; and his brother, Anthony.

Fred E. Zawada

Mass was said on Tuesday, July 6th, at St. Mary Church for WWII Navy Veteran, Fred E. Zawada, 81, husband of the late Wanda.

He is survived by his children, Kathleen DalleMolle, Judy (Bob) Forrester, and Dawn (John) Ambuul; 10 grandchildren; and his sister, Janette Kopkowski.

Louise E. Bidle

Services will be held Saturday, September 10th at the Burbank Manor Presbyterian Church for dancer and avid motorcyclist, Louise E. "Sue" Bidle.

She is survived by her husband, Richard; her children, Susan (Bob) Sancken and James (Harriet) Bidle; and four grandchildren.

Michael J. McDonald

Mass was said Tuesday, September 6th, at Our Lady of The Woods Church, Orland Park, for U.S. Navy Korean War Veteran, Michael J. McDonald, 73.

He is survived by his wife, Carole; his children, Michael (Carol), Kathleen (Kevin) Roberge, & Barbara McDonald; and three grandchildren.

John "Jack" Farrell

Mass was said Tuesday, September 6th, at Most Holy Redeemer Church, Evergreen Park, for John Farrell, 47.

He is survived by his wife, Grace; his children, Jennifer, John Jr. and Melissa Farrell; and siblings, Ron (Michelle), Shirley (John) Meinardos, Michelle (Bill) Conlisk, and Tom (Carlene) Farrell.

Rose Mildred Lencki

Mass was said Tuesday, September 6th, at Sacred Heart Church, Palos Hills, for Rose Mildred Lencki, 91.

She is survived by Louis J. Lencki; children, Marilyn (Edward) Boghosian and Louis (Barbara) Lencki; six grandchildren; three great grandchildren; and her brothers, William (Rose) Bussa and Thomas (June) Bussa.

Samuel Barajas

Mass is being said on Thursday, September 8th, at St. Walter Church, Chicago, for WW II Army Veteran, Samuel Barajas, 76.

He is survived by his wife, Colette; his children, Colette and John (Rosa); and eight grandchildren.

Frank A. Pondel

Mass was said on Wednesday, September 7th, at St. Julie Billiard Church, Tinley Park, for Frank A. Pondel.

He is survived by his wife, Jennie; his children, Frank (Beverly), Thomas (Marianne), Ronald Pondel, Alice (Richard) Stanula and Darlene (Michael) Pache; 17 grandchildren; 19 great grandchildren; and his sisters, Bernice Kensek and Helen Pietrucha.

Margaret T. Evans

Mass was said on Wednesday, September 7th, at Queen of Martyrs Church, Evergreen Park, for Margaret T. Evans, wife of the late Henry H. Evans.

She is survived by her children, Michael, Thomas (Rita), Linda (William) Coddens, Norine and Ellen Evans; eleven grandchildren; and her sisters, Norine Peterson and Patricia Kerwin.

Mary Ann Follenweider

Services were held on Wednesday, September 7th, at

Thompson and Kuenster Funeral Home, Oak Lawn, for Mary Ann E. Follenweider.

She is survived by her children, Paul (Linda), Follenweider, Mark (Susan) Follenweider and Susan (Robert) Ellison; ten grandchildren; and siblings, Edwin (Anna) Walsh, Jack (Gail) Walsh, Barbara Lucas and Howard.

Evelyn J. Galvin

Mass was said on Tuesday, September 6th, at St. Louis de Montfort Church, Oak Lawn, for Evelyn J. Galvin, 70.

She is survived by her sisters, Mary Ellen Galvin and Catherine McMahon; and nieces and nephews.

Patricia Kennedy

Mass was said on Wednesday, September 7th, at St. Christina Church, Mt. Greenwood, for Patricia Kennedy, wife of the late James.

She is survived by her children, Margaret, Martin (Judith) and James (Mary); five grandchildren; and her brother, Martin (Jean) Berg.

Ignatius

"Midge" Valle

Services were held on Wednesday, September 7th, at Parkview Christian Church, Orland Park, for U.S. Marine Korean War Veteran, Ignatius "Midge" Valle, 76.

He is survived by his wife, Marie; his son, Michael Francis; and siblings, Louis (Frances), Emma Vaserman, Estelle O'Connor and Neva (Jim) Green.

Thaddeus Wisniewski

Mass was said on Tuesday, September 6th, at St. Gerald Church, Oak Lawn, for U.S. Army Veteran, Thaddeus H. "Ted" Wisniewski.

He is survived by his wife, Bonnie; his children Pam (Bill) Thrune, Debbie Drew, Jeff Wisniewski and Julie Modla; one grandchild; and siblings, Pat (Mick) Pusateri and Bill Donna Wisniewski.

Zachary

Thomas Zasada

Mass was said on Wednesday, September 7th, at St. Damian Church, Oak Forest, for Zachary Thomas Zasada, 3 months of age.

He is survived by his parents, Timothy and Nancy; his brother, Zoe; & grandparents.



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Courage Golf Outing

The Courage Program will hold its fourth annual Courage Golf Outing Sunday, Oct. 2nd, at Old Oak Country Club, 143rd St. and Parker Road, Homer Glen.

Check-in will take place at noon. The shotgun start will be at 1 p.m. Drinks, dinner and Courage Lottery will follow. Golf, cart and dinner is \$125. Dinner only is \$50. Sponsorships from individuals and businesses also are being sought. A hole sponsorship is \$150; beverage cart sponsor, \$300; putting green sponsor, \$200; lunch sponsor, \$500; and bar sponsor, \$1,000. All sponsors will be acknowledged the day of the event by signage in the appropriate area and in the golf program. An acknowledgement also will be placed in the Courage Program's November newsletter, which is distributed to more than 900 people.

All proceeds will benefit the Courage Program. The Courage Program assists needy pregnant women, single mothers and infants and encourages abstinence and discourages abortion.

Make checks payable to the Courage Program and mail to the Courage Program, 9711 S. Kolin Ave., Oak Lawn, Ill., 60453.

Reservation forms and further information are available by calling (708) 636-8001.



Alumna Alex Meneses Visits McAuley

On September 1, actress Alex Meneses, famous for her role as Robert's girlfriend in "Everybody Loves Raymond," visited her alma mater, Mother McAuley High School, and spoke with students in the Theatre Seminar II class.

"It was an inspiration to be able to speak with a McAuley grad that has made it! She gave candid and honest answers to all of our questions and is a proud alumna," said senior Jenna Perusich, of Mount Greenwood.

Meneses, who lives in California, was in town visiting for a few days and made it a point to stop by her old school. She hopes to be able to return more often in the future and help students who are interested in entering the acting field.

She has also starred in "Auto Focus," the 2002 film about "Hogan's Heroes" star Bob Crane. In "Everybody Loves Raymond," she won the role in a special episode in which the entire family travels to Italy. She portrayed Stefania, the "gelato girl" that Robert (Brad Garrett) falls in love with. Her performance drew so much fan mail that she was featured in several episodes throughout the season. The role garnered a 2002 ALMA Award nomination as Best Supporting Actress in a Television Series.

Her feature credits include "The Flintstone's Viva Rock Vegas" and "Selena" as well as the independent films "Kissing Miranda" and "Living in Peril." Her television credits include "Dr. Quinn Medicine Woman," "Friends," "Dharma & Greg" and "The John Larroquette Show." In her spare time, Meneses enjoys hiking, cooking, rollerblading and traveling home to Chicago. She is originally from the Marquette Park area. (Biography information courtesy of Cinema.com)

Photo caption: Actress Alex Meneses visits with students from Mother McAuley's Theatre Seminar II class.

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Shoppers who enter the Neat Repeats-Resale are always in store for a treat—daily specials, customer-friendly volunteers, and a lovely boutique-style environment. Now, thanks to the talent and generosity of members of Southside Brushes, those who visit the Worth store will also enjoy original art murals created by local artists.

The mural is not the first service project that Southside Brushes has directed for the Crisis Center. "These talented artists have been extraordinarily generous to us," explained Linda Lopez, director of development and community relations. "Last year they donated beautifully painted canvas bags for both women and children—complete with wonderful personal care items for the women and small toys and books for the children. We are very fortunate to be the beneficiaries of their talent and dedication—and the murals are truly works of art."

Shoppers may want to plan a visit to either—or both Neat Repeats Stores on Sept. 24th to take advantage of the Fall Madness Sale—when they will find everything on sale at 50% savings! The Worth store is located at 7026 W. 111th St. The Orland Park location is at 9020 W. 159th St. Both stores will have expanded store hours from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Artists Diann Kooistra (Palos Park), Beverly Fry (Palos Heights), Barbara Urban (Worth) and Nancy Carley (Oak Lawn), from Southside Brushes celebrate the completion of murals, which now brighten the walls of Neat Repeats Resale in Worth.

Glorious Gardens Trip

Tickets are still available for the Friends of the Oak Lawn Library "Glorious Gardens" day trip on Monday, Sept. 19th. This full day of beauty and tranquility starts off at the Rotary Gardens in Janesville, WI, with a stroll through 18 sensational theme gardens. Then dine on a four-star lunch of filet mignon at the Cliffbreakers Restaurant overlooking the Rock River in Rockford, IL. Afterwards, find

serenity in the Anderson Japanese Gardens. Participants should wear comfortable shoes, for there is a fair amount of walking required. Please be advised that this trip is not wheelchair accessible. The cost of this trip is \$66 for Friends members and \$71 for others. The bus will depart from the library at 6:30 a.m. and return at 4:30 p.m.

For tickets, call Donna Beckett at (815) 439-0075.

POLICE CALLS

On August 23rd John Buxton, 37, of Oak Lawn was arrested and charged with failure to register as a sex offender.

On August 24th Steven Hawson, 22, of Chicago was arrested and charged with possession of a controlled substance and possession of drug paraphernalia. Police observed Hawson pull into a gas station in the 11000 block of Pulaski, he exited his car and went around to the side of the building. The officers became suspicious, and pulled up behind his car, as they walked by his car they observed a metal screen commonly used for cocaine. During the custodial search, they discovered a bag containing two whitish rocks, that field tested positive for cocaine.

On August 24th Sharon Latimer, 46, of Chicago was arrested and charged with resisting a police officer and giving false information to police after a traffic stop. When officers determined that the information given by Latimer was false they attempted to arrest her, and she struggled with police in an attempt to escape. Latimer was also charged with traffic violations.

Spaghetti Dinner

Hometown-Murray VFW Ladies Auxiliary is having another scrumptious Spaghetti Dinner, Thursday, Sept. 22nd, at the post home, 9092 Main St., Hometown, from 5 to 7 p.m. The \$5 per person includes meatballs or sausage, salad, bread and butter and dessert. There will also be hourly raffles. Watch for more 'delicioso' dinners throughout the year.

All proceeds to benefit victims of Hurricane Katrina.

Tools To Survive And Thrive The Experience Of Cancer

The Cancer Center at Little Company of Mary Hospital and Health Care Centers is presenting a free, all-day workshop entitled "Tools to Survive and Thrive the Experience of Cancer" for women with a cancer diagnosis.

This program is designed to help develop practical tools in daily life as one deals with a cancer diagnosis, at whatever stage. The workshop facilitator, cancer survivor Cindy Paine, will explore the different techniques that can be used at each level—physical, mental, emotional and spiritual. Cindy has taught personal growth classes and specializes in leading group meditations and visualizations.

The program is at Little Company of Mary Hospital on Saturday, Sept. 24th from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. in Meeting Room 1 on the main floor in The Cancer Center.

This program is made possible by the generous donations to the Mother's Day Beverly Walk Against Breast Cancer. It is offered to female cancer patients and space is limited to 20 participants. A continental breakfast and lunch will be served. For reservations and information, call (708) 229-6015.



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OakLawn Residents Address Board Seeking Help With

Neighborhood Concerns

Residents of Komensky Avenue between 103rd Street and 100th Street appeared at the Oak Lawn village board meeting to seek the village's help in the ongoing problems with the residents of the apartments on Pulaski. Their complaints of threats to family members and neighbors, pets being poisoned, drugs both prescription and street being discovered in their yards, rats due to garbage being tossed into the alley and their yards, speeding and reckless driving in the alley and on their street and the recent shooting have the residents living in fear. Children are not allowed to play in back yards and few venture out at night. The residents have seen increased police presence, but are looking for permanent solutions to the problems. Mayor Heilmann promised the support of all the departments and a possible meeting with the landlords.

Also, of concern to residents who spoke at the open meeting was the "secret meeting" held between Trustees Joy, Hurckes, and Rosenbaum and representatives from Target. One resident reminded that the past election provided that the residents of Oak Lawn are opposed to secret meetings. Both Trustee Joy and Hurckes insisted that they were very aware of the Open Meetings Act and had done nothing illegal. They just had questions that they needed answered. Debbie Fegan requested information about removing a trustee.

A resident questioned the rent being charged to leasee of the entire second floor of the 5210 W. 95th St. building. The building is owned by the village. The leasee of a much smaller space pays a much higher rate per square foot than that of the second floor leasee. The mayor will have agents reevaluate the price per square foot.

Builder Dan O'Donnell, who was seeking lot variations for the property at 9006 and 9008 S. Parkside, was chastised by Trustee Streit for testing the Village Code at every level after O'Donnell admitted that he had made a mistake in the past and had paid the fines but since then he has not had a complaint. Trustee Olejniczak, since the lots are in his district, moved the decision be delayed until he had a chance to investigate.

Action on the establishment of the Special Service Area -Target Municipal Parking Lot was postponed until a thorough investigation of the flood plain can be made amid cheers of residents.

The board approved an amendment to an ordinance approving the new hire for the position of equipment maintenance division manager by including the position in the current municipal pay and benefits ordinance after a heated exchange between Trustees Joy and Streit. Trustee Joy stating that she felt promoting from the ranks rather hiring from outside would have been more appropriate. Trustee Streit questioned Trustee Joy about how many crew chiefs had been promoted from within, when Trustee Joy stated she did not know, Streit informed her there were none. However a municipal employee stated that Streit was wrong and named names of those so promoted. Streit qualified his statement by adding he meant supervisors and again the same employee named names of those who were so promoted.

Mayor Heilmann reported that an intense study of the deficit budgets for the last three years and an even more in depth study of last years budget, ways to reduce deficit spending have been found. The village has been paying a 5% fee for insurance at a cost of \$150,000. Some insurance brokers charge a flat fee of as low as \$25,000 for the same service. the village will seek proposals for a new rate. Payment of medical benefits for someone no longer employed by the village have stopped as have contributions to the IMRF for a position no longer considered to be a village employee. Elimination of the 87th Street TIF, saving the village developer incentives and promoting new taxes when the property is developed. Travel and conference expenses have been suspended unless the conference fees have already been paid. Promotions with large raises particularly for those who are nearing retirement have been suspended.

The board then adjourned to executive session at 10:30 p.m.

Fugitive Sentenced

After his fourth arms-related offense spanning 2001 and 2002, Oak Lawn man, Mohamed Nakhleh, 25, has been sentenced to between 12 and 60 years in prison.

The problem is he has not been seen since last winter after posting \$75,000 for his release.

He committed his latest crime after losing his temper and shooting a Homer Glen teenager on 95th Street.

Earlier crimes included aggravated discharge of a firearm in 2001; aggravated unlawful use of a weapon in 2002; and possessing weapons in a penal institution in 2002 while doing time for the first 2002 incident.

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Tootsie Roll Drive

This is a reminder that Tootsie Roll Days for all Knights of Columbus will be on Friday, Sept. 16th and Saturday, Sept. 17th. The Oak Lawn Council will be working at the corner of 95th St. and Cicero. A mobile trailer home will be set up just south of Wendy's on the east side of the street. Anyone can come out and volunteer or make donations beginning at 7 a.m. each day.

Relief Fund Donations

Worth Township will accept monetary contributions for "Katrina Hurricane Relief." We will send it to the American Red Cross for you or you can just send in a check to your own charity. We are no longer able to accept clothing, food or other items.

Web sites where you can donate directly are: www.red-cross.org, phone 1(800) 257-7575; by mail: American Red Cross, P.O. Box 37243, Washington, DC 20013; Salvation Army: salvationarmyusa.org, by phone: 1(800) 725-2769.

Orphans Of The Storm

Like many people watching the Gulf Coast devastation unfold on television, Illinois State Treasurer Judy Baar Topinka staffer Alissa Camp watched as both people and animals faced uncertain futures.

With tears in her eyes, Camp decided that contributing to the American Red Cross was just a start. An avid animal lover, she determined quickly to head into the afflicted zone armed to do whatever was needed.

As Topinka's Director of Unclaimed Property, Camp expanded her Internet search beyond animal shelters and local governments until she reached her counterpart in Mississippi, Liz Welch, chief deputy for unclaimed property with the State of Mississippi.

With plans to get as close to the devastation as possible, word of Camp's mission has spread, and money and supplies have begun to arrive. Volunteers are dropping off supplies for the pets as well as for people before she begins her journey to Jackson, MS early next week.

"The money helps with buying items that are needed," Camp said. "We are also bringing supplies to the (American) Red Cross. Everyone is very touched and appreciative that we are coming."

Camp had originally planned to take her small extended cab truck but with all of the incoming donations, she now has enough supplies to fill larger vehicles.

Camp won't be returning empty handed. She intends to bring some pets back with her to place into new homes, an activity she has done numerous times in the past.

"Both the Treasurer and I will be fostering some animals as long as needed," Camp explained. "My own pets are used to animals coming and going, it doesn't affect their routine."

Camp will have the available pets listed on the Treasurer's website which features an animal adoption program which, to date, has found homes for over 250 pets.

Additional information on donating supplies or money can be obtained by calling (217) 836-0366 or by visiting the Treasured Pets website at www.state.il.us/treas.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

SEPTEMBER 15, 16 & 17 - Fall Rummage Sale, Oak Lawn Trinity Lutheran Church, 9701 Brandt Ave., Thursday, 7 to 9 p.m.; Friday, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Saturday, 9 to 11 a.m. (Bag Day).

SEPTEMBER 19 - Monday - Nifty Fifties Senior Meeting, Salem United Church of Christ, 9717 S. Kostner, 1 p.m.

SEPTEMBER 19 - Monday - Planning & Development Commission Meeting, 9446 S. Raymond, 8 p.m.

SEPTEMBER 20 - Tuesday - OL Library Board Meeting, 94th & Raymond, 7 p.m.

SEPTEMBER 20 - Tuesday - Environmental Concerns Meeting, 9446 S. Raymond, 7:30 p.m.

SEPTEMBER 20 - Tuesday - Special Events Committee Meeting, 9446 S. Raymond, 7:30 p.m.

SEPTEMBER 20 - Tuesday - Community Mental Health Board, 9401 S. 53rd Ct., 8 p.m.

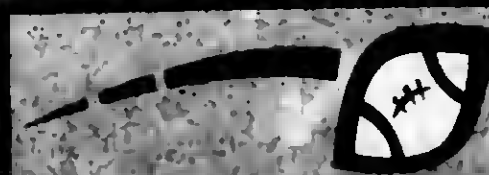
SEPTEMBER 20 - Tuesday - Human Services Board, 9446 S. Raymond, 8 p.m.

SEPTEMBER 21 - Wednesday - Worth Township Seniors Frec Vision Testing, Worth Township Center, 11601 Pulaski, 9 a.m. - Noon, Must Register, call 371-2900, ext. 28.

SEPTEMBER 21 - Wednesday - Oak Lawn Community High School District 229 Board Meeting, 9400 Southwest Highway, Board Room, 119, 7:30 p.m.

SEPTEMBER 22 - Thursday - OL Senior Citizens Commission, 5330 W. 95th St., 10 a.m.

SEPTEMBER 22 - Thursday - Legal & Ordinance Meeting, 9446 S. Raymond, 7:30 p.m.



2005 PREP FOOTBALL SECTION

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Tour Chicago's Plymouth Rock

Friends of the Chicago Portage will continue its series of free public tours of the Chicago Portage National Historic Site on Saturday, Sept. 17th, at 10 a.m.

Chicago owes its very existence as a city to the location of the Chicago Portage. The first European explorers, Louis Joliet and Jacques Marquette, learned of the Portage in 1673. It provided an easy connection between the Atlantic and Gulf of Mexico by linking Lake Michigan with the Mississippi River.

Since the city was established, nearly every site of Chicago's origins has been destroyed. The remains of Fort Dearborn are buried under three layers of Wacker Drive, the Portage Trail is completely paved over, old "Mud Lake" is now the site of the world's largest sewage treatment plant. The Chicago Portage National Historic Site is the only major remnant of the discovery and settlement of Chicago.

One of only two National Historic Sites in Illinois, the Chicago Portage National Historic Site is the only place

where you can stand on the same ground walked upon by all the explorers, early settlers and creators of Chicago. The late outdoor columnist John Husar, after touring the site called it: "Our sacred fround." It is certainly Chicago's "Plymouth Rock."

The Chicago Portage National Historic Site is on the west side of Harlem just two blocks north of the Stevenson Expressway (155). Meet at the monumental statue of Joliet and Marquette and their Native American guide at 10 a.m. Tours of the Chicago Portage National Historic Site will be conducted by Friends of the Chicago Portage every Saturday morning at 10 a.m. until the last tour of the season on Oct. 29.

Tours are approximately one-half mile in length at the newly improved trail through the woods. Wear long pants and walking shoes or boots. All tours are free and open to the public. Reservations for individuals are not required. Groups should call (773) 590-0710 for reservations.



Partnership Participates In National Night Out

The Oak Lawn Community Partnership participated in National Night Out Against Crime, sponsored recently by the Oak Lawn Police Department. Members, including (left to right) Laura Shallow, Maura Kennedy, Mary Grana, Joe Stubbs, Jeannie Shotas, and Jim Pacetti gathered at the organization's display at the end of the evening. Brochures on Partnership programs, including the blood pressure screenings, leaf raking, and red ribbon week were available to residents who stopped by the booth. A bean bag toss allowed children and adults to practice their skills. Members answered questions about how the organization promotes health and wellness within the community.

This non-profit group generally meets on a monthly basis. Partnership initiatives are discussed, and programs of support are planned. The organization is comprised of representatives from healthcare, government, public safety, education, church, business, and social service. The police and fire departments are integral to the workings of the group.

St. Germaine Dinner Dance

In an effort to keep down the cost of tuition, St. Germaine Church, 935 S. Kolm, will host a dinner dance on Nov. 12th. Parish officials have sent out a call to area businesses to act as table sponsors or to make a donation, which will be used for the evening's silent auction and raffle.

Proceeds of the dinner dance will be added to the parish Endowment Fund principal. This fund was designed to help up keep tuition costs reasonable and affordable for parish families and to ensure that funds are available for

unforeseen capital (building) emergencies.

Only the interest income is withdrawn from the fund.

A table sponsorship will include a display of the company's advertisement prominently on the table. Table sponsor donations are in the amount of \$100. If a camera-ready business card or logo is provided, it can be used in the dinner dance booklet and on the table marker.

For more information, or if you would like to become a table sponsor, call Mrs. Kristen Anderson at (708) 860-0442.

Deep Ocean Adventure

Katherine Millett will describe 27 days at sea on an expedition to the East Pacific Rise at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 21st at the Oak Lawn Public Library, 5300 W. 95th St. Seating is on a first-come, first-seated basis in the lower level meeting room.

Along with Millett's lecture presentation, participants will watch a film that she shot 17 miles deep in an Alvin submarine. Marvel at eyeless crabs and other creatures that live beyond the sun's reach. See where tectonic plates slide apart, volcanoes erupt and sulfide chimneys release hot fluid into near-freezing water.

A complete schedule of adult programs may be viewed at the library's web site, www.oaklawnlibrary.org. For additional information, call (708) 422-4900.

Free Karate Program For 7th-10th Graders

Sensei Ed Wojciechowski, a 5th-degree black belt in Shorin-ryu karate, will present a free one-hour karate demonstration for students in seventh through tenth grade from 12 noon to 1 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 24th at the Oak Lawn Public Library, 5300 W. 95th St. Wojciechowski will provide a brief history of karate and guide participants through several basic punches and kicks. Register in advance at the Youth Services Desk. Limited to 30 students.

For additional information, pick up a Fall 2005 program booklet at the library, visit the web site, www.oaklawnlibrary.org, or call (708) 422-4990.

"Not Paying For College"

Families looking for ways to save on college expenses are invited to attend "Not Paying for College" at 7 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 29th at the Oak Lawn Public Library, 5300 W. 95th St. To receive a special packet of handouts, in-person or phone registration is requested, (708) 422-4990. Non-registered patrons are welcome to attend this program and listen in.

Certified Financial Planner Joseph Orsolini will introduce strategies to maximize financial aid eligibility, exploit tax-savings opportunities and target the right colleges for affordability. In his more than 15 years in the financial services industry, Orsolini has acquired a diverse background that combines tax preparation, investment and insurance sales, and banking experience with college financial aid planning.

A Defibrillator Is Presented

A presentation was held on Sunday, Sept. 11th at St. Gerald's Church. Our Lady of Fatima Knights of Columbus Council #3582 donated a defibrillator for the church and the school. Thirteen members of St. Gerald's were instructed and trained on the use of the item. John Goetz, a Trustee and past Grand Knight; Phil Faust, the current Grand Knight; and Ted Molenda, the charity chairman, were present for the presentation.

This is a part of the charity work that the Knights do throughout the year.

Water Rate Tidal Wave

The further the water you turn a faucet, the water flows, the higher water bill that pours out will have traveled through miles and miles of pipes owned by companies that are in business to make money and/or pipes which require regulation, upkeep and God only knows what else. Many consumers will tell you that their water bills are more complicated to understand than the water system itself.

The average water bill in Oak Lawn is about double that of Chicago. A water bill in Palos Park is double what it is in Oak Lawn.

The only way to get around this is to move toward the water's source - maybe even build a submarine.

Otherwise, every time you turn a faucet, the water that pours out will have traveled through miles and miles of pipes owned by companies that are in business to make money and/or pipes which require regulation, upkeep and God only knows what else. Many consumers will tell you that their water bills are more complicated to understand than the water system itself.

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Services Made Available To Hurricane Victims

Stepping up his efforts to assist victims of Hurricane Katrina, Gov. Rod R. Blagojevich on Sept. 8th ordered his state agencies to make additional services available to both displaced victims currently housed in Illinois, and to the relief efforts being conducted in the Gulf Coast states. The governor has directed the Illinois Dept. of Employment Security to help displaced victims housed in Tinley Park and Alton process unemployment claims and facilitate job searches and job training. The governor has also asked banks and thrifts in Illinois to help victims open checking accounts and get access to other basic financial services. Additionally, the governor will send up to 100 employees to Louisiana to help officials process services to citizens in the more remote areas of the state.

IDES employees will work with Central Management Services staff to set up remote computer stations in the state facilities in Tinley Park and Alton where the first displaced victims to arrive into Illinois have been housed. Through these remote stations, IDES will be able to help individuals process unemployment claims and receive timely and useful information about job opportunities in Illinois. Since the onset of the devastation left behind by Hurricane Katrina, IDES has been working with its sister agencies in Louisiana and Mississippi to take claims from individuals dislocated by the hurricane and the flood. IDES has processed these first claims through its Moline branch office.

Responding to the governor's direction, up to 100 state employees traveled to Louisiana to help the Louisiana Dept. of Social Services provide services to victims in hard to reach areas of the state. CMS Director Paul Campbell has asked other agency directors to seek volunteers for this mission. The majority of the volun-

teers will be clerical employees, with the remainder including security personnel, information technology specialists, drivers and mechanics. Due to the lack of basic amenities in the state, the Illinois contingent will take along provisions to be totally self-sustaining for the entirety of their deployment, which could last up to two weeks. Besides food, water, tents and portable toilets, the groups will take along generators, computers and other office supplies.

The governor has also directed the Dept. of Financial and Professional Regulation to reach out to state-chartered banks and thrifts and ask them to provide free check cashing, eliminate ATM service fees and establish checking and saving accounts for displaced victims now residing in Illinois.

Additionally, Gov. Blagojevich asked the Illinois Dept. of Revenue to extend filing deadlines to taxpayers from counties damaged by Hurricane Katrina and who owe Illinois taxes, until Oct. 31st, 2005.

Foreign Aid For U.S.

In the wake of the worst natural disaster in the United States, officials here have reported an outpouring of relief aid offers from friends and allies around the world.

It was recently reported that 95 countries have promised to send some form of aid to the United States. However, it was reported that much of what is being offered is being delayed in red tape. The United States is unprepared to receive goods.

United States officials said that they don't want to accept the aid if it won't be used. The request for money, water purification equipment, telecommunication equipment, helicopters and MRE's (ready to eat meals) were what was needed at this point.

Eleven planes recently arrived in Little Rock, Ark.

More planes loaded with basic necessities are due to arrive from Britain, China, France, Italy, Russia, Spain and Israel. Officials received monetary donations in the amount of \$428 million. This was given by 49 nations or international organization including the Arab nations of Kuwait, Qatar and the United Arab Emirates who offered nearly \$100 million each. Afghanistan and Iraq have also pledged aid.

Humanitarian aid also crossed the border last week when Mexico sent soldiers, physicians, nurses and dentists as well as two mobile kitchens, mobile water treatment plants and bottled water and blankets. It was reported that Mexico is planning to send more help to the Gulf Coast disaster area in the coming weeks.

Emergency Response Team Returns

Members of the Illinois Medical Emergency Response Team (IMERT) returned to Springfield on Sept. 8th after a seven-day deployment mission in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. Gov. Rod R. Blagojevich dispatched 40 IMERT members on Friday to assist in the hurricane relief efforts. The team of doctors, nurses and paramedics provided medical assessment and treatment to more than 15,000 Hurricane Katrina victims.

The IMERT members set up the first temporary hospital at Louisiana State University's Pete Maravich Assembly Center. IMERT transported truckloads of medical equipment from Springfield to set up the medical center to care for busloads of displaced citizens needing medical attention over the last week.

Gov. Blagojevich dispatched the first team of 11 IMERT members on Aug. 31st. Those remaining members may return to Central Illinois this Saturday. IMERT is a group of specially trained medical personnel who volunteer their services in crisis situations. IMERT responds to and assists with emergency medical treatment of mass casualty incidents, natural disasters and biological and radiological incidents when activated by the Illinois Dept. of Public Health. The IMERT members consist of nurses, doctors and paramedics.

CTA Budget

Meeting Protest

The Campaign for Better Transit and the Neighborhood Capital Budget Group are calling for Chicago Transit Authority (CTA) riders to attend the CTA's next budget meeting. Both groups are looking for answers to questions concerning needed improvements in service and fares.

It was stated that the city council passed a resolution calling for bi-annual hearings regarding the CTA's spending and operational decisions and to allow for public comments. To date, no hearings have been scheduled. In September, the CTA is getting set to propose more service cuts and more fare hikes. Both groups are calling for accountability from the CTA. They are asking riders and other concerned citizens to attend the CTA's 2006 Annual Budget Meeting that will be held on Thursday, Oct. 27th.

For more information, visit www.bettertransit.com or call NCBG at (312) 939-7198.

NAMI Benefit

NAMI Southwest will be holding its Fabulous 50's annual fall benefit on Friday, Sept. 23rd from 6:30 to 10 p.m. at the Oak Lawn Elks Lodge, 10720 S. Central. There will be a buffet dinner, an Elvis Look Alike Karaoke Competition and a silent auction. The drawing for the Grand Prize Raffle will be held at the event. Prizes include:

- A \$500 gift certificate for a Spa Package at the Mario Tricoci donated by Lydia Healthcare.
- TGIF Plus Getaway certificate donated by the Hilton Oak Lawn Hotel & Conference Center.
- Bed and Breakfast One Night Package donated by the Double Tree Hotel Chicago/Alsip.
- Handmade afghan donated by Cora Shanahan.

Special awards will be given at the benefit to the Sertoma Centre as Agency of the Year, Mary Juricek as Volunteer of the Year, and Ray Musial as Consumer of the Year. These volunteers have made a significant contribution to the lives of people with mental illnesses and their families.

For more information and reservations, call (708) 425-0925.

Special Volunteer Workday Planned

The Forest Preserve District of Will County is holding a special volunteer workday on National Public Lands Day, Saturday, Sept. 24th, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., at Romeoville Prairie Nature Preserve.

The 12th annual Public Lands Day is the nation's largest volunteer initiative to improve and enhance America's public lands. In 2004, nearly 90,000 volunteers built trails and bridges, planted trees and plants, and removed trash and invasive species.

For the Romeoville Prairie workday, volunteers will be collecting prairie grass and forb seed and will be removing brush from non-native shrubs and plants. Seeds collected at the work day will be planted in the spring of 2006. A guided educational hike will follow the day's seed collecting activities.

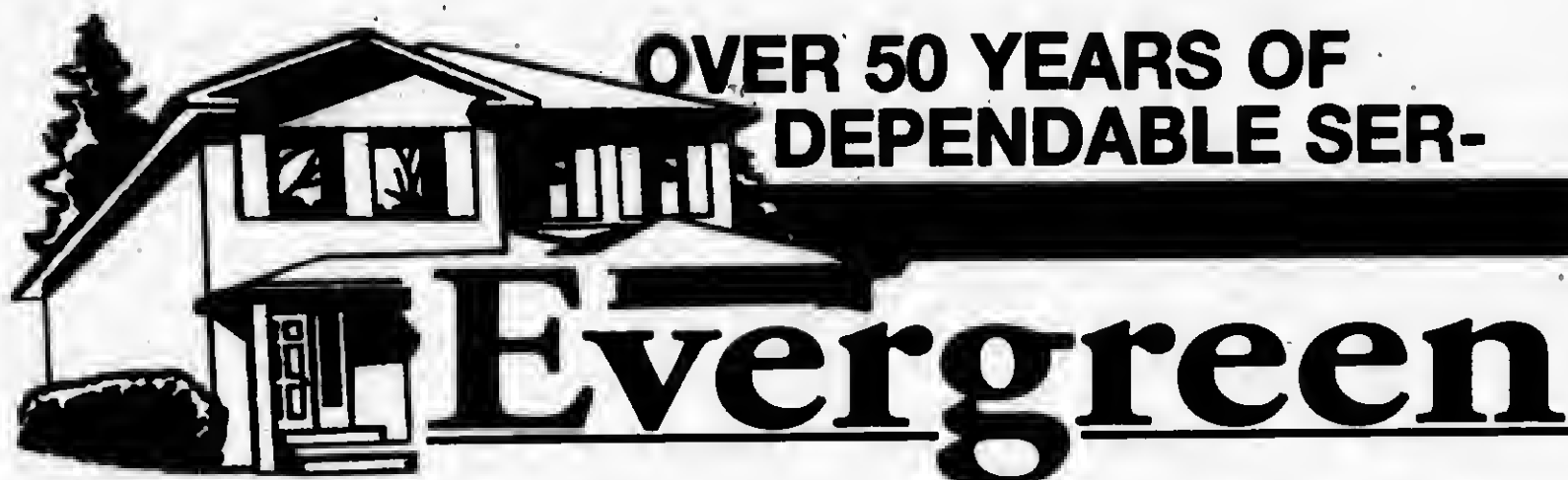
This National Public Lands workday is open to the public and community groups. (Groups are asked to have one adult for every five children.) Groups of five or more should register in order to assure enough tools and gloves for everyone.

Volunteers should dress for outdoor work and bring a sack lunch and a drink.

The workday is being sponsored by Richmond American Homes, whose donation includes work tools and equipment and volunteers to help with the day's activities.

Workday participants will meet at Isle a la Cache Museum, 501 E. 135th St. (Romeo Road), 0.5 mile east of Route 53, in Romeoville. Plenty of parking is available.

For group registration and additional information, call the Forest Preserve District of Will County's volunteer supervisor at (815) 722-7364.



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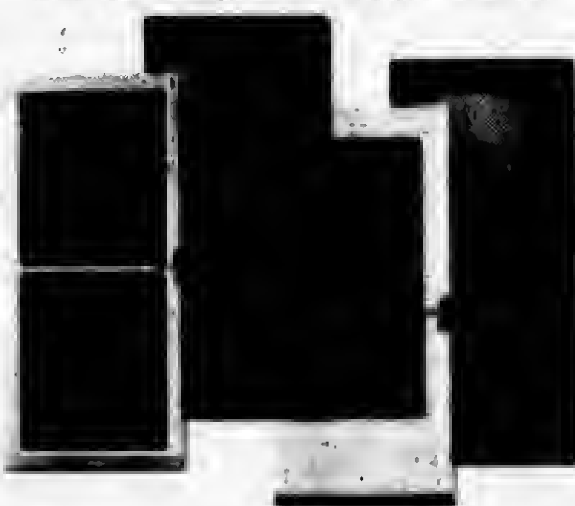
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EDITORIAL/OPINION PAGE

Congressman Lipinski Concerned About Rising Gas Prices

Congressman Dan Lipinski (IL-3rd) on Sept. 7th stated his concern over the recent increase in gas prices in the Third District, Illinois and across the U.S. The disaster caused by Hurricane Katrina has simply contributed to already exorbitant fuel costs. High gas prices not only affect consumers at the pump, but can raise prices for everything from airline tickets to milk and bread at the grocery store.

In response to the rising gas prices, Congressman Lipinski is urging the Department of Justice and the Federal Trade Commission to investigate why gas prices are continuing to go up while oil companies are making record profits.

"I am appalled that many gas stations in the Chicago land area are now charging over \$3 a gallon for unleaded gas, yet oil companies continue to receive huge profits," said Lipinski. "In July, Exxon Mobil, the largest publicly traded oil company, announced that its profits for the second quarter in 2005 has risen 32 percent, reaching \$7.64 billion. It is unacceptable for oil companies to continue to make record setting profits while the average Chicagoan suffers at the pump."

Congressman Lipinski and the Congress will continue to work to stem escalating fuel prices and to prevent any potential shortages.

Added Congressman Lipinski, "Prices at the pump are rising - that concerns me, and it concerns our Illinois consumers. Fuel costs began climbing even before the disaster struck the Gulf States. Now, we must do everything possible to ensure gasoline supplies continue to flow, nip price gouging in the bud and stabilize the energy markets."

Durbin Says 'Paul Simon Model' Still Applies To Supreme Court Nominees

With confirmation hearings beginning this week on John Roberts' Supreme Court nomination, U.S. Sen. Dick Durbin (D-IL) said the model for weighing a nominee's fitness established by Paul Simon more than a decade ago still applies today.

"Twelve years ago, at another nomination hearing, my friend, Sen. Paul Simon, made a comment worth repeating. He said to the nominee: 'You face a much harsher judge... than this committee, and that is the judgment of history. And that judgment is likely to revolve around one question: Did you restrict freedom or did you expand it?' Sen. Simon put his finger on how the United States Senate should evaluate a nominee for a lifetime appointment to the Supreme Court. And that will be the model I will follow throughout Judge Roberts' hearing."

"No one has a right to sit on the Supreme Court, and no one has the right to be the Chief Justice. Judge Roberts, if he is confirmed, could serve on the Court for the next 30 years and make decisions that will affect the lives of millions of Americans."

"Our responsibility in the Senate is to ask the important and difficult questions: Will this nominee be an independent judge with an open mind? Will he strive to protect the rights of all Americans? If he is confirmed as the first Supreme Court Justice of the 21st Century, will Judge Roberts restrict the personal freedoms we enjoy as Americans or will he expand them?"

"These questions and answers that John Roberts gives to them matter - not to satisfy the curiosity of 100 senators, but to ensure the rights and freedoms of 280 million Americans."

Help Hurricane Victims

Cook County Board President John H. Stroger, Jr. urged the County's 25,000 employees to assist the citizens of Louisiana, Alabama and Mississippi by donating to the American Red Cross.

Additionally, Stroger has authorized a donation of \$10,000 from the Cook County Charity Fund to kick off the campaign. The County's Charity Fund is supported through employee contributions.

The Cook County Bureau of Administration will coordinate this effort and forward all donations to the American Red Cross.

SCORE Workshop

Attend a half-day work-shop on Tuesday, Sept. 20th from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., offered by SCORE, Counselors to America's Small Business. Gain an understanding of cash flow, income statements & balance sheets and how to use them to impact business results. A guest banker will present criteria for obtaining financing. This workshop is the third of four required for a SCORE Workshop Completion Certificate, helpful when seeking a loan. Attendees should be in business or planning to start a business.

Register and pay the \$35 fee on line, www.scorechicago.org. Walk-in same day registration and pay at the door \$45. Space is limited. Call (312) 353-7724 any weekday morning with questions.

Central Processing Technicians

Undecided about a career or looking for a new one? Moraine Valley Community College will offer a new Allied Health program this fall to train Central Processing Technicians.

Responsibilities of the Central Processing Technician includes setting up and maintaining the operating room at hospitals, free standing surgical centers, or in a physician's or dental surgeon's office. The program is well suited for high school or GED graduates, as well as people who may be changing careers that have an interest in the medical field. Students of the program will have to have a high school diploma or GED. They also will have to pass a reading/math test and be fully immunized before being allowed access to on-site training.

For more information on the program, call Suzanne Ryerson, director of Professional Development at Moraine Valley, at (708) 974-5408, or e-mail Ryerson@morainevalley.edu. For more information about Moraine Valley or its programs, visit morainevalley.edu on the Web.



All Points Southwest

By THOMAS E. GAVIN

This week Attorney General Lisa Madigan announced that a Texas-based oil pipeline company, Texas Eastern Products Pipeline Company, LLC, and its subsidiaries will pay a civil penalty of \$70,000 to resolve the lawsuit filed by Madigan that alleged substantial danger to the environment and public health as well as water and air pollution violations. The company must likewise upgrade safety measures at its Alsip distribution terminal to help avoid any repeat of a March 2003 leak of approximately 21,000 gallons of jet fuel from one of five storage tanks at the terminal.

Besides being highly flammable, the aviation fuel also threatened to contaminate ground water in the nearby Cal-Sag Canal. An Illinois Environmental Protection Agency investigation revealed the leak. Fortunately, the product was contained within an earthen dike surrounding the 3.36 million gallon tank and was cleaned up by the company with no apparent harm to the environment, according to the IEPA.

The agreement also requires TEPPCO to remove all fuel and residue from the remaining tanks located at 2645 W. 131st St. in Alsip by Dec. 1st.

Cook County Treasurer Maria Pappas alerted All Points that her office has mailed nearly 44,000 applications to property owners advising them of about \$60 million in refunds available for property taxes that have been overpaid since the start of 2004.

Pappas suggests taxpayers use her office's website and phone system to check their properties from earlier years, since an additional \$67 million in overpayments remain available for the earlier years. A refund search is available at www.cook-countytreasurer.com. The phone system at (312) 443-5100 also provides the same information 24 hours a day in English, Polish and Spanish.

The mailing of applications is due to overpayments in calendar years 2004 and the first half of 2005. In total, these overpayments are worth about \$126.75 million. Signed applications and complete proofs of payments must be submitted for the office to verify that the applicant is entitled to the refund.

Under state law, refund claims must be initiated before the statute of limitations expires five years after an overpayment is made.

Taxpayers who cannot find records from the past years can write for assistance to Attn.: Tax Research, Cook County Treasurer's Office, 118 N. Clark St., Suite 112, Chicago, IL 60602-1332.

Friends of La Rabida Children's Hospital will hold its annual fund raising gala, Black and White Ball on Friday, Sept. 23rd at the Four Seasons Hotel in Chicago.

A silent auction will be held. Guests will dine and be entertained by a live band starting at 7 p.m. Tickets can be purchased for \$500 by calling the development department at (773) 753-9606. Sponsorship opportunities are still available.

All proceeds will fund La Rabida Children's Hospital, which provides comprehensive care for children who have lifelong medical conditions and developmental disabilities. La Rabida also provides the most extensive program for neglected and abused children in Illinois. Located on the shores of Lake Michigan in Jackson Park, La Rabida has been caring for children for over 100 years.

On Saturday, Sept. 24th, the Village of Midlothian will host its 8th annual Midlothian Scottish Fair. The Village Green, located a block east of Pulaski (Crawford) on 147th Street will serve as the meeting place for a multitude of performances, events and food vendors.

There will be something for everyone at this Scottish Fair. Adults will enjoy: minipipe band performances; Scottish Highland and Scottish Country Dancing demonstrations; Irish Dancing; world-class fiddling competition with fiddle judge Deborah Clark Colon, who will also entertain visitors at 5 p.m. in the Pub Tent. The Pub Tent will feature the Celtic Pub music of the Ploughboys and Stone Ring. Kids will enjoy children's games (with prizes), along with a jump, face painting and a take home art project; "Mary Queen of Scots"; a story teller and more. Scottish and American food vendors are sure to please any palate.

The tickets for this entertainment are priced at \$5 for adults, \$3 for seniors, \$2 for children 3-12 or a family rate of \$10.

There is plenty of free parking in the Metra lots and the fair is handicapped accessible. For more information, visit Midlothian's website: www.villageofmidlothian.net or call (708) 389-0200 for more details.

On Saturday evening, Sept. 24th, at 6 p.m., Bob Kuenster, owner/director of Thompson & Kuenster Funeral Home in Oak Lawn, will host his seventh annual "Evening of Music With Our Friends." Family, neighbors and friends, old and new, are invited to enjoy the musical performances of: organists Betty Hardema and Kristen Slager, and vocals of Marge Nykaza & The Choir of Hope. This special evening is presented as a gift by the Kuenster Family with gratitude and commitment to the Oak Lawn community. For more information, call (708) 425-0500.

Looking for a way to dispose of hard to get rid of items? The upcoming Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day at Andrew High School in Tinley Park is the answer. On Saturday, Oct. 1st, residents can rid themselves of: auto batteries, empty fire extinguishers, mercury and empty propane tanks, anti-freeze, drain cleaners, fluorescent bulbs, furniture strippers, household cleaners, insecticide, medicine, metal polishes, oil-based paints, paint removers, pool chemicals, solvents, used oils and weed killers.

Ammunition, explosives, smoke detectors, tires, latex paint and medical waste will not be accepted. Agricultural, business and school waste materials are also prohibited. Trained technicians will be on hand to remove the waste materials from cars and dispose of it properly.

Andrew High School is located at 9001 W. 171st St. in Tinley Park. The collection event will run from 8 a.m. until 3 p.m.

For more information, call the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District's public information office at (312) 751-6633 or visit the District's website at www.mwrd.org.

The Illinois State Bar Association's (ISBA) "1st Annual Solo & Small Firm Conference" will be held Friday through Sunday, Oct. 7-9, at Pheasant Run Resort in St. Charles, IL.

The conference is directed at helping lawyers in small firms better serve their clients. The cost for ISBA members, including all meal functions, is \$225 after Sept. 15th, and \$250 the day of the conference. Cost for non-ISBA members is a flat fee of \$450. For more information and/or to register, log onto www.isba.org/thrive, or call 1-800-252-8908 for a brochure.

The 9th Annual Celtic Fest Chicago will be hosted in Grant Park on Sept. 17th and 18th. The free festival is held from 11 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. Ten performance areas will showcase entertainment and music from the United States, Canada, Brittany, Cornwall, Wales, Spain, Scotland, France, Ireland, and the Isle of Man.

Headlining these performances will be the celebrated singer Ronan Tynan, who will showcase his extraordinary talent on Saturday evening (17th) at the Petrillo Music Shell. As a member of the Irish Tenors, he achieved worldwide recognition. Tynan has sung at such venues as: the funeral of President Ronald Reagan, the wedding of New York's former Mayor Rudolph Guiliani, and the 80th birthday of former President George H.W. Bush.

Other talented performers include Rachel Barton Pine with the Chicago Youth Symphony Orchestra, The Tannahill Weavers, Liz Carroll, Different Drums of Ireland with the Trinity Irish Dancers, Baka Beyond, Brock McGuire Band, Old Dogs Blind, The David Munnally Band, Chicago Rovers, Navan, Kathy Cowan, Moore & Broaders and more.

For more information, call the Mayor's Office of Special Events hotline at (312) 744-3370 or visit their web site at www.cityofchicago.org/speialevents.

Hurricane Victims Receive Immediate Care

On Sept. 11th Governor Rod R. Blagojevich welcomed more displaced individuals and families left homeless by Hurricane Katrina to Chicago. The displaced victims arrived on a flight from Louisiana arranged by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). Upon their arrival, the Governor directed state agencies to immediately provide medical care, housing and any forms of assistance necessary for victims of one of the worst disasters in U.S. history. Illinois also welcomed displaced victims to Chicago and the Metro East area.

The Governor told FEMA that Illinois prepared to receive up to 10,000 displaced victims. The Governor has called elected officials, community leaders, not-for-profit organizations, religious institutions and social service providers to match the State of Illinois' coordinated relief effort to assist the victims of Hurricane Katrina. As of Sept. 11th, Illinois has taken in over 300 evacuees into the state.

Illinois set up a toll free telephone number to assist displaced persons who come to Illinois. The number, 1-800-843-6154, will stay in service for as long as needed. The toll free number has received several dozen calls from Gulf Coast area residents who were able to come to Illinois before or shortly after the onset of the tragedy.

By calling the number, displaced families and individuals will be able to find out how and where they can get food, clothing and medical care. Operators from the Department of Human Services will also offer them information on food stamps, child care, housing, K-12 public school enrollment, unemployment benefits, as

well as services and benefits for veterans, seniors and persons with disabilities.

Displaced victims across the country can call 1-800-621-FEMA (3362) to get registered for cash grants for hotel and rental assistance, home repair cash grants, home replacement cash grants, medical, dental, funeral costs, transportation costs and other disaster-related needs. TTY for hearing/speech impaired is 1-800-462-7585.

Private citizens who want to offer assistance to arriving victims, can also call a toll-free number specially set up by the Illinois Emergency Management Agency (IEMA) and specify to operators how they can help. That number is 1-800-610-2095. Those wishing to make donations to the relief effort can also do so to the American Red Cross Disaster Relief Fund, by calling 1-800-HELP-NOW or 800-275-7575 (Spanish), or through a secure Internet site at www.redcross.org.

Governor Creates Broadband Deployment Council

Under Executive Order, Governor Rod R. Blagojevich announced on Sept. 6th the creation of the Broadband Deployment Council to improve high-speed Internet access for all Illinois residents. According to a 2004 Pew Research report, only 10-percent of rural Americans have high-speed Internet access in their homes, about one-third the rate of non-rural Americans.

Expanding access to critical technology and its related benefits has been a priority of the Blagojevich administration. The Executive Order comes as the latest action in a widespread effort to bring technology into the heart of Illinois communities. Other key efforts include the grassroots program known as Eliminate the Digital Divide. This program provides funding to local community technology centers in low-income communities to provide technology-skills training and access to computers and the Internet. Since technology literacy today is a necessity to competing for and succeeding in well-paying jobs, this program teaches essential skills to people whom often lack access to important educational opportunities that will help prepare them for a 21st Century job.

Lt. Governor Pat Quinn will serve as Chairman of the Broadband Deployment Council. As Lt. Governor, Quinn has worked to help bridge the digital divide through various Governor's Rural Affairs Council initiatives, and most recently, by providing two \$20,000 Wireless Main Street grants to the communities of Mt. Vernon and Quincy.

The state of Illinois has historically been a leader in computer technology and applications, including University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign's role in the development of the Internet and the World Wide Web.

The Broadband Deployment Council will also look for innovative ways for state agencies to work together to encourage and help coordinate the spread of universal, competitive and affordable telecommunications services.

Representatives from eight state agencies dealing with commerce, transportation, finance and economic development will join Quinn on the council. Two education boards will also be represented.

In addition, Governor Blagojevich is appointing 16 individuals who will provide consumer and business perspectives from both underserved urban areas, as well as rural communities. The Council will make recommendations to the General Assembly regarding telecommunications initiatives that require legislative approval, including the creation of a state entity that handles distribution of funds for private and public telecommunications projects.

The council will meet at least quarterly throughout the year and is effective immediately.



Gyrion Elected VP

St. Laurence High School junior Adam Gyrion (Garfield Ridge) was recently elected as Vice President of the Illinois Leadership Seminar Alumni Association. Gyrion participated

in the Illinois Leadership Seminar in June at North Palos College and was elected to the position by the other participants in the seminar. As Vice President, he will be responsible for oversight of lower board members and their projects such as Project RATS (Reading Across the State), an initiative which collects books for distribution to children. Gyrion will also be working with the development of regional statewide organizations.

Gyrion is a Leader/Scholar in St. Laurence's Leadership Program which develops leadership skills among its students. As part of his junior year in that program, Gyrion will continue his leadership training in seminars conducted by The Leadership Development Center of Bradley University.

Energy Grants Available For Chicago Bungalow Owners

With temperatures falling and the price of gas rising, the prospect of high winter heating bills looms large. Owners of Historic Chicago Bungalows, however, have the chance to decrease their heating bills and increase their comfort (and the value of their homes) by taking advantage of an Energy Savers Grant from the Historic Chicago Bungalow Assn. and the City of Chicago.

Whatever their income or the price of their home, owners of certified bungalows are eligible for up to \$3,000 in matching grants that can be used for a variety of energy saving changes to their homes from the replacement of old windows and doors with newer more energy efficient ones to the installation of water heaters, heating and cooling systems, furnaces or insulation. In addition, those who use the HCBA Energy Grants will receive a \$500 voucher that can be used to purchase an energy efficient appliance from Abt Appliances, Home Depot or series, further reducing their long-term energy bills.

While the grants require a dollar-for-dollar match from the bungalow owner, people with limited incomes can also receive up to \$5,000 through a special HCBA-IHDA grant program which they can use as a match for the Energy Savers Grant dollars.

Owners who need financial assistance to meet the match retirement need to contact the HCBA in order to apply for the limited income grants prior to obtaining the energy savers grants. It is important to remember that the grants are not retroactive, meaning plans must be approved beforehand and past rehab work is not eligible for these rebates. All receipts must be turned in to ensure proper reimbursement as well.

The Energy Savers Grants have been made possible, thanks to support from the City of Chicago's Dept. of Environment and the Illinois Housing Development Authority.

To apply for the grants or inquire about certification or other programs that the HCBA offers, call (312) 642-9900 or visit their web site at www.chicagobungalow.org.

Lewis Induction Ceremony For Scholars

Lewis University's Chapter of the National Society of Collegiate Scholars (NSCS) will induct more than 70 first and second-year students as part of a special ceremony to be held on Monday, Sept. 19th. Marking its second year on the Lewis campus, this growing organization will add these new inductees to a group of 125 inaugural members inducted this fall.

An internationally recognized honors society, the NSCS celebrates the academic achievements of freshman and sophomore college students, and works to develop the leadership skills of its members, while encouraging them to become involved in community service.

As part of this year's induction ceremony, Dr. Cathy Ayers of Bolingbrook and Mary DeGraw of Lockport will be named NSCS honorary distinguished members. Dr. Ayers, Lewis Professor of Communications, and DeGraw, Associate Vice-President of Enrollment Management and Dean of Retention at Lewis, both have been instrumental in contributing to the first-year experience of students. Dr. Ayers teaches a variety of first and second-year communications courses at Lewis. Creative and energetic in her approach to teaching, she is committed to helping students learn the basics as well as advanced communication techniques through class-

room exercises, group projects and other assignments. Mary DeGraw oversees the Lewis University summer student orientation program, ensuring that new students make a smooth transition to Lewis from high school. Her commitment to all students, but especially first and second-year students, is exemplary.

To join the NSCS, a student must earn a minimum grade point average of 3.4 out of 4.0 during his or her first or second year of higher education. Lewis 2005 NSCS student officers include president Marie Clarke, an undecided major and resident of Chicago's Oakland neighborhood; vice-president Loren T. Pellizari, an elementary education major and resident of Cary, IL; vice-president for community service Kimberly Zbella, an athletic training major and resident of Chicago's Clearing neighborhood; vice-president of programming Maggie Renehan, a political science major and resident of Lisle; and secretary/treasurer Anthony Sam, a business administration major and resident of Harvey.

Scotland Comes To Midlothian

On Saturday, Sept. 24th, Scotland will come to Midlothian. This is the day of the 8th annual Scottish Fair. The fair will open at 10 a.m. on the Village Green located at 147th, one block east of Pulaski. The fair will include: world-class fiddling competition with fiddle judge Deborah Clark Colon who will also play for the fairgoers at 5 p.m. in the Pub Tent; mini-pipe band performances; Scottish Highland and Scottish Country Dancing demonstrations; a sheep herding demonstration; Irish Dancing; Scottish and Celtic vendors; Scottish and American food vendors; clan/genealogy booths; a storyteller; children's games (with prizes), along with a jump, face painting and a take-home art project; "Mary Queen of Scots"; and a Pub Tent featuring StoneRing and The Ploughboys providing Celtic pub music.

There is something for everyone at the Midlothian Scottish Fair...all for the small entertainment charge of \$5 for adults, \$3 for seniors, \$2 for children 3-12 or a special family rate of \$10. The fair is handicapped accessible with ample free parking in Metra lots.

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ENTERTAINMENT NEWS

Shedd Volunteers Clean Up Beach

As part of its Great Lakes Forever conservation initiative, members of Shedd Aquarium's Green Team will participate in the 14th annual Coastal Cleanup, spending the morning of Saturday, Sept. 17th, 9 a.m. to noon, picking up garbage from 12th Street Beach.

Earlier this year, Shedd launched Great Lakes Forever, a partnership with the Biodiversity Project to launch an awareness campaign in Chicago to get people thinking and talking about these magnificent bodies of water. All the trash that Shedd's Green Team collects during the Coastal Cleanup is recorded, which will provide insight

to help reduce future shoreline and water pollution. Last year 1,328 volunteers covered 30 miles of beach, removing an incredible 8,000 pounds of trash from the Lake Michigan shoreline.

Shedd Aquarium is committed not only to the conservation of aquatic species but also to the environment. Being on the shore of Lake Michigan, Shedd is dedicated to conserving the Great Lakes and educating the public on the connection between Lake Michigan and the oceans.

Shedd Aquarium's Green Team is a group of Shedd employees dedicated to developing and implementing environmentally-friendly practices at the Aquarium. The employees serve as volunteers on the Green Team; it is an extracurricular activity in addition to their full-time responsibilities. If members of the public wish to volunteer, contact Jennifer Thomann at (312) 692-3386.

Annual Signum Fidei Celebration

Tickets are still on sale for Lewis University's seventh annual Signum Fidei Celebration scheduled for Saturday, Sept. 17 as a benefit to fund need-based scholarships. The event will be held on the Lewis main campus on Route 53 in Romeoville, starting at 6 p.m. with a cocktail reception. The evening will include a gourmet dinner with strolling musicians, an awards ceremony, and a silent auction. Guests also will have an opportunity to win a 2006 luxury automobile.

Among the event's musical entertainment, bagpipers will welcome guests to campus. The Uptown Rhythm Club, a trio of musicians, will perform during the cocktail reception, and the internationally known Trinity Academy of Irish Dance will summon guests to dinner with its unique showmanship. The Uptown Rhythm Club will again perform during dinner, strolling from table to table for guests' enjoyment.

The Signum Fidei (Sign of Faith) Celebration supports the University's continued mission to provide educational opportunities to a growing and diverse student population. As a highlight of the annual celebration, the 2005 Signum Fidei Award will be presented to John and Jeanette D'Arcy of Plainfield in recognition of their long-standing commitment to the community through generous philanthropic support and active involvement in many professional, religious, educational and community organizations.

A number of auction packages, ranging from dinners and golf outings to custom-made needlepoint and specialty baskets, will be available to bid on at the event.

Reservations for the black-tie-optional Signum Fidei Celebration are \$250 per person. For more information on the event or to purchase tickets, call (815) 836-5667.

CLASS REUNIONS

Oak Forest High School class of 1995 seeks alumni and is looking for addresses for an Oct. 1st reunion. Details on www.classmates.com. Send addresses to ofhs95@yahoo.com or Attn. Reunion Committee, 14711 LeClaire Ave., Midlothian, IL 60445.

Bogan High School class of 1970 will hold a reunion on Oct. 8th. Call (815) 838-4520.

Harper High School classes of January and June 1955 will hold their 50th reunion on Oct. 15th. Call Maryrita (Brown) Boland at (708) 388-6015 or Ray Kozak at (630) 530-5525.

St. George School (Tinley Park) class of 1980 is looking for classmates for a 25th reunion in October 2005. E-mail Camille (Piazza) Cronos at camille2@comcast.net with your name, phone number, address, e-mail, etc.

Gallistel Elementary School class of January 1955 seeks alumni. Call (708) 895-7883.

St. Mary of Perpetual Help High School class of 1980 seeks alumni for its 25th reunion. Contact Natalie (Pintaro) Balzano at (630) 852-2420; Bernadette (Humbert) Doherty at (773) 586-5701 or Denise (Passarelli) Bertucci at (312) 842-9611.

Proviso East High School class of 1955, 50-year reunion on Sept. 30th and Oct. 1st, 2005 at Drury Lane in Oak Brook. Call (630) 3033 or visit www.classof55.com.

Bead & Book Sale

The Bead Society of Greater Chicago announces the 13th Annual National Bead and Book Sale to be held on Sunday, Sept. 18th from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Midwest Conference Center, 401 Lake St. in Northlake. The sale is open to the public; admission is \$3 for adults and \$1 for children ages 6-12.

About 70 vendors from across the country will present a wide variety of beads, findings, components, supplies and finished beadwork. Local bead stores are participating as well as many Chicago-area and out-of-state bead artists. In addition, there will be a Book Sale of more than 100 titles of books on beads and related topics.

Church Hosts "Fall Festival Of Choirs"

"Fall Festival of Choirs" will be hosted Sunday, Sept. 25 at 3:30 p.m. at Morgan Park Presbyterian Church, 11056 S. Longwood Drive. Presenting anthems will be choirs from First Reformed Church, South Holland, First Congregational Baptist and Morgan Park Presbyterian Church. Featured choirs will be Classic Act Choral Ensemble, under the direction of Fabienne Christian, and the Chicago Community Chorus, under the direction of Dr. Keith Hampton.

A free-will offering will be received; refreshments served following the concert. All are welcome. For more information, contact the church office at (773) 779-3355.

Chicago River Tours

Join Friends of the Chicago River in a guided tour of the southwest tower of the Michigan Avenue Bridge, a Chicago historical landmark. Listen to interpretation of the tower, why Chicago was innovative in bridge design, and enjoy an opportunity to go into the gear room to see how the bridge really works. After the bridgehouse, the tour will walk along the main stem of the river learning about how we have more movable bridges than anywhere in the world and all

about the river's rich history, which truly helped to create the city. Tours last two hours and are \$10 a person. For registration information, call Maggie at (312) 939-0490, ext. 10, or visit www.chicagoriver.org.

The following dates and times are still available: Wednesday, Sept. 21st at 5:30 p.m.; Sunday, Sept. 25th at 10 a.m.; Wednesday, Oct. 5th at 5:30 p.m.; Saturday, Oct. 8th at 10 a.m.; Wednesday, Oct. 19th at 5:30 p.m.; Sunday, Oct. 23rd at 10 a.m.

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On Golden Pond Cast

The Beverly Theatre Guild, a member of the League of Chicago Theatres, has announced the cast of its first production of the 2005-2006 Season, *On Golden Pond* by Ernest Thompson. The acclaimed 1981 movie starring Henry Fonda and Katherine Hepburn was nominated for ten Academy Awards, winning three. The 1979 Broadway play won a Tony Award. This comedy is the love story of Ethel and Norman Thayer, a retired couple spending their 44th year on Golden Pond. When their retreat is interrupted, the summer that ensues is both hilarious and touching.

Those presenting this intimate family story include: Director, Amanda Barclay of Evergreen Park; Producer, Dave Alberts of Worth; co-Producer, Janice Alberts of Worth; and Assistant Director, Cathy Kennerk of La Grange Park.

The cast includes: Phil Carlin of Beverly (Norman Thayer, Jr.); Carol Kearney of Palos Heights (Ethel Thayer); Michael Barr of Beverly (Bill Ray); Kim Brines of Evergreen Park (Chelsea Thayer Wayne); Brian Moore of West Beverly (Billy Ray); and Jim Seeberg of Chicago (Charlie Martin).

All performances will be held at the

Beverly Arts Center of Chicago, 2407 W. 111th St. on Friday, Oct. 28th at 8 p.m.; Saturday, Oct. 29th at 2 p.m. and 8 p.m.; and Sunday, Oct. 30, at 2 p.m. General admission is \$17 per person; seniors and student, \$16.

For ticket information, call the Beverly Theatre Guild voice mail at (312) 409-2705 or E-mail TheBeverlyTheatreGuild@juno.com.

Tickets will be available at the Beverly Arts Center box office, (773) 445-3838. Tickets purchased through the Beverly Arts Center are subject to a handling fee of \$1.50 per ticket.

Chicago Celebrates Style!

The City of Chicago presents Fashion Focus Chicago 2005, an exciting 11-day celebration, Sept. 19-29, spotlighting independent Chicago fashion designers and the many facets of Chicago's fashion scene including industry organizations, schools and agencies. Fashion Focus Chicago 2005 is presented by the City of Chicago and sponsored by the IN:CHICAGO Card from American Express and the W Chicago - City Center.

Beginning Monday, Sept. 19 through Thursday, Sept. 29, Chicago's Loop will be transformed into a fashion mecca. All programming is presented by the City of Chicago in partnership with Marshall Field's, Gen Art, the Apparel Industry Board, Inc., Chicagoland Entrepreneurial Center, Chicago Fashion Foundation, Chicago Loop Alliance, Columbia College Chicago, The Illinois Institute of Art-Chicago, the International Academy of Design and Technology and the School of the Art Institute of Chicago. All events are free to the public unless otherwise noted.

During this first ever 11-day festival celebrating fashion, the City of Chicago and its various partners will feature events for industry and non-industry participants. A number of fashion shows with Chicago designers, a Chicago designers boutique, seminars, premier events, celebrity appearances, exhibits and much more will be offered.

For more information and complete event details visit www.fashionfocuschicago.com or call the Mayor's Office of Special Events at (312) 744-3315.

Monet Added To Art Institute Collection

The Art Institute of Chicago has announced the recent acquisition of a major painting by Claude Monet: *Water Lily Pond* (c. 1917-22), which enters the museum's collection as a generous gift from Mr. and Mrs. Harvey (Ruth) Kaplan. In 1995, the painting had a prominent place in the hugely successful exhibition *Claude Monet: 1840-1926*, thanks to Mrs. Kaplan's generosity. *Water Lily Pond* - which, at 517 by 797 inches, is one of the Art Institute's largest works by Claude Monet - hangs in Gallery 206.

Ruth Kaplan had an intimate relationship with The Art Institute of Chicago that stretched over more than a half-century - she was a Most Distinguished Benefactor, Honorary Governing Member, Life Member, and member of the Committee on

European Painting, Medieval through Modern, and Modern European Sculpture, and she also supported the Sustaining Fellows. Mrs. Kaplan began giving to the museum in 1951, and became a life member in 1977. Her husband Harvey had become a life member in 1958. He died in 1964.

Mr. and Mrs. Kaplan's sons, Laurence and Alan, continue the family's warm relationship with The Art Institute. Laurence Kaplan is an Honorary Governing Member, Life Member, and a strong supporter of the Sustaining Fellows (he is a member at the Sustaining Council level, has traveled with the Sustaining Fellows, and attends the group's events). Alan Kaplan is a longtime supporter of the Annual Contributors Fund.

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Fall Discount Days At The Field Museum

For visitors who didn't make it to The Field Museum this summer, Museum Campus Fall Discount Days are a perfect opportunity to catch up with old friends in the Museum's permanent exhibitions, and get acquainted with some of the Museum's latest temporary shows.

On Mondays and Tuesdays from Sept. 19th through Dec. 20, The Field Museum is waiving its general admission fee. On

these days, visitors are only required to pay for the Museum's special exhibitions. A \$7 Discount Days Gold Pass (\$4 for children ages 4-11) grants visitors admission to the Museum's general exhibitions, and one specially ticketed exhibition of their choice (either *Dinosaur Dynasty: Discoveries from China*, *Underground Adventure* or, starting Oct. 22nd, *Pompeii: Stories from an Eruption*). This is down from the regular Gold Pass price of \$19 (\$9 for children ages 4-11). With these prices, visitors can explore one of the Museum's special exhibitions, and Field Museum favorites like SUE, the world's largest and most complete T.rex, for less than they would pay to see a movie.

The Discount Days Platinum Package (\$12 for adults, students and seniors, and \$8 for children ages 4-11) grants admission to the Museum's permanent collection and two specially ticketed exhibitions (Regular Platinum

Package price is \$22 for adults, \$11 for children, and \$17 for seniors and students). Visitors who want to see all three special exhibitions can purchase a Discount Days Diamond Package. This discounted pass is only \$16 for adults, seniors and students, and \$9 for children ages 4-11 (Regular Diamond Pass is \$25 for adults, \$12 for children, and \$20 for students and seniors).

Ancient Art - Precious Science

The oldest extant surgical treatise—the Edwin Smith Surgical Papyrus—makes a rare public appearance as the highlight of the Metropolitan Museum's new exhibition, *The Art of Medicine in Ancient Egypt*, Sept. 13 through Jan. 15. On loan from The New York Academy of Medicine, the document is presented in eleven hieroglyphic panels (spanning 15 feet) that reveal an ancient wisdom almost 3,000 years old.

The extant portions of the surgical papyrus reveal the author's profound scientific knowledge as he describes treatments for head and thoracic injuries. His approach is rational and full of keen scientific insight. Throughout the document, the author's grasp of anatomy, the circulatory system, and neurology emerge with clarity and precision. In fact, they bear striking similarities to 21st century medicine. For example, the surgical papyrus contains the first known descriptions of the cranial sutures, the meninges, the external surface of the brain, cerebrospinal fluid, and intracranial pulsations.

Atypically, the author turns to magic in only one case out of those preserved. Even then, he calls on spells that are practical and touchingly human: invocations against pestilence and in favor of charming old age back to youth.

As a complement to the Metropolitan Museum's exhibition, The New York Academy of Medicine is hosting a series of four lectures on Medicine before Modernity, which begins on Sept. 27th. On that date, The Academy will also open *Holes in the Head: Mending Injuries from Pericles to Bonaparte*, a special exhibition.

The New York Academy of Medicine, the country's premier urban health policy and intervention center, focuses on enhancing the health of people living in cities through research, education, advocacy, and prevention. Visit its website at www.nyam.org.

Discover The Ancient Americas

A course for adults, "Discover the Ancient Americas," will take place Wednesdays from Sept. 28th to Oct. 19th, at the Field Museum, 1400 S. Lake Shore Drive, Chicago. A field trip will take place from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 15th.

Participants will explore the history of the Americas and give a preview of the new Ancient Americas exhibition opening in 2007.

The field trip will be to the Dickson Mounds in Central Illinois.

The course and field trip cost \$100 for museum members and \$110 for others.

For the field trip only, the fees are \$45 for members and \$50 for others.

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WHAT TO DO WITH WINTER WEIGHT GAIN

As we approach the fall and the subsequent cold, snowy winter months, most of us think about ways to get our daily exercise inside, instead of outside. Those who are not venturing to a warm climate agree—the long outdoor walks we once loved at apple blossom time, can be miserable during the winter! So we look for other choices and often end up forfeiting, out of frustration and lack of desire to pack up and go to the gym. This ultimately results in dreaded winter weight gain.

Just how much weight does the average American gain over the winter? According to reports from the New England Journal of Medicine (NEJM), most of us gain just over a pound per winter.

It is reported in the NEJM that researchers at the National Institutes of Health (NIH) several winters ago followed 195 volunteers from the period of September to April. On the average, participants gained slightly more than a pound—with a majority of the gain added over the holiday season. Less than ten percent of the subjects gained five pounds or more. Overweight and obese subjects were more likely to fall into this category, suggesting that the holidays may present higher risk to those who are already overweight.

IS THIS A BIG DEAL?

Gaining one pound may seem insignificant, but the bigger problem is that most people never will lose it. Of the 195 original participants in the NIH study, 165 checked in with the researchers the following September. These volunteers weighed an average of 1.4 pounds more than when they started a year before. Rather than losing holiday weight during the warmer months, they gained a bit more.

The problem here is that these small weight gains add up over the years, increasing the risk of heart disease, diabetes, and certain types of cancer.

Unless we change our holiday habits, winter weight gain will continue to contribute to rising obesity rates in our country. As most of us know now, over half of all American adults are overweight.

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But the key to avoiding weight gain does not only involve food. It involves physical activity—no surprise these days to most of us. Lack of physical activity in the NIH study played a greater role in holiday weight gain than did other factors, including holiday parties and stress. So it is important in the winter months to find exercise which is enjoyable and which you are able to do regularly.

Indoor activities such as mall-walking, swimming, water aerobics, and weight training are excellent winter-time aerobics. And often there are groups you can join to keep you motivated, if you so choose. Or, just go it alone if your schedule does not accommodate joining other people.

The main thing is that it is important to find a way to keep yourself active during winter weather, or you will gain weight and body fat. Thirty to 60 minutes daily—even split into 15 minute intervals—is effective for keeping you in shape.

And a footnote for you—an occasional high-carb snack, which goes along with cold weather, will not destroy your waistline—as long as, for the most part, you keep your food choices healthy and balanced. So enjoy that cup of hot apple cider or cocoa once in a while, after a nice workout!

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Obesity Surgery

The number of gastrointestinal surgeries performed annually for severe obesity has increased from about 16,000 in the early 1990s to about 103,000 in 2003. The frequency of these procedures has been fueled by the rise in the number of people who are extremely obese; the failure of diets, exercise and medical therapy; and the advent of laparoscopic procedures. Research presented recently at Digestive Disease Week 2005 (DDW) evaluates the effectiveness of new surgical options for this population. DDW is the largest international gathering of physicians, researchers and academics in the fields of gastro-enterology, hepatology, endoscopy and gastro-intestinal surgery.

"There has been a great deal of progress made in the development of safer, more effective obesity procedures," said Christopher Gostout, M.D., of the Mayo Clinic. "Obesity patients who opt to have some form of bariatric surgery have a greater chance of long-term survival than those who choose to forgo a procedure." Bariatric surgery is not cosmetic. In many cases it is the last option for patients whose obesity puts them at risk for serious health complications and even death.

Affordable Medicare Prescription Plan

Medicare is embarking on a new journey to help seniors better afford their medical prescriptions. This unprecedented program, entitled Medicare Part D, will be offered to the approximately 40 million Medicare recipients. Enrollees will be asked to choose a prescription drug policy from a variety of private companies.

But because Part D has so many elements and requirements, some seniors and their caretakers are finding the new program to be very confusing. Coverage varies between policies, meaning some drugs are covered while others are not, depending on what company is chosen. And, not all of the information on what policies will be offered is available yet.

Unfortunately, Medicare recipients don't have a lot of time to decide what policy is right for them. Seniors must enroll between the dates of November 15, 2005 and May 15, 2006 and premiums will be an average of \$37 a month. Those who sign up after the close date will pay higher premiums (a one percent increase to their premium for every month they delay enrollment). However, those that meet the Medicare low-income guidelines will pay less.

"Although this new program will be a relief to many seniors, it has so many rules and regulations, it's difficult to know where to start," said Daniel D. Garrett, senior vice president of Prevent Blindness America (PBA). "We have already received calls from Medicare recipients who

are trying to determine how Part D will affect access to their vision medications. We want to help make the enrollment process as easy as possible so patients can receive the prescriptions and the information they need."

To help seniors navigate their way through the challenging enrollment process PBA is offering a new Web resource and fact sheet entitled "Medicare Benefits and Your Eyes." Since details are still emerging about the program, PBA will continue to research and compile information on Part D elements as it becomes available. Soon, PBA hopes to offer a listing of which insurance providers will cover specific vision medications and provide information on what to do if the needed drug is not covered.

PBA urges older Americans to do the following now:

- Check your mail boxes and read all mail from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Management (CMS).
- Apply for assistance if you have limited resources.
- Be aware of deadlines, and avoid late penalties.
- Take your time and review the information carefully, and enroll in a plan that best meets your needs.

To receive the new Medicare Part D fact sheet from PBA, call 1-800-331-2020 or log on to www.preventblindness.org

La Rabida Childrens Hospital Blood Drive

La Rabida Children's Hospital and the University of Chicago Hospitals Blood Bank are hosting a month-long blood drive throughout September in honor of National Sickle Cell Disease Month. Blood will be drawn throughout September, Monday through Friday from 7 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

All donations will supply the blood bank where La Rabida Children's Hospital sickle cell patients receive blood for their needed transfusions. La Rabida provides comprehensive care for children who have lifelong medical conditions and developmental disabilities. La Rabida also provides the most extensive program for neglected and abused children in Illinois.

All donors will receive complimentary parking passes, refreshments, giveaways, and entrance into a weekly raffle. The blood draw will take place at The University of Chicago, Duchossois Center for Advanced Medicine, 5758 S. Maryland Ave., 5th Floor, (5G). For more information, call (773) 702-6247.



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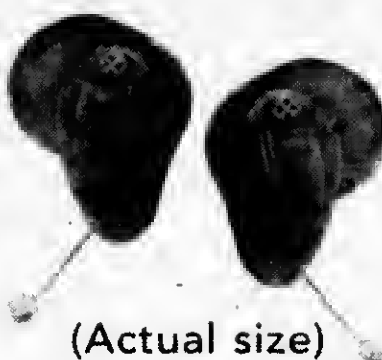
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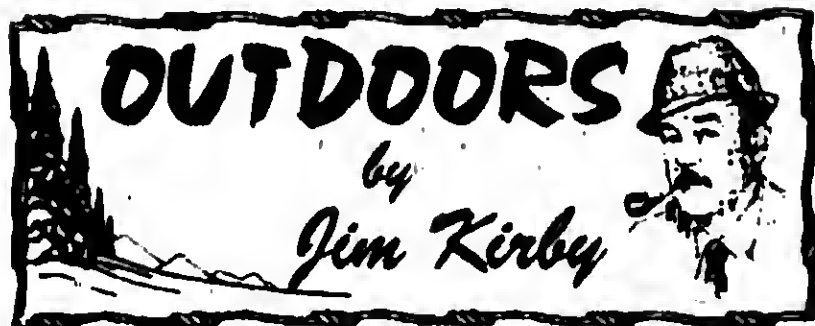
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LAKE MICHIGAN SALMON AND TROUT STOCKING CONFERENCE: Interested anglers and the general public are invited to a one-day conference on future stocking options along with the status and health of the trout and salmon fishery in Lake Michigan on Saturday, Sept. 24th on the campus of University of Wisconsin-Parkside in Kenosha, Wisconsin.

Participating agencies include the Illinois Department of Natural Resources and counterpart natural resources departments in Indiana, Michigan and Wisconsin, along with the Chippewa Ottawa Resource Authority.

"Fishing on Lake Michigan for salmon has been very good, but there is cause for concern that Lake Michigan predator fish species and their forage may be trending toward an imbalance," said Tom Trudeau, Illinois DNR Lake Michigan Program Manager. "Growth rates of Chinook salmon have declined in recent years and the abundance of forage - principally alewives - is also down."

Conference registration is \$10. Registration is being coordinated through Wisconsin Sea Grant Refreshments and lunch will be served. For registration information, call (920) 683-4697 or check the web site at www.seagrant.wisc.edu/fisheries/.

HUNTER SAFETY COURSES - HELD IN NEAR-BY LOCATIONS: Illinois Department of Natural Resources sponsored Hunter Safety Courses will be on the following dates and locations: Sept. 17th and 18th, Matteson Park District - phone (408) 748-1080; Oct. 15th and 16th, Tinley Park - phone (708) 429-4903.

These courses are for individuals 10 years of age and older. The two-day course runs from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Sunday. The course is free, and the only requirement is that you bring a pen and lunch and beverage.

NATIONAL HUNTING AND FISHING DAYS: It's been more than 35 years since Pennsylvania gun shop owner Ira Joffe came up with the idea that the country needed an official day to celebrate and thank anglers and hunters for their contributions to conservation.

From there, Joffe's idea caught the attention of Congress, and by 1972 it was on President Richard M. Nixon's desk in the form of a proclamation, designating the fourth Saturday in September as National Hunting and Fishing Day.

Sept. 24th will mark the thirty-fourth annual celebration of the important role outdoorsmen and women have played in conserving and improving the country's natural resources, including the contribution of more than \$23 billion over the years and countless volunteer hours spent on habitat improvement and other projects.

Northern Illinois Hunting and Fishing Days will be celebrated on Sept. 24th and 25th at the Silver Springs State Fish and Wildlife Area, 13608 Fox Road, in nearby Yorkville, Illinois.

I highly recommend this event for the entire family, my grandkids had a ball at the event a few years back. There is something for everyone of all ages. There are over 80 exhibitors; radio and television personalities; giveaways; food and hands-on activities for all ages.

Show hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. both Saturday and Sunday, and feature canoe rides; casting demonstrations; fly tying and casting; dog demos; historic reenactment encampment; stocked kids' fishing pond; outdoor women's seminars; trap, BB and archery ranges, and more.

Admission is free, brought to you by the Northern Illinois Hunting and Fishing Days Committee and the IDNR. Visit their web site at www.huntingandfishing-days.org.

ILLINOIS OFFERS TWO OUTDOOR PROGRAMS FOR WOMEN: Illinois women may develop outdoor skills by attending Women in the Outdoors (WITO), or Becoming an Outdoors Woman (BOW) programs. Offered throughout the year, both offer women the opportunity to learn in fun, interactive and non-threatening settings, take home new skills and develop friendships with individuals having similar interests.

A program for outdoor women will be held on Sept. 24th at the Max McGraw Wildlife Foundation in nearby Dundee, Illinois. For information: (847) 428-2240, or visit www.womenintheoutdoors.org.

SHEDD TO INCREASE EFFORTS AT GREAT LAKES CONSERVATION: Chicago's Shedd Aquarium announced it will intensify its efforts to draw attention to the value and vulnerability of the Great Lakes ecosystem. Exhibits, public programs and special events will increasingly focus on Lake Michigan and the other Great Lakes. The Shedd plans to install an invasive species exhibit later this year to educate visitors about the damage the invasive species cause.



Thillens Stadium

Commissioner Terrence J. O'Brien, who is President of the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago was one of many young men that played softball and Little League at Thillens Stadium, recently presented a resolution of gratitude to the Thillens family for maintaining and operating Thillens Stadium for over 60 years, on land owned by MWRDGC, along the North Shore Channel. O'Brien stated "the Chicago Park District has assumed the lease for the next 39 years. Thillens Stadium/Cuhs Field will continue to be the Crown Jewel of all Little League facilities in the Cook County area."

The resolution is in recognition of the more than 60 years of commendable use of District property since 1942 by the Thillens family. In 1938 Mel Thillens Sr. saw his hunch become reality with the construction of the 2,200 seat stadium on property owned by the MWRD. Thillens Stadium hosts an estimated 700 games per year from April to September. It averages 100 night games annually with at least 12 games played on weekends, drawing an average attendance of 17,000 Chicago area youth and 60,000 fans. Many softball and baseball players enjoyed the use of Thillens Stadium.

Pictured is President O'Brien (right), Mel Thillens Jr. (center) and his son Mel P. Thillens on the left.

Ski & Sports Club Meeting

Lakeshore Ski & Sports Club will meet on Wednesday, Sept. 21st at Chief O'Neill's Pub, 3471 N. Elston at Albany, beginning at 7 p.m. All who are interested are cordially invited to attend and learn about the exciting ski trips planned for the winter as well as the club's many other sporting and social activities planned for the fall which include biking, golfing and tennis, a Turkish Dinner, Oktoberfest, and a Halloween Party, to name a few.

It is also the last opportunity to sign up for the Fiftieth Anniversary Celebration on Sunday, Oct. 2nd.

For further information and to learn about the advantages of becoming an LSSC member, call (708) 786-3992, lakeshoreskiandsportsclub@yahoo.com or visit the web site at www.lssc.org.

"First Time Fishing" For New Anglers

For those interested in learning the fundamentals of fishing, the Forest Preserve District of Will County is offering a "First Time Fishing" workshop on Saturday, Oct. 1st at 1 p.m. at Monee Reservoir. A fee of \$5 per person and registration by Sept. 24th are required for this program for persons of at least seven years of age.

Learn the basic skills every angler should know: how to put together a pole, tie a knot, bait the hook, and cast. Safety and ethics are also covered. Workshop participants will gain hands-on experience while fishing along the shoreline. Everything you need, including bait, is provided.

To register, call (815) 727-8700 between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. weekdays.

Monee Reservoir is located on Ridgeland Ave., west of Route 50 & south of Pauling Road, 2.0 miles south of Monee.

St. Rita To Hold Alumni Basketball Game

St. Rita High School will hold an Alumni All-Star Basketball Game on Saturday, Sept. 24th at the school gym, 7740 S. Western Ave. Relive the tradition of the Varsity Basketball Mustangs over the past 50 years. Come listen to the Rita Band and see the Alumni Cheerleaders and Current Cheerleaders in this reunion of old and new. The Alumni All-Star team roster has 40 players to date. Reception at 6 p.m., pre-game at 7 p.m., game at 8 p.m., with post-game party immediately following.

Tickets are \$15 per person; children under 10 are free. To order tickets, call (773) 925-6600.

St. Rita Night At US Cellular

Tickets for the White Sox vs. Cleveland Indians baseball game on Wednesday, Sept. 21st at US Cellular Field are on sale at St. Rita High School, 7740 South Western Avenue Lower Reserve seats are \$13 per person (these are normally \$26 seats). Game time is 7:05 p.m. Call the St. Rita Development Office at (773) 925-5029 for tickets.

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SXU Sports News

Pedigo Helps Lead SXU To A Win

With a team-high 16 digs and 10 kills from junior Paige Pedigo, the St. Xavier University volleyball team picked up a big conference victory in its first CCAC match of the season with a four-game match win over Judson College on Sept. 6th in Elgin. The Cougars won the first game, 30-25, dropped the second 25-30, but finished strong in the final two games winning 30-26 and 30-21 to improve to 3-4 overall on the season.

Junior Jessica Buchmeier led the Cougars' offensive attack with a team-high 11 kills, while senior Carrie Mockovak recorded eight total blocks. Sophomore Eileen Carls also had a nice out in the Sept. 6th win finishing with seven digs.

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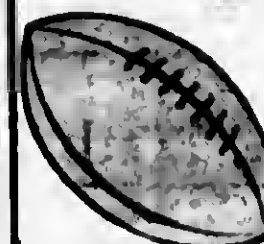
ST. RITA REMAINING GAMES

September

- 17 De La Salle A 1:30 pm
- 23 Providence Catholic
(14th Ward/Mendel
HS Night) H 7:30 pm
- 30 Brother Rice A 7:30 pm

October

- 7 Loyola (Homecoming)
H 7:30 pm
- 15 Mt. Carmel
(Gately Stadium)
A 7:00 pm
- 21 Guerin Prep
(Senior Night)
H 7:30 pm



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The Marist High School 2005 Varsity Football Roster includes: Jeremy Nash, Kevin Durkin, Dan Bryar, Zac Ventress, Kevin Savage, Scott Slubowski, Justin Janus, Jon Stark, Ron Heslop, Greg Gieselmann, Andrew Ashe, Rob Lewandowski, Mike LaRocco, Tony Camodeca, Matt Nolan, Ryan Loftus, Ed Wasilewski, Greg Washington, Matt Clara, Rob Weissenstein, John Schoen, Ken Kikilas, Pat Jedrey, Bryan Glrouard, Mario Nunez, Anthony Balmer, Jack Kingsbury, Tony DiLiberto, Matt Yerkes, Matt Little, Kevin McGulre, Steve Heywood, Tony Kwiatkowski, Matt Leslie, Dan Errico, Justin Clark, Kevin Fagan, Scott Cipolla, Rod Speech, Sean O'Neill, Mike Hardman, Jack Marks, Matt Flood, James Reed, Aaron Moody, Andy Kungis, and Kevin Conroy. Head Coach is Sean Mele; Assistants are Mark Zavagnin, Dan Barry, Glenn Pacek and Tom Scanlon.

MARIST REMAINING GAMES

September

- 16 Marian Catholic
H 7:30 pm
- 23 Notre Dame A 7:30 pm
- 30 St. Joes (Homecoming)
H 7:30 pm

October

- 7 Nazareth H 7:30 pm
- 14 St. Viator A 7:30 pm
- 21 Carmel (Sr. Night)
H 7:30 pm

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23 Kankakee High School
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7 Hillcrest High School
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September

16 Rich South A 7:00 pm
23 Kankakee A 7:00 pm
30 Tinley Park A 7:00 pm

October

7 Hillcrest H 7:30 pm
14 Rich Central A 7:00 pm
21 Bremen H 7:30 pm



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September

- 16 Argo H 7:00 pm
- 23 Crete-Monee A 7:00 pm
- 30 Eisenhower A 7:00 pm

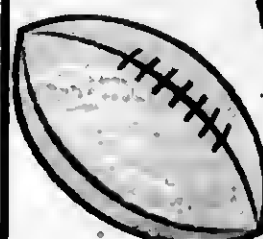
October

- 7 T.F. North H 7:00 pm
- 14 T.F. South A 7:00 pm
- 21 Reavis H 7:00 pm

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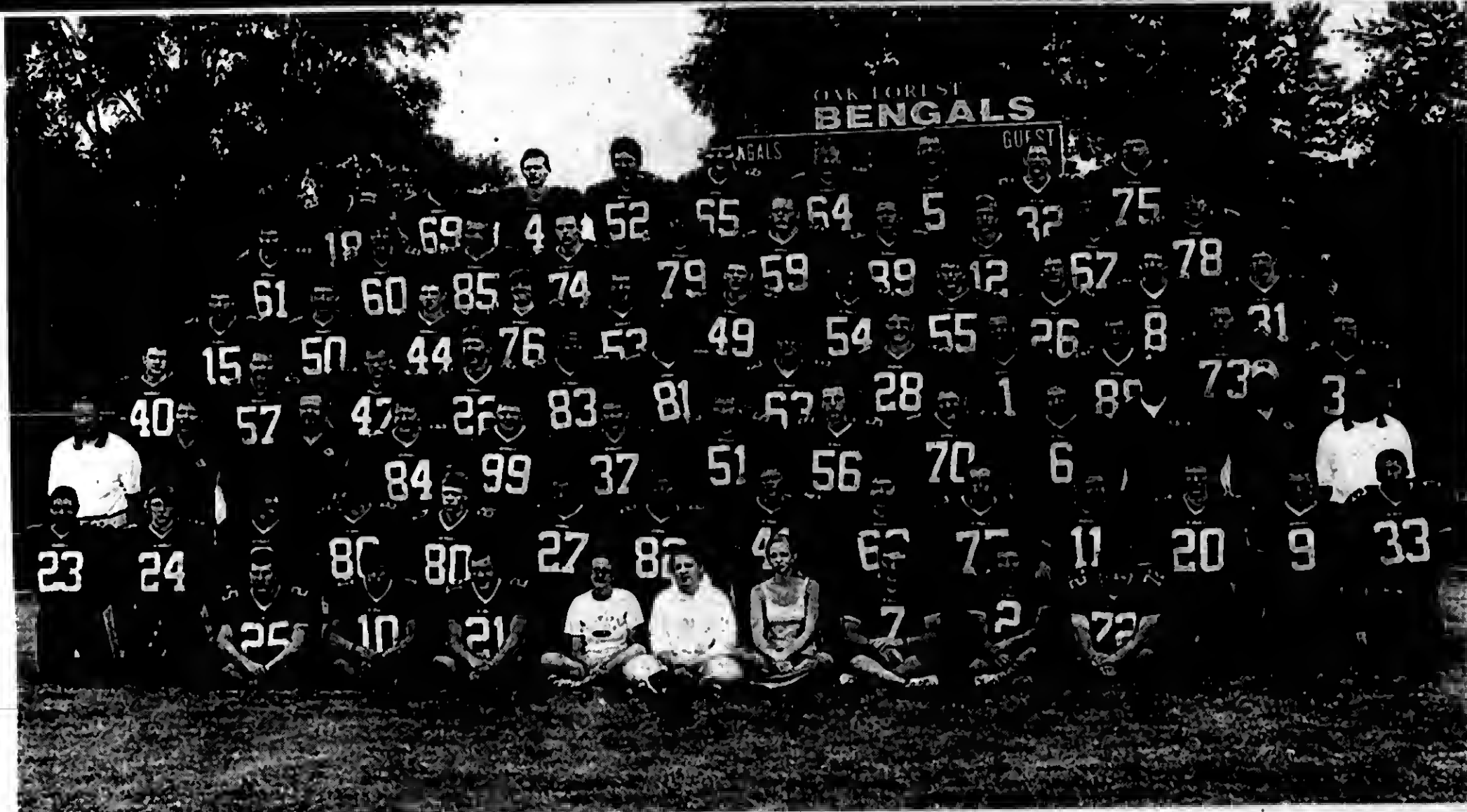


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14 Romeoville H 7:00 pm
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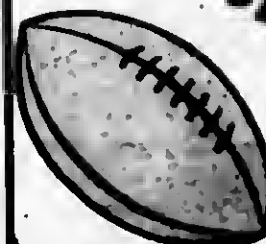
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BREMEN REMAINING GAMES

September

**9 Kankakee H 7:00 pm
16 Tinley Park A 7:00 pm
23 Hillcrest H 7:00 pm
30 Rich Central H 7:00 pm**

October

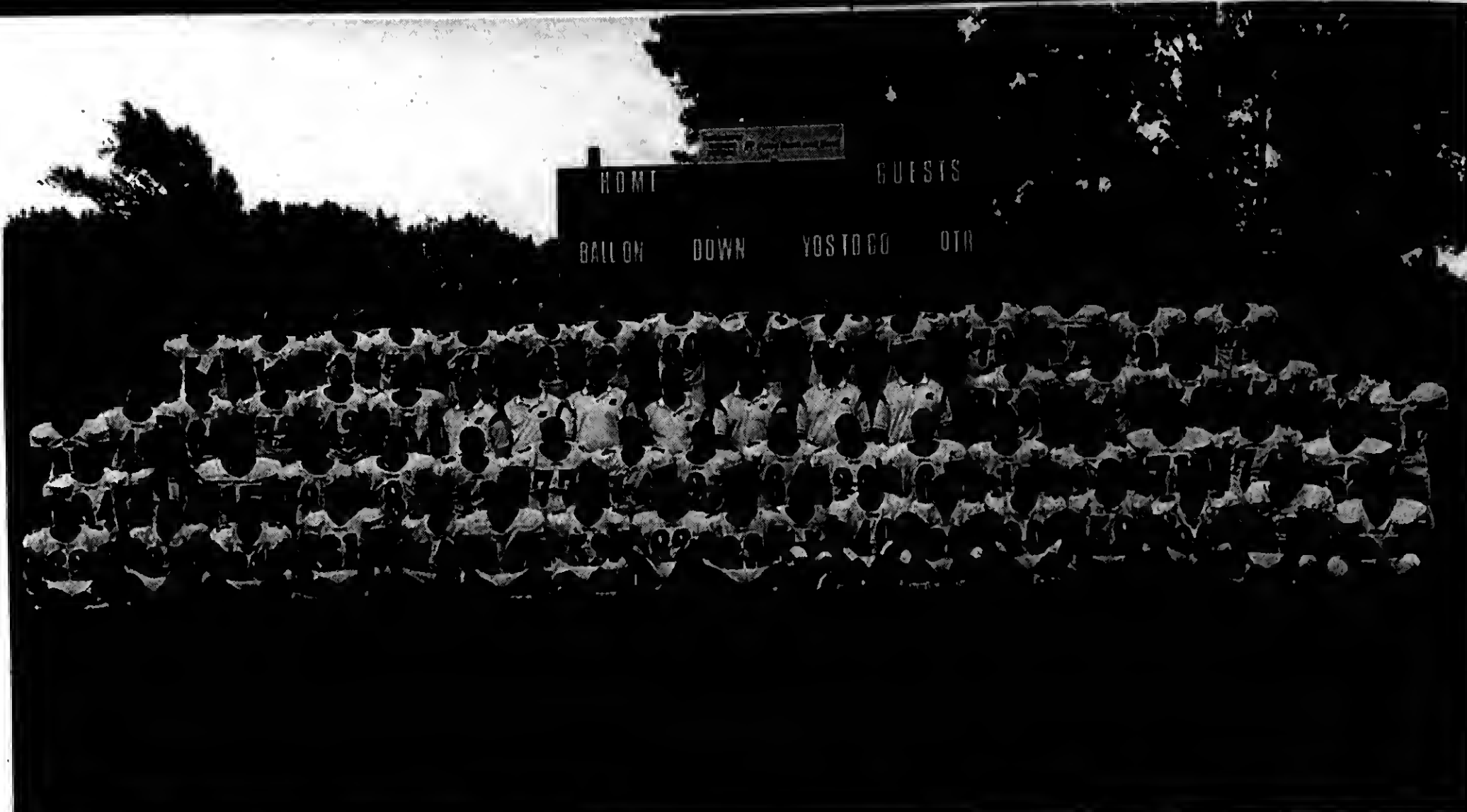
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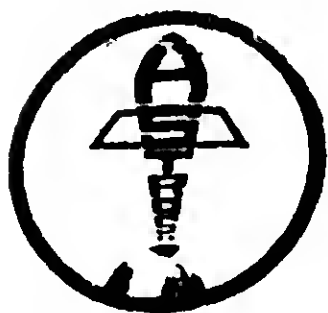
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SHEPARD



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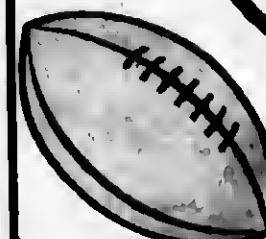
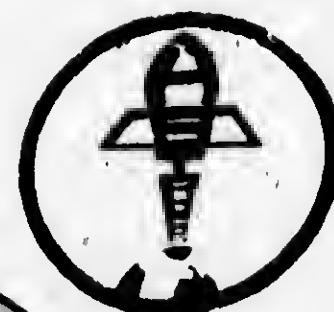
SHEPARD REMAINING GAMES

September

16 Thornton H 7:00 pm
24 Thornwood A 1:00 pm
30 Bradley H 7:00 pm

October

7 Oak Lawn A 7:00 pm
14 Andrew H 7:00 pm
22 Thornridge A 1:00 pm



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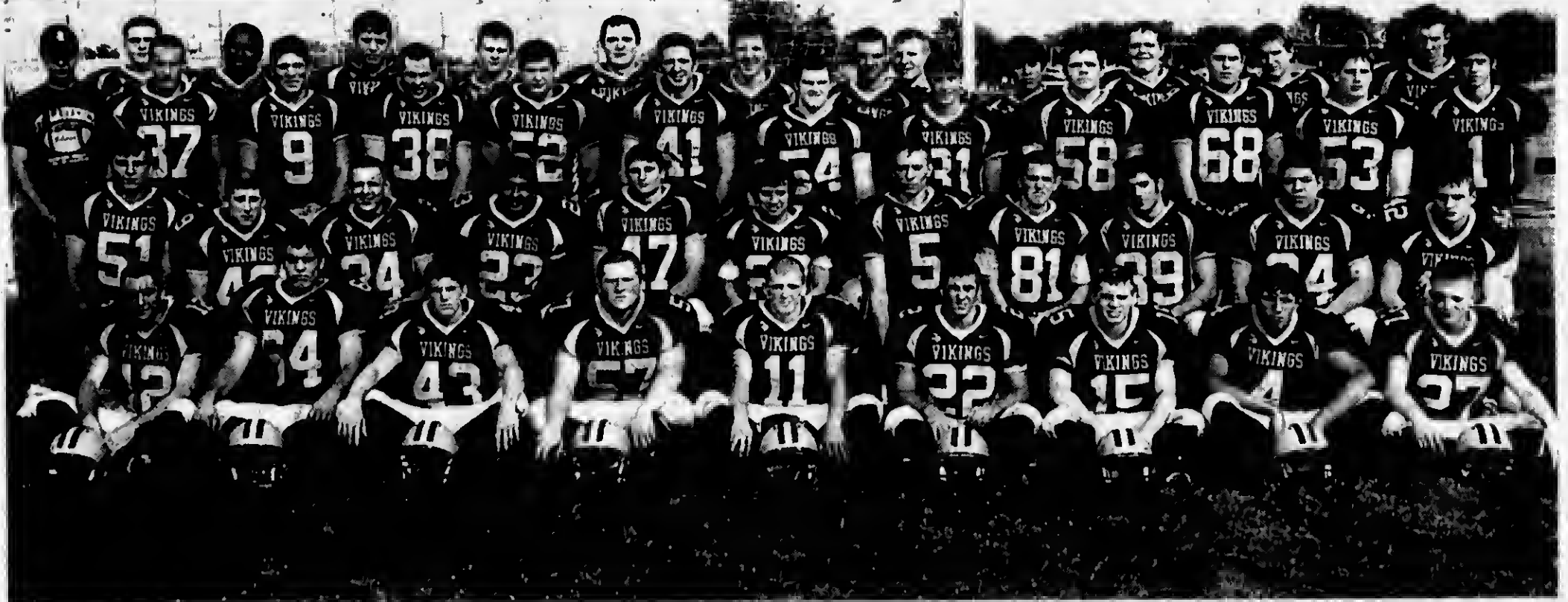


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ST. LAURENCE



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ST. LAURENCE REMAINING GAMES

September

- 16 Leo H 7:30 pm
- 23 Hales (Homecoming)
H 7:30 pm

October

- 1 Guerin A 1:30 pm
- 7 Brother Rice A 7:30 pm
- 14 Bishop McNamara
H 7:30 pm
- 21 Gordon Tech
(North Park Univ.)
A 7:30 pm



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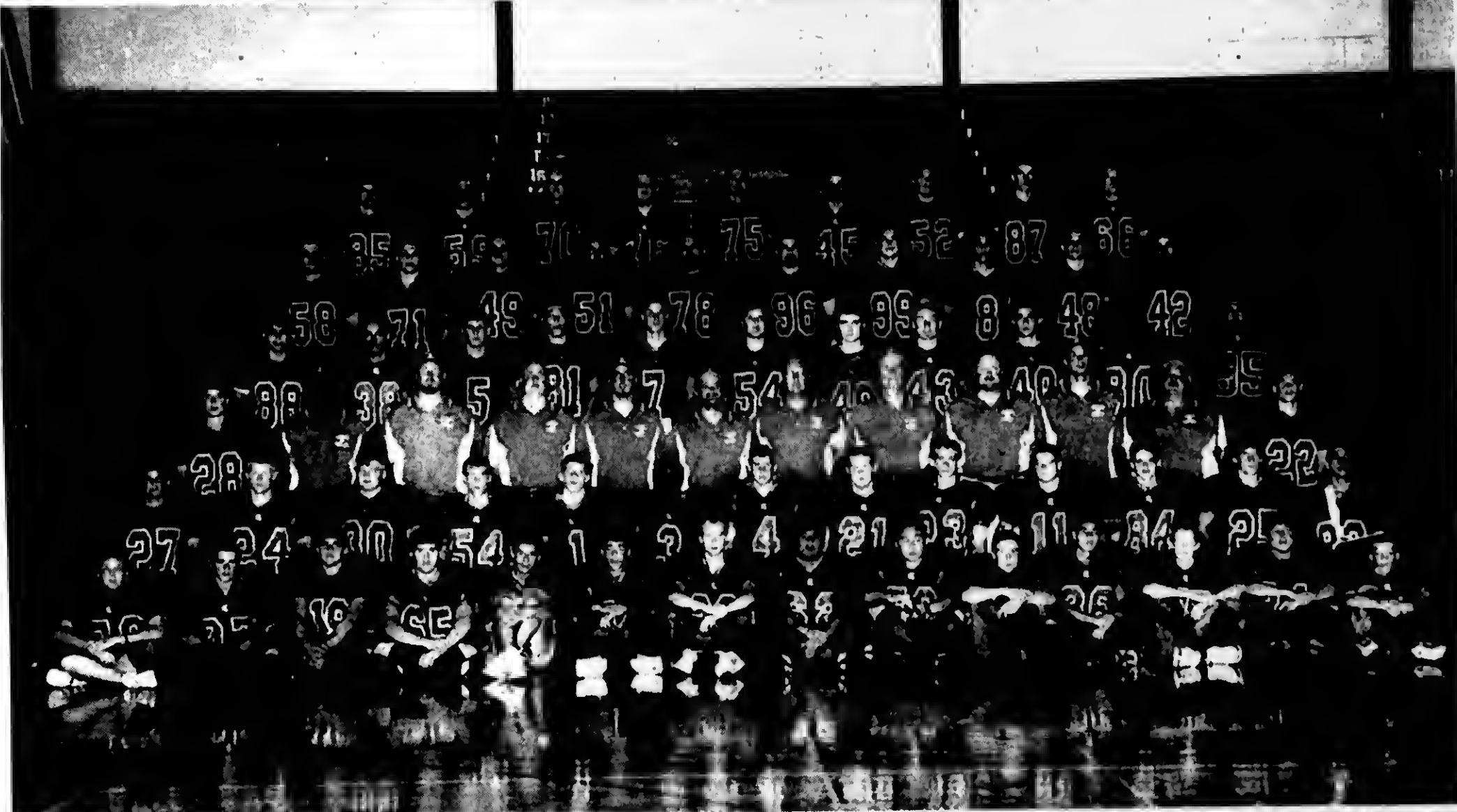


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September

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October

- 1 Thornridge A
- 7 Shepard H
- 15 Stagg H
- 21 Andrew A



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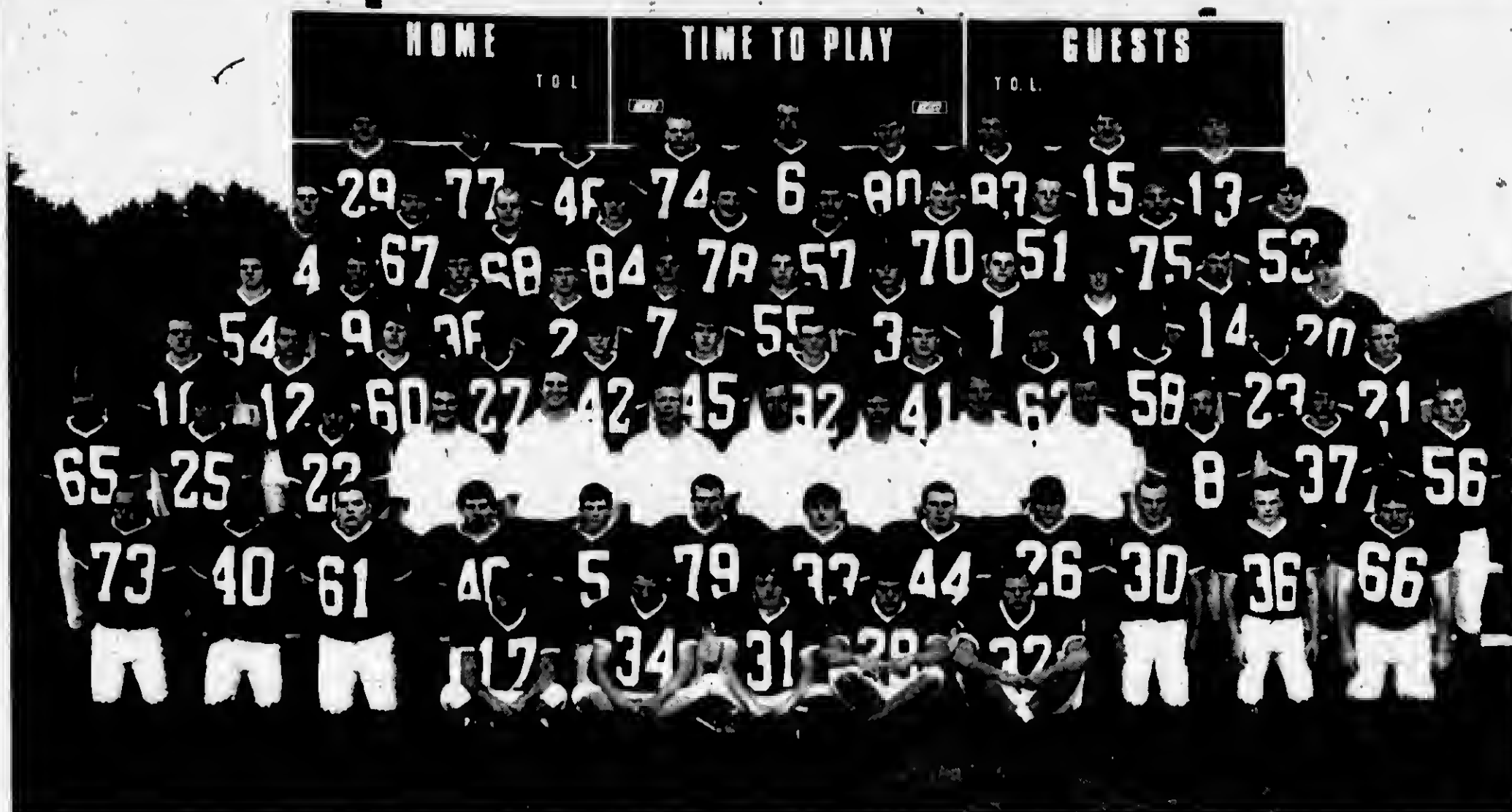


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CRUSADERS



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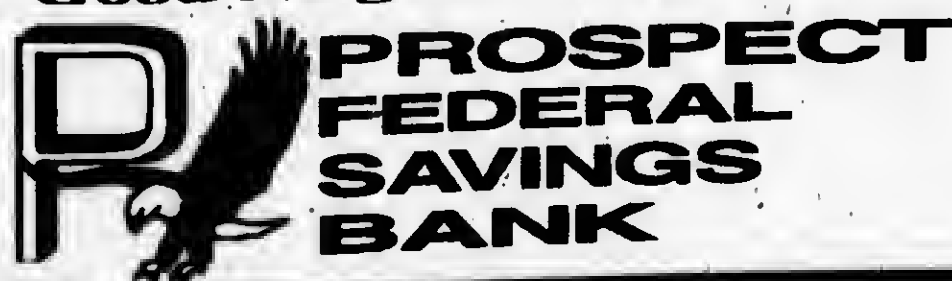


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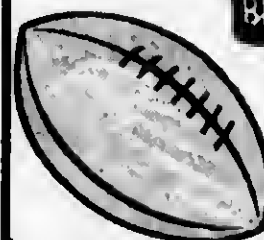
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September

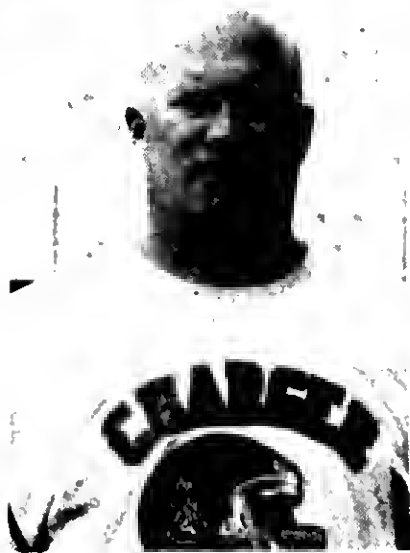
16 Mt. Carmel H 7:30 pm
25 Fenwick A 1:30 pm
30 St. Rita (Homecoming)
H 7:30 pm

October

7 St. Laurence H 7:30 pm
14 Providence A 7:30 pm
21 Loyola (Senior Night)
H 7:30 pm



STAGG CHARGERS

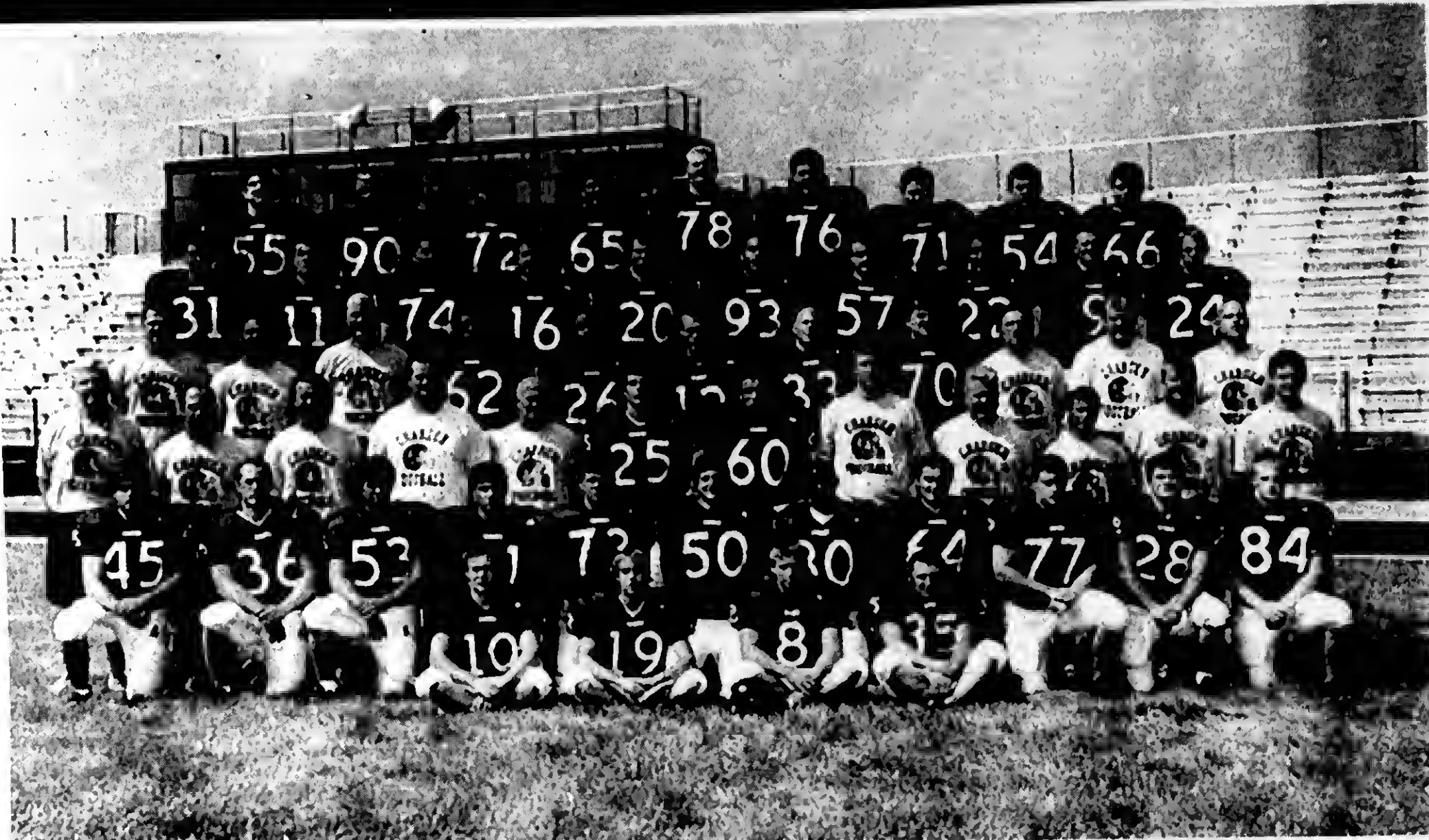


TIM MCALPIN

STAGG



CHARGERS



The Stagg High School 2005 Varsity Football Roster includes: Shane Plewa, Dan Christensen, Mark Parton, Joe Plewa, Dan Kaech, Pat Poskus, Tim Pawlicki, Keith Newhouse, Nader Ali, Awney Zagioul, Pete Jahn, Tom Brown, Brandon Patrick, Kevin Goien, Alex Arquilia, Joe Adamo, Blake Sanders, D. J. Matyssek, Bob Hanahan, Jon Roth, Nick Spurgash, Mike Gabel, Steve Percic, Ryan Zanta, Tom Vartanian, Paul Buia, Rich Castillo, Steve Makropoulos, Nick Brown, Rich Coleman, Mice Piton, Siy Bisaga, Ryan McCarthy, Brandon Rupp, Chris Vasquez, Mike Rusnak, Ed Sherman, Ryan McHugh, Mike Parton, Jon Gewont, Brian Reed, Jeff Miller, Mike Lepionka, and Mo Bages. Head Coach is Tim McAlpin with Assistant Coaches Brian Buglio, Jack Doyie, Mike Fahey, Mike Morrison, Jim Zimmer, Mike Durbin, Pete Gabel, Stuart Lovejoy, Nick Cavaligos, Dan Carrier, Wes Gonzalez, Nic Jelcic, Adam Zmuda, Mike Cibelli, Bill Lauer, and Henry Turek.

STAGG

REMAINING GAMES

September

- 17 Thornridge A 1:00 pm
- 24 Thornton A 1:00 pm
- 30 Andrew (Homecoming)
H 7:00 pm

October

- 7 Bradley A 7:00 pm
- 15 Oak Lawn A 1:00 pm
- 21 Thornwood
(Parent Night)
H 7:00 pm

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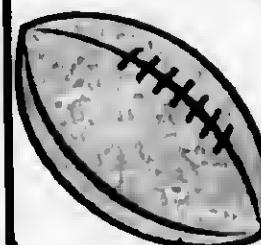
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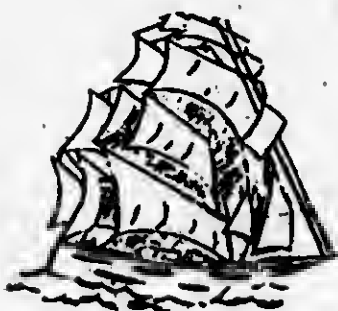


ARGO ARGONAUTS



JIM INNIS

ARGO



ARGONAUTS



The Argo Community High School 2005 Varsity Football Roster includes: Eric Jakubczak, Kennedy Jones, Peter Kasbohm, Chaz Baggio, Armando Hermosillo, Steven Mitchell, Ted Green, Douglas Neal, Wesley Zielinski, Julius Holland, Mike Kozek, Raul Santiago, Sean Nelson, Brandon Kane, Joe Sroka, Tim Janeczek, Dan Leon, Josh Brander, Dave Block, Jonathan Henson, Jeremy Hermes, Jerry Davis, John Arvetis, Alex Yeries, Mark Robinson, Artur Feliks, Kory Fortman, Brian Zydzik and Kris Mabrito. Head Coach is Jim Innis; Assistants: Tom McEntee, Greg Kolke, Ted Stec and Al Dykema.

ARGO REMAINING GAMES

September

- 16 Richards A 7:00 pm
- 24 Eisenhower
(Homecoming) H 11 am
- 30 T.E. North A 7:00 pm

October

- 7 T.E. South H 7:00 pm
- 14 Reavis A 7:00 pm
- 21 Oak Forest H 7:00 pm

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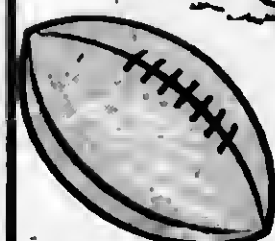
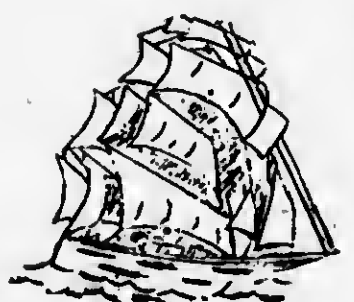
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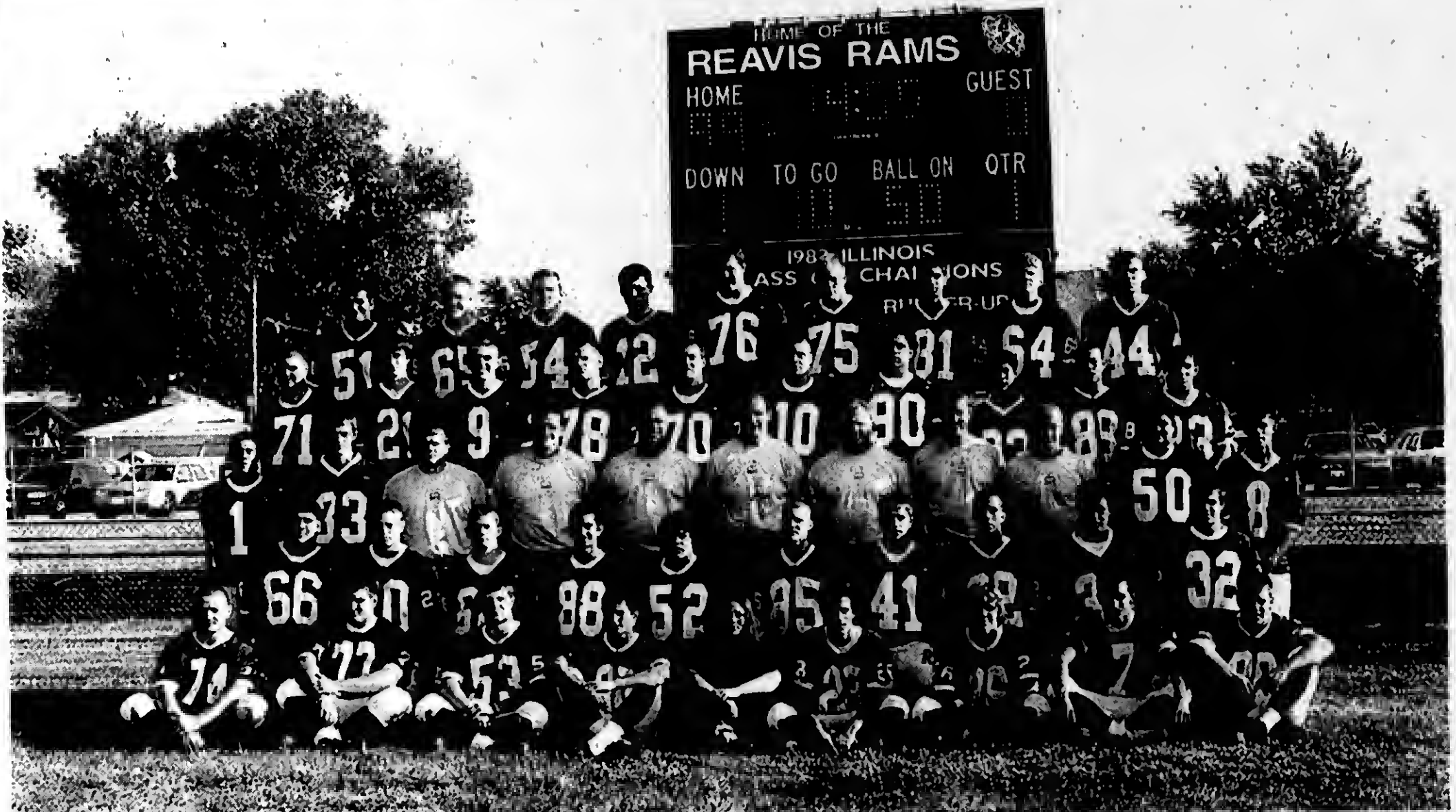


JIM McDONOUGH

REAVIS



RAMS



The Reavis High School 2005 Varsity Football Roster includes: Sebastian Bohorquez, Christopher Wetzel, Bernardo Olivares, Alban Osmani, Steven Kernats, Krzysztof Kaweck, Andrew Crcagh, Tony Lambert, Shane Kennelly, Rayen Ibrahim, Mohammed Maali, David Sims, Issia Judeh, Robert Wilke, John Abrahamian II, William Serritella, Daniel Urquizo, James Kernats, Ada Lutvi, Hassan Amer, Izz Al Mataariyeh, Agustin Ortega, Stephen Talbot, David Tories, Adam Alvarado, David Thomas, William Walsh, Francisco Vargas, John Abbott, Francesco Salamone, Kevin Greder, Dimitri Booras, Aaron Hermosillo, Patrick King, Curt Dedlc, Grzegorz Bugaj, Mahmoud Daghash, Steven Krug, Thaer Hasan, Chazz Peters, Victor Hartenstein, Tariq Joudeh, Eugene Perez and Jerrell Maldonado.

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September

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H 1:00 pm
- 23 Oak Forest A 7:00 pm
- 30 East Chicago Central
A 7:00 pm

October

- 7 Romeoville A 7:30 pm
- 14 Argo (Parent Night)
H 7:00 pm
- 21 Richards A 7:00 pm



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SANDBURG REMAINING GAMES

September

- 16 Lincoln-Way East
H 7:15 pm
- 23 Homewood-Flossmoor
A 7:15 pm
- 30 Lincoln-Way Central
A 7:15 pm

October

- 7 Bolingbrook
(Homecoming)
H 7:15 pm
- 14 Joliet (Senior Night)
H 7:15 pm
- 21 Bloom A 7:00 pm

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Development Awards

While the city's century-old museums, its skyscrapers and venues like Millennium Park and Navy Pier capture the world's attention, architects and developers are at work elsewhere in Chicagoland - making a positive impact on the lives of neighborhood residents and creating impressive projects of their own. The finest of these projects will be recognized at the 12th annual juried Chicago Neighborhood Development Awards, to be held on Thursday, Feb. 2nd, 2006 at the Chicago Hilton & Towers and chaired by John Rowe, Chairman & CEO of Exelon Corporation. The deadlines to nominate individuals or groups (including self-nomination) for these prestigious prizes, however, are just around the corner.

Local developers and architects are encouraged to apply to the CNDA awards, which are presented in the four categories outlined below:

- The Non-Profit Neighborhood Development Group of the Year Award.
- The Richard H. Driehaus Foundation Award for Outstanding Non-Profit Neighborhood Real Estate Project.
- The Outstanding For-Profit Neighborhood Real Estate Project Award.
- The Non-Profit Community-Building Award.

In addition to the community development awards, the Richard H. Driehaus Foundation sponsors three awards for architectural excellence in community design, which are awarded by a separate juried competition, at the CNDA event.

Applications for the Chicago Neighborhood Development Awards must be received at the Local Initiatives Support Corporation's Chicago office at One North LaSalle St., 12th Floor, Chicago, IL 60602, by 5 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 23rd.

Applications for the Richard H. Driehaus Foundation Award for Architectural Excellence in Community Design must be received at LISC's office by 5 p.m. on Monday, Oct. 14th.

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Cook County Sheriff Sends Relief To Hurricane Victims

Employees from the Cook County Sheriff's Office recently traveled to Ocean Springs, Mississippi, to render aid to victims of Hurricane Katrina.

Answering a plea for assistance from a Chicago native who now resides in Ocean Springs, Cook County Sheriff Michael F. Sheahan and employees of the Sheriff's Office donated more than six semi-truck loads of bottled water, as well as another truck load of clothing and baby supplies to the town's residents.

Retirees Urged To Try SALT

If the idea of retirement conjures images of never having to think again, think again. Beginning this fall, Trinity Christian College will launch a new initiative that will provide an opportunity for discussion and learning among retired members of the community. The Senior Academy of Learning at Trinity (SALT) is modeled after similar lifelong learning programs at other colleges.

The program will present two different classes on three successive Thursday afternoons from 3:30 to 4:45 beginning Oct. 13th. Unlike typical adult education courses, SALT will draw upon the talents and knowledge of the retirement community to shape course content and lead classes. In addition, class members will take occasional off-campus trips to cultural and historic destinations.

Trinity President Steve Timmermans envisions SALT as a way of extending the college's mission into the community by presenting a high-quality, stimulating series of courses that appeal to senior learners. "Trinity is in a unique position to make its resources available to seniors who are interested in exploring new ideas, improving skills, and discussing worthwhile topics together," he said.

The first series leads class members down two different paths: "Discovering Your Family History" explores ways to research and trace a personal genealogy; "Christianity Behind Bars" examines the impact of organizations like Prison Fellowship and other efforts to disciple men and women living in prison populations.

Advance registrations are now being accepted by calling Debby Vincent at (708) 239-4793; the course fee of \$20 may be paid at the first class. Both classes will be held in the classroom building on Trinity's campus, 6601 W. College Drive in Palos Heights. A complete class schedule can be viewed online at www.trinity.edu/about/salt.html

Illinois Schools Make Change For Charity

Local schools are back in session and gearing up for The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society's annual Pennies for Patients Program, a fundraiser in which students bring in change for a three week period during February or March to raise money for blood cancer research and patient aid.

Pennies for Patients, which raised over \$300,000 in 2005, encourages children to help other children by bringing in money to support patients and survivors in their area. It also rewards students' generosity by giving them a celebratory luncheon and other great prizes for participating.

All proceeds support the society's mission: to cure leukemia, lymphoma, Hodgkin's Disease, and myeloma, and improve the quality of life for patients and their families.

To register one's school, or for more information, visit www.schoolandyouth.org/il or call The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society at (312) 651-7350.

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Beneficiaries can enroll in the new Medicare prescription drug program from Nov. 15th, 2005 to May 15th, 2006. But now is the time for Medicare beneficiaries with limited incomes and limited resources to apply for the extra help, which could save them an average of \$2,100 per year in prescription drug costs.

What you need to know:

- To qualify for the extra help, a person or married couple living together must have limited incomes and resources. For an individual, total annual income must be below \$14,355 and resources limited to \$10,000. The limits for a married couple living together are higher: \$19,245 in combined annual income and \$20,000 in resources. These resources can be slightly higher - an additional \$1,500 per person - if some of the money will be used for burial expenses.
- Some beneficiaries will automatically qualify for the extra financial help. Anyone who has both Medicare and Medicaid, or Medicare and Supplemental Security Income, or anyone whose state pays his or her Medicare premiums, will automatically qualify and will not have to complete an eligibility application.
- Also, it is important that all beneficiaries understand that even if they qualify for the extra help, they still need to enroll in a Medicare-approved prescription drug plan to obtain both coverage and the extra help.
- People who think they might qualify for the extra help can complete an online application at www.socialsecurity.gov. Or they can contact Social Security at 1(800) 772-1213, TTY 1(800) 325-0778, and ask for an application in the mail, or request more information.

So, if you know a Medicare beneficiary - perhaps one of your relatives, a neighbor, a friend, or even you - who could use some extra help with prescription drug costs, find out more about the program and apply for the extra help that is available.

Poetry.com Helps Victims Of Hurricane Katrina

Poetry.com and The International Library of Poetry announced that they will donate \$1 to the American Red Cross for every poem they receive during the month of September. Company spokesman Eric Mueck said, "Our Board of Directors has decided to focus all of our charitable efforts on helping people affected by Hurricane Katrina. The American Red Cross is our nation's premier emergency response organization, and we are confident that they will put our money to good use."

All poetry received will be entered into the International Open Amateur Poetry Contest, where over \$1,000,000 has been awarded to amateur poets.

To enter, send ONE original poem, any subject and any style, to: The International Library of Poetry, Suite 19923, 1 Poetry Plaza, Owings Mills, MD 21117. The poem must be 24 lines or less, and the poet's name and address should appear on the top of the page. Entries must be postmarked or sent via the Internet by Sept. 30th, 2005. You may also enter online at www.poetry.com.

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Veterans And Soldiers News

By Lori Taylor Ph: 708.388.2425

Chairman Buyer Commemorates 60th Anniversary of World War II Victory

Sept. 2nd marked the 60th anniversary of the signal achievement of America's greatest generation. On this day in Tokyo Bay, 1945, the forces of Imperial Japan signed the surrender that ended six years of the global cataclysm known by history as World War II.

We call these men and women, 16 million of whom served in military uniform during the war, and 400,000 of whom died in service, the Greatest Generation. They have earned that name not only because of their victory in world war. For this is the generation that was forged in the crucible of the Great Depression. This is the generation which, after 1945, went to school and bought homes with the GI Bill, and built a new, more prosperous America. This is the generation that revolutionized medicine, supported civil rights, knit our cities with great highways, and pioneered space exploration. This is the generation that stood firm in the face of totalitarian Communism and gave with unmatched generosity to the world's poor.

President Harry S. Truman, in a radio address broadcast that was part of the surrender ceremonies on the deck of the U.S.S. Missouri, in Tokyo Bay, paid tribute to those who made the ultimate sacrifice and who bore the pain of loss. He invoked our nation's consequent obligation and spoke with promise of the future open to us through their sacrifices.

"God grant that in our pride of the hour, we may not forget the hard tasks that are still before us; that we may approach these with the same courage, zeal, and patience with which we faced the trials and problems of the past 4 years.

Our first thoughts, of course—thoughts of gratefulness and deep obligation—go out to those of our loved ones who have been killed or maimed in this terrible war. On land and sea and in the air, American men and women have given their lives so that this day of ultimate victory might come and assure the survival of a civilized world. No victory can make good their loss.

We think of those whom death in this war has hurt, taking from them fathers, husbands, sons, brothers, and sisters whom they loved. No victory can bring back the faces they longed to see.

Only the knowledge that the victory, which these sacrifices have made possible, will be wisely used, can give them any comfort. It is our responsibility—ours, the living—to see to it that this victory shall be a monument worthy of the dead who died to win it."

Truly, this Greatest Generation has delivered. Today we who consider it an honor to ensure them a veterans health care and benefits system worthy of their service and sacrifices offer our simple and heartfelt "Thank you, job well done."

Navy Petty Officer 1st Class Edreal L. Evans, son of Towanda Adams of Dixmoor and Edward Evans of Chicago, was designated an Enlisted Surface Warfare Specialist (ESWS) while serving aboard the amphibious assault ship USS Boxer, home-ported in San Diego. Evans joined the Navy in December 1994.

Jonathan G. Lexow and his wife, Lisa A. Lexow, have been promoted to the rank of staff sergeant in the U.S. Air Force. They are both assigned to Luke Air Force Base, Phoenix, Arizona. Jonathan is an aircraft maintenance weapons systems journeyman assigned to the 62nd Aircraft Maintenance Unit. He is the son of Gene and Patricia Lexow of Midlothian. In 1999, he graduated from Bremen High School in Midlothian. Lisa is a military justice paralegal assigned to the 56th Fighter Wing. She is the daughter of Roger and Marsha Paddock of Clinton, Illinois. In 1999 she graduated from Clinton High School.

Air Force Airman Kathleen M. McNally has graduated from basic training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas. She is the daughter of Diana McNally of Manteno, Illinois and the niece of Dianne Winterberg of Midlothian. Airman McNally is a 2002 graduate of Bremen High School in Midlothian.

Navy Airman Rylon J. Hubbard, a 2002 graduate of Bremen High School in Midlothian returned from a three-month deployment while assigned to the amphibious assault ship USS Saipan, home-ported in Norfolk, Virginia. Hubbard joined the Navy in February 2004.

Navy Seaman Brian J. Brylewski, son of Kathleen and Anthony Brylewski of Burbank, returned from a three month deployment while assigned to the amphibious assault ship USS Saipan, home-ported in Norfolk, Virginia. Brylewski joined the Navy in October 2002.

Navy Seaman Apprentice Juanita Lee, stepdaughter of Kevin Jones of Chicago and niece of Ivan Dixon of Blue Island, recently completed U.S. Navy basic training at Recruit Training Command, Great Lakes. Lee is a 2001 graduate of Harlan High School in Chicago.

Navy Seaman Lauren Gandara, daughter of Alma and Henry Gandara of Oak Forest, recently completed U.S. Navy basic training at Recruit Training Command, Great Lakes. Gandara is a 2003 graduate of Tinley Park High School in Tinley Park.

Navy Seaman David R. Breier, son of Karen and Rich Breier of Alsip, recently completed basic training at Recruit Training Command, Great Lakes. Breier is a 1995 graduate of Marist High School in Chicago.

Navy Seaman Cary E. Outlaw, son of Denise Outlaw of Dixmoor, recently completed U.S. Navy basic training at Recruit Training Command, Great Lakes. Outlaw is a 2005 graduate of Thornton Township High School in Harvey.

Congratulations to Ray Perisin of Homer Glen who recently was awarded the Purple Heart and Bronze Star. Somehow Perisin's eligibility was overlooked and he has now received the long overdue medals. Perisin served with the 99th Infantry Division in 1944. Reportedly his daughter-in-law Joan Perisin contacted U.S. Rep. Ray LaHood of Peoria and explained the situation and the medals were issued within a few weeks. We might add, they are well deserved and we are glad you finally received them, Ray.

Mark your calendar to save Monday, Oct. 17th to attend a "Dinner Is Served" event at Johnson Phelps VFW Post 5220, 9514 S. 52nd Ave. in Oak Lawn. The event is being sponsored by the VFW Auxiliary to Post 5220 to raise funds for the Oak Lawn Police and Fire Departments. The cost is \$7 per person. No tickets will be sold at the door or after Oct. 10th. To obtain tickets call Patricia Hewitt at (708) 422-4475 or Dorothy Hejl at (708) 423-5220.

Good-bye for this week. God bless you and God bless America.

F-16 Emergency Appeal Filed

Attorney General Lisa Madigan, on behalf of Gov. Rod R. Blagojevich, on Sept. 7th filed an emergency appeal with the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit of the decision that dismissed the governor's lawsuit to stop U.S. Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld and the Defense Base Closure and Realignment Commission (BRAC) from moving F-16 aircraft from and otherwise realigning the 183rd Fighter Wing in Springfield.

Gov. Blagojevich and Attorney General Madigan have said that the Pentagon's May 13th recommendation, which the BRAC also endorsed, violates federal law, which dictates that the governor must give his consent for this type of realignment. This latest legal action follows a lawsuit that was filed in federal court on July 21st seeking to block the Pentagon's initial recommendation.

Legal counsel for the BRAC recently issued a memo in which he fully agreed with the legal arguments that Gov. Blagojevich and Attorney General Madigan have been making all along. BRAC Deputy General Counsel Dan Cowhig wrote that no change in the organizational structure of an Air National Guard Unit can take place without the consent of the state's governor.

The Springfield Air National Guard Base offers unique training opportunities for our military that are second to none and a highly strategic location for homeland security missions for both Illinois and the entire Midwest. Illinois is also home to 11 nuclear power plants that provide 50 percent of our power generation. Further, Illinois has 28 locks and dams on the Illinois, Mississippi and Ohio rivers. If these recommendations are adopted, these vital assets, and many others, will be at greater risk without the F-16s in Springfield. This would also leave Illinois with only two Air National Guard flying units, which is the same number as several states with much smaller populations, including Alaska, Arkansas and Hawaii.

The Air Force's own analysis also shows that taking the F-16s out of Springfield will actually cost the taxpayers \$10 million and will never produce any savings.

The governor has been leading a coordinated effort for nearly three years with the Illinois Congressional Delegation, other elected officials and local leaders to prevent Illinois' military bases from ending up on the BRAC list. He consistently has stressed that these actions are a threat to our national and homeland security and are not cost effective.

The Commission must have publicly released its final BRAC report by Sept. 8th and have sent it to President Bush. The President has until Sept. 23rd to approve or disprove the list. The BRAC list must then be sent to Congress by Nov. 7th, who must also approve or disprove the list.



VFW State President

A luncheon was held in honor of Ruth Ann Smit (center) the state president of the VFW Auxiliary, Department of Illinois, at the Bremen VFW Post 2791 in Tinley Park on Saturday, Sept. 10th. The event was attended by VFW and auxiliary members from throughout the state of Illinois. Bringing her greetings are her employer Patrick O'Connor (left), Rest Haven Central Administrator, and Leon Barnes (right), state VFW Commander, Department of Illinois.

Being Dutch through and through Ruth's theme for the year is "Wooden Shoe Do Anything For Our Veterans," and her cancer pin is red and white tulips tied with a blue bow. The cancer pin is being sold for \$3 with proceeds going to the Cancer Aid and Research Program. A 50/50 raffle was held at the dinner for Ruth's special project, the Patriotic Art Endowment Fund of Illinois.

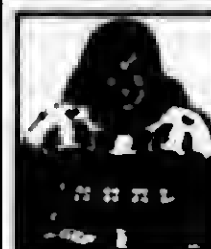
Maggie Davis, a past 16th district president and department United Cerebral Palsy chairman from Owen W. Winter Jr. VFW Auxiliary 4241 in Oak Forest was the general chairman. Sharon Thomas, 16th district chaplain from Alsip VFW Auxiliary 450, presented the invocation and benediction. Many 16th district post and auxiliary members served on the committee including 16th district commander John Dndash of Palos Heights VFW Post 7454 and Mary Jayne Fitzpatrick, 16th district president from Owen W. Winter Jr. Auxiliary 4241.

Ruth is a resident of Chicago Ridge and a member of the Alsip VFW Auxiliary 450.

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Center For Transportation Research Announced

On behalf of Gov. Rod R. Blagojevich, the Illinois Dept. of Transportation on Sept. 9th announced the creation of a state-of-the-art research program at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign designed to produce safer, less congested highways, more environmentally friendly transportation solutions and longer lasting roads. The state is providing \$6.6 million over the first three years to build the Illinois Center for Transportation, or ICT.

The ICT will be a part of the Advanced Transportation Research and Education Laboratory in the University of Illinois' Dept. of Civil Engineering. Under the cooperative agreement, the Center will be administered by UIUC under the direction of IDOT. It will provide state-of-the-art facilities for training public and private-sector transportation professionals and provide research opportunities for students. IDOT and UIUC have a cooperative research program dating back to 1941.

The focus of ICT will be outreach, education and research to solve transportation problems, reduce congestion and improve safety and efficiency. The research activities undertaken at the ICT will play a major role in maintaining and operating a premier transportation system, as well as promoting economic development.

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The total cost for the first three years of ICT is \$8.8 million, with IDOT providing a majority of its \$6.6 million share through federal highway dollars, specifically earmarked for research purposes. The University of Illinois is providing the local match of \$2.2 million to get the program underway.

A unique feature of ICT is that, even though it is administered by UIUC, a portion of the funding must be outsourced to schools outside of the University of Illinois system. This is intended to develop cooperative relationships with other Illinois universities and expose more students to transportation research.

Alice's Restaurant, Massacre Tour

On Tuesday, Feb. 28th, 2006 at 8 p.m. folk-master Arlo Guthrie brings his 40th Anniversary Alice's Restaurant Massacre Tour to Symphony Center as part of the 2005-06 Symphony Center Presents Special Concerts series. Tickets are on sale now.

Born in Brooklyn, New York, Arlo Guthrie is the eldest son of singer/writer/philosopher Woody Guthrie and Marjorie Mazia Guthrie, a professional dancer with the Martha Graham Company. Growing up surrounded by music, Mr. Guthrie gave his first public performance at age 13. His musical career exploded in 1967 with the release of Alice's Restaurant, whose title song helped foster a new commitment among the 1960s generation to social consciousness and activism. He went on to star in the 1969 Hollywood film version of Alice's Restaurant, directed by Arthur Penn.

Over the last four decades, Mr. Guthrie has toured throughout North America, Europe, Asia and Australia. In addition to playing the piano, six and twelve-string guitar, harmonica, and a dozen other instruments, Arlo Guthrie is a natural storyteller, whose tales and anecdotes figure prominently in his performances.

Arlo Guthrie's 40th Anniversary Alice's Restaurant Massacre Tour will take place on Tuesday, Feb. 28th at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$25-\$45 and may be purchased by calling PhoneCharge at (312) 294-3000, or by visiting either the CSO's Web site at www.cso.org or the Symphony Center Box Office at 220 S. Michigan Ave., Chicago, IL 60604. For group rates, call (312) 294-3040. Artists, programs and ticket prices are subject to change.

NAMI Meeting

The rights of individuals with mental illnesses will be addressed at the September membership/educational meeting of NAMI South Suburbs of Chicago. Deneen Brooks, civil rights coordinator for the Illinois Guardianship and Advocacy Commissions, will be the featured speaker at the Thursday, Sept. 22nd meeting at 7 p.m. in the Church of Christ, 206th St. & Crawford in Matteson.

Ms. Brooks will tell about her organization's unique mission and the power it has - and uses - to investigate complaints of rights violations and abuse, as well as actions taken to rectify situations found to be in violation of state and federal laws protecting people with disabilities. Ms. Brooks will answer specific questions from the audience and discuss procedures people can use to report what they see as abusive or in violation of laws protecting people with mental and physical disabilities.

There are no fees for NAMI meetings, which are open to anyone who would like to attend. For more information about this meeting, NAMI or its other educational programs, call John Rowley at (708) 798-3862.

Meet Educational Needs Of Hurricane Victims

A provision authored by U.S. Rep. Judy Biggert (R-IL-13) in the 2001 No Child Left Behind Act could serve as a critical first step in meeting the educational needs of elementary and secondary students displaced by Hurricane Katrina.

Biggert, a member of the House Committee on Education and the Workforce, sponsored legislation included in the No Child Left Behind Act that created the Education for Homeless Children and Youth Program. The program requires that school districts immediately enroll homeless children, including victims of natural disasters, without waiting for proof of residency, birth certificates and immunization records. This provides children with much-needed stability and allows for the delivery of other critical services such as healthcare and counseling.

The Education for Homeless Children and Youth Program also addresses school transportation issue, assures that eligible children participate in federal, state and local food programs, and allows for frequent moving as evacuated families find more permanent housing.

In addition, the program contains a funding structure that efficiently distributes federal dollars to the local level. In doing so, it will provide a simple,

traceable system that can ensure that funding is targeted proportionally to the state and local educational agencies serving students displaced by Hurricane Katrina.

On Sept. 7th, Biggert sent a letter to House and Senate appropriators requesting that they direct the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to provide an appropriate amount of funding for the Dept. of Education to ensure the continued education of students displaced by Hurricane Katrina.

In the days to come, Biggert will continue to work with House appropriators, FEMA and the White House to see that state and local school districts have the appropriate funding to meet the immediate educational and social service needs of homeless children displaced by Hurricane Katrina.

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Calling All Camp Fire Alumni!

Camp Fire USA Metropolitan Chicago Council will host an alumni reunion luncheon on Saturday, Oct. 15th at The Cotillion in Palatine. All past and present Camp Fire members, leaders, volunteers, staff, board members and friends are invited to attend.

This event celebrates the 95th anniversary of the founding of Camp Fire USA in 1910. Originally Camp Fire Girls, the organization was the first interracial nondenominational organization for girls in the United States. Camp Fire became co-ed in 1975.

The Metropolitan Chicago Council was founded in 1912 and today serves approximately 4,000 children each year in Cook, Lake and McHenry Counties with club programs, self-reliance classes and special events.

The reunion will feature displays of Camp Fire memorabilia, songs and a fashion show of historic Camp Fire uniforms.

Tickets are \$20 per person, and reservations must be made by Oct. 5th. There will be no tickets available at the door. Call (312) 263-6218, ext. 1, for information, or go to www.campfirechicago.org.

Courage Program Holds Golf Outing

The Courage Program is seeking sponsors and golfers for its 4th Annual Golf Outing. The date is set for Sunday, Oct. 2nd at Old Oak Golf Club, 143rd and Parker Road in Homer Glen. Check-in is at noon with a shotgun start at 1 p.m. Proceeds will help fund the various programs offered by The Courage Program to single pregnant women and those who are single parenting.

The Courage Program, based in Oak Lawn, has been in existence for 25 years. It assists young single women and their children from the southwest side of Chicago and all the southwest suburbs. It provides volunteer mentoring, GED classes, job assistance, housing, prenatal care, diapers, formula, baby clothes and furniture.

A golf sponsorship is a direct, meaningful way to help The Courage Program continue its programs. All donations are totally tax-deductible.

Sponsorships include: hole sponsor: \$150; beverage cart sponsor: \$300; putting green sponsor: \$200; lunch sponsor: \$500; bar sponsor: \$1,000.

Sponsors will be acknowledged by signage and in the program the day of the event.

Golfing is \$125, including 18 holes, cart, refreshments on the course, lunch, prizes, and a buffet dinner. Dinner only is \$50. The annual lottery drawing will be held that evening with a top prize of \$2,000.

For further information, call The Courage Office at (708) 636-8001.

Moraine Valley Observatory To Post Open Viewing

Moraine Valley Community College will host an open viewing on Friday, Sept. 23rd at 7:30 p.m. at the college's observatory in the Nature Study area on campus, 10900 S. 88th Ave. in Palos Hills.

Viewers will be able to see the planet Venus low in the southwest, a number of binary stars, open-star clusters as well as globular-star clusters, planetary nebula, and then later in the evening Mars and the last quarter moon.

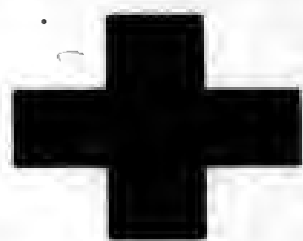
Tom McCague, retired associate professor, will host the viewing. An amateur astronomer for more than 40 years, he built the observatory's telescope using common hardware store items and donated it to the college in the fall of 2003. The telescope, a 67-foot Newtonian reflecting model, is 13 inches in diameter and took 14 months to build.

The telescope is housed in a dome on the G. Jack Bradley Observation Deck, located in the northwest corner of the college's Nature Study Area, near 107th St. and Kean Ave. Observers are asked to park near the college's tennis courts, then follow the signs to the observatory.

Because of the outdoor location of the telescope, interested observers are reminded to dress appropriately for the weather, and to bring binoculars if they have them. Viewing will be canceled in the event of inclement weather such as clouds or rain.

The final viewing for 2005 will be held on Oct. 21st at 7 p.m.

Moraine Valley's observatory is used as a teaching tool, not only for the college, but also for local schools and community groups. For more information or to schedule a campus visit or field trip, call Mark Horstmeyer at (708) 974-5275.



American Red Cross

Together, we can save a life

In times of disaster, the American Red Cross immediately mobilizes workers and supplies to address the urgent, critical needs of disaster victims, which include providing emergency shelter, food, water, counseling and other assistance.

The Red Cross response to Hurricane Katrina is the largest response to a single, natural disaster in the 125-year history of the organization.

Already the American Red Cross has provided a safe haven for nearly 77,000 evacuees in more than 275 Red Cross shelters spanning 8 states - Alabama, Mississippi, Louisiana, Texas, Tennessee, Arkansas, Florida and Georgia.

To Donate: Call 1-800-HELP NOW or 1-800-257-7575 (Spanish). Contributions to the Disaster Relief Fund may be sent to your local American Red Cross chapter or to the American Red Cross, P. O. Box 37243, Washington, DC 20013.

Internet users can make a secure online contribution by visiting www.redcross.org.

All American Red Cross disaster assistance is free, made possible by voluntary donations of time and money from the American people. You can help the victims of this disaster and thousands of other disasters across the country each year by making a financial gift to the American Red Cross Disaster Relief Fund, which enables the Red Cross to provide shelter, food, counseling and other assistance to those in need.

This message brought to you by the Illinois Press Association and this newspaper.

Eight New Cases Of West Nile Virus Confirmed

Dr. Eric E. Whitaker, state public health director, announced eight new West Nile disease cases have been identified in state, bringing to 131 the number of cases reported so far this year in the Illinois.

The new cases are: a woman from Chicago, a woman from suburban Cook County, two women from DuPage County, and a man from Lake County who were hospitalized with West Nile neuroinvasive disease; two men from suburban Cook County diagnosed with West Nile fever; and a man from suburban Cook County with West Nile disease.

The state's other cases of West Nile disease have been from Chicago (22), Suburban Cook County (64), and the counties of DuPage (17), Kane (8), Lake (3), McHenry (1), Peoria (4), St. Clair (1) and Will (3). There have been two West Nile disease fatalities reported this year - a 92-year-old woman from suburban Cook County who died Aug. 2 and an 85-year-old man from Lake County who died Sept. 5.

West Nile Virus is transmitted through the bite of a mosquito that has picked up the virus by feeding on an infected bird. Most people with the virus have no clinical symptoms of illness, but some may become ill three to 14 days after the bite of an infected mosquito.

Only about two persons out of 10 who are bitten by an infected mosquito will experience any illness. Illness from West Nile disease is usually mild and includes fever, headache and body aches, but serious illness, such as neuroinvasive disease, and death are

possible.

Neuroinvasive disease is the most severe form of West Nile virus and affects a person's nervous system. Specific types of neuroinvasive disease include: West Nile encephalitis, West Nile meningitis or West Nile meningoencephalitis. Encephalitis refers to an inflammation of the brain, meningitis is an inflammation of the membrane around the brain and the spinal cord, and meningoencephalitis refers to inflammation of the brain and the membrane surrounding it. Persons older than 50 years of age have the highest risk of severe disease.

Anyone who develops symptoms such as high fever, confusion, muscle weakness, severe headaches or stiff neck should see a doctor immediately. These symptoms may indicate meningitis or encephalitis, two potentially life-threatening illnesses. Diagnosis is made through a blood test, but no specific medication exists to treat or cure the disease.

For more WNV prevention information or to report a dead bird or animal, call CCDPH at (708) 492-2650, or visit these sites:

www.cookcountypublichealth.org

www.cdc.gov/ncidod/dvbid/westnile/index.htm

www.idph.state.il.us/envhealth/wnv.htm

The Illinois Department of Public Health has established a toll-free information line on WNV: (866) 369-9710.

List Of Events Scheduled At Autumn Green

Autumn Green at Midway Village, a senior community at 6700 S. Keating Ave., Chicago, is holding several events in the next few months.

- A "Keep 'Em Warm Blanket Project" will take place at 11 a.m. Saturdays, Sept. 3 to 24. Attendees will help make fleece blankets for those in need.
- A "Doll House Donation Project" for Holy Cross Hospital pediatrics will take place at 3 p.m. Mondays from Sept. 12th to 26th.
- "Living With Diabetes" will be discussed by Dawn Dever of Home Health of Illinois at 1 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 15th.
- A free "Monthly Ear Care" program will be conducted by Dr. Robert Hanson of Miracle Ear from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 20th.
- A "Hot Dog and Bingo Bash" will begin at 1 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 29th.
- "Modern Grandparenting ... Challenges and

Satisfaction" will be held at 1 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 13th. Anne Zeidman of Metropolitan Family Service of DuPage will present the program. Zeidman reportedly has conducted a grandparents support group since the 1990s.

An "Autumn Green Holiday Shopping Fair" will take place from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 5th. Vendors will have on sale artwork and unusual gifts.

Registration for the preceding events is required by calling (773) 582-2888.

Strategy For Managing Knowledge Workers

Knowledge workers craft strategy, spur innovation, interact with customers and drive company growth. How they measure success, view their organizations and find motivation differ from traditional workers.

Yet many organizations continue to use management techniques designed for the Industrial Age.

Benedictine University's College of Business will host a Harvard Business School Webinar titled "Peak Performance Knowledge Workers: Managing a Workforce that Thinks for a Living" from 11:30 a.m. until 1 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 22nd in the Tellabs Lecture Hall in the Birck Hall of Science.

The 90-minute virtual seminar session will be led by Thomas H. Davenport, Ph.D., President's Chair in Information Technology and Management at Babson College in Babson Park, Mass. and Director of Research for Babson Executive Education.

Attendees will learn how to work with knowledge workers' need for autonomy, how to create an environment that fosters excellence, what motivates knowledge workers, and how to improve their performance and productivity.

The Webinar is \$15 per person and open to the public. For more information or to register, contact Jean Geisheker, Office of Conference Services, at (630) 829-6088.

St. Therese Celebration To Be Held At Darien Shrine

A feastday celebration in honor of St. Therese of Lisieux will be held at the National Shrine of St. Therese on Friday, Sept. 30, according to the Rev. Robert Colaresi, O.Carm., director of the Society of the Little Flower.

The celebration will begin with a presentation entitled "The Spirituality of St. Therese" at 9:30 a.m. in the Shrine chapel. The Very Rev. John Welch, O.Carm., provincial superior of the Canadian-American Carmelites, will be the speaker.

A feastday mass will be offered at 11:30 a.m., at nearby Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church. Fr. Welch will be the homilist and principal celebrant.

The celebration will conclude with a prayer service honoring St. Therese at 2 p.m. in the Shrine chapel. Br. Eric Bell, O.Carm., shrine director, will conduct the service.

The National Shrine of St. Therese is located at 8501 Bailey Rd., in Darien. For information, call (630) 969-3311.

Properties Recommended For National Register Of Historic Places

Gov. Rod Blagojevich on Sept. 13th announced recommendations for historic properties to be listed on the National Register of Historic Places. These recommendations, if approved by the National Park Services, would place the properties on the official list of places with national historic significance.

The properties were nominated for listing on the National Register of Historic Places by private citizens and reviewed by the Illinois Historic Sites Advisory Council at its quarterly meeting on Sept. 9th in Urbana. The Council, an unpaid organization with members appointed by the Illinois Historic Preservation Agency (IHPA), reviewed each application and recommended all for approval. These recommendations will be submitted by the IHPA to the National Park Service, where a final determination about listing on the National Register will be made later this year.

Properties in Cook and Will counties recommended for National Register listing include: Pacesetter Gardens Historic District, Riverdale; Rogers Park Manor Bungalow Historic District, Chicago; Carlson-Anderson Apartment Building, Chicago; Ouillmette North Historic District, Wilmette; Downtown Peotone Historic District, Peotone.

Madigan Announces Indictments For Gross Negligence

Attorney General Lisa Madigan recently announced that a Cook County Grand Jury has returned indictments against a nursing home doctor and the Cook County nursing home facility where he worked on charges related to the death of a patient in their care.

Madigan said the indictments, returned on Wednesday, Sept. 7th, charge Forest Park, L.L.C., and Care Centers, Inc., doing business as The Pavillion of Forest Park nursing home, and Jason Garti, M.D., former medical director and wound care doctor at The Pavillion, with multiple charges of gross neglect of a long term care facility resident. Forest Park, L.L.C., and Care Centers, Inc. were indicted as the licensee and owner of The Pavillion, respectively.

The charges are the result of an investigation by the Illinois State Police Medicaid Fraud Control Unit. The investigation began after the Dept. of Public Health was contacted by emergency room personnel at Loyola Medical Center. According to the indictments, on Sept. 11th, 2002, a resident at The Pavillion was transported by ambulance to the emergency room at Loyola Hospital, where it was discovered the patient had a large area of decubitus ulcers - commonly known as bed sores.

The indictments charge Garti with two counts of gross neglect of a long term care facility resident, a Class 4 felony, punishable by one to three years in the Illinois Dept. of Corrections. The two entities, Forest Park, L.L.C., and Care Centers, Inc., were each charged with multiple counts of gross neglect of a long term care facility resident. If convicted, the charges may result in the closure of the nursing home.

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The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale. The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information. For information contact Plaintiff's Attorney: The Sale Clerk, CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 N. Frontage Road, Suite 100, Burr Ridge, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876 Ext. 1320. Please refer to file number 14-05-1991. NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act you are advised that Plaintiff's Attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. 140328C	IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Commercial Federal Bank, Plaintiff, vs. Jennifer L. Zawisza a/k/a Jennifer L. Cochrane, et al., Defendants. No. 05Ch-2809. PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on May 17, 2005, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Tuesday, September 27, 2005, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 W. Madison St., Suite 718A, Chicago, IL, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described property: Commonly known as: 14522 Sherman Ave., Posen, IL 60469. The improvement on the property consists of a single family residence with a separate two car garage. Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, by certified funds. No refunds. The judgment amount was \$101,906.25. The property will NOT be open for inspection. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the premises after confirmation of the sale. For information: Visit our website at http://service.atty-pierce.com, between 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. only. Pierce & Associates, Plaintiff's Attorneys, One N. Dearborn St., Ste. 1300, Chicago, IL 60602. Tel. No. (312) 476-5500. PIERCE & ASSOCIATES File No. PA0501473. 139958C	IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Chase Manhattan Mortgage Corporation, Plaintiff, vs. Richard E. Hulsey a/k/a Richard Edward Hulsey, et al., Defendants. Case No. 05Ch-841. PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on July 5, 2005, The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 a.m. on October 7, 2005, in its office at 33 N. Dearborn St., 10th Floor, Chicago, IL 60602-3100, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as: 14735 S. Harrison Ave., Posen, IL 60469. The real estate is improved with a single family residence 1.5 stories brick beige separate 2 car garage. The judgment amount was \$134,123.36. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; the balance, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale. The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information. For information: Visit our website at http://service.atty-pierce.com, between the hours of 3 and 5 pm only. PIERCE & ASSOCIATES, Plaintiff's Attorneys, One N. Dearborn St., Ste. 1300, Chicago, IL 60602, (312) 476-5500. Please refer to file number PA0500051. 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The mortgaged real estate is improved with a single family residence and will NOT be open for inspection. The judgment amount was \$159,287.35. Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance, by certified funds, within 24 hours. The sale shall be subject to general taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and any prior first mortgages. The subject property is offered for sale without any representation as to quality of title or recourse to Plaintiff. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information. For information: Sale Clerk, Shapiro & Kreisman, 4201 Lake Cook Road, 1st Floor, Northbrook, IL 60062. (847) 498-9990, between the hours of 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. only, 139219C
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as Nominee for St. Francis Mortgage Corporation and/or its successors, Plaintiff, vs. Tara Voytyshyn, et al., Defendant. Case No. 05Ch-4569. PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on May 2, 2005, The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 a.m. on October 18, 2005, in its office at 33 N. Dearborn St., 10th Floor, Chicago, IL 60602-3100, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as: 11012 S. Major Ave., Chicago Ridge, IL 60415. The real estate is improved with a single family residence. The judgment amount was \$137,743.90. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; the balance, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale. The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information. For information contact Plaintiff's Attorney: The Sale Clerk, CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 N. Frontage Road, Suite 100, Burr Ridge, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876 Ext. 1320. Please refer to file number 14-05-2758. NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act you are advised that Plaintiff's Attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. 138232C	IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Mortgage Clearing Corporation, Plaintiff, vs. Vickii Lyn Tines, et al., Defendants. Case No. 02Ch-11632. PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on July 15, 2003, The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 a.m. on October 12, 2005, in its office at 33 N. Dearborn St., 10th Floor, Chicago, IL 60602-3100, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as: 3712 W. 86th Place, Chicago, IL 60652. The real estate is improved with a single family residence. The judgment amount was \$132,905.42. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; the balance, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate, water bills, etc., and any prior mortgages of record and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to plaintiff and in "as is" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. Upon payment in full of the bid amount, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale. The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information. For information contact Plaintiff's Attorney: The sales clerk, SHAPIRO & KREISMAN, 4201 Lake Cook Road, Northbrook, IL 60062, (847) 498-9990, between the hours of 1:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. only. Please refer to file number 01-0799D. NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act you are advised that Plaintiff's Attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. 138316C	IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., Plaintiff, vs. Mary J. Horkan, et al., Defendants. No. 05Ch-3926. PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above entitled cause on May 4, 2005, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Tuesday, October 11, 2005, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 W. Madison St., Suite 718A, Chicago, IL, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described mortgaged real estate: Commonly known as: 7426 W. 111th St., #611, Worth, IL 60482. The mortgaged real estate is improved with a condominium residence, and will NOT be open for inspection. The judgment amount was \$37,746.00. Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance, by certified funds, within 24 hours. The sale shall be subject to general taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and any prior first mortgages. The subject property is offered for sale without any representation as to quality of title or recourse to Plaintiff. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information. For information: Sale Clerk, Shapiro & Kreisman, 4201 Lake Cook Road, 1st Floor, Northbrook, IL 60062. (847) 498-9990, between the hours of 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. only, 138585C	IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Washington Mutual Bank, FA, Plaintiff, vs. Oscar Diaz, et al., Defendant. Case No. 05Ch-2088. PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on April 25, 2005, The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 a.m. on October 5, 2005, in its office at 33 N. Dearborn St., 10th Floor, Chicago, IL 60602-3100, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as: 4631 W. 82nd St., Chicago, IL 60652. The real estate is improved with a single family residence. The judgment amount was \$169,046.68. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; the balance, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale. The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information. For information contact Plaintiff's Attorney: The Sale Clerk, CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 N. Frontage Road, Suite 100, Burr Ridge, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876 Ext. 1320. Please refer to file number 14-05-1141. NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act you are advised that Plaintiff's Attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. 139847C	IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for First National Bank of Arizona or its successors and assigns, Plaintiff, vs. Antonio Garcia, et al., Defendants. No. 05Ch-1005. PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on June 1, 2005, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Wednesday, September 28, 2005, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 W. Madison St., Suite 718A, Chicago, IL, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described property: Commonly known as: 4663 W. 84th Pl., Chicago, IL 60652. The improvement on the property consists of a single family residence. Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, by certified funds. No refunds. The judgment amount was \$183,242.21. The property will NOT be open for inspection. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the premises after confirmation of the sale. For information: Visit our website at http://service.atty-pierce.com, between 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. only. Pierce & Associates, Plaintiff's Attorneys, One N. Dearborn St., Ste. 1300, Chicago, IL 60602. Tel. No. (312) 476-5500. PIERCE & ASSOCIATES File No. PA0500023. 139956C	IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Chase Home Finance LLC, successor by merger to Chase Manhattan Mortgage Corporation, Plaintiff, vs. Chester M. Hudson, et al., Defendants. Case No. 05Ch-2715. PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on May 23, 2005, The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 a.m. on October 7, 2005, in its office at 33 N. Dearborn St., 10th Floor, Chicago, IL 60602-3100, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as: 2749 W. 90th Pl., Evergreen Park, IL 60805. The real estate is improved with a brown brick alum frame single family w/ 1.5 stories separate 2 car garage. The judgment amount was \$171,555.84. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; the balance, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale. The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information. For information: Visit our website at http://service.atty-pierce.com, between the hours of 3 and 5 pm only. PIERCE & ASSOCIATES, Plaintiff's Attorneys, One N. Dearborn St., Ste. 1300, Chicago, IL 60602, (312) 476-5500. Please refer to file number PA0501077. 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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division: Aurora Loan Services, Plaintiff, vs. Brian Crawford a/k/a Brian P. Crawford, et al., Defendant. Case No. 05Ch-3117.

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on June 6, 2005, The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 a.m. on October 4, 2005, in its office at 33 N. Dearborn St., 10th Floor, Chicago, IL 60602-3100, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

Commonly known as: 12620 S. Alpine Dr., Unit 5, Alsip, IL 60803.

The real estate is improved with a condominium.

The judgment amount was \$73,264.52.

Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; the balance, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours.

The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.

The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information.

For information contact Plaintiff's Attorney: The Sale Clerk, CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 N. Frontage Road, Suite 100, Burr Ridge, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876 Ext. 1320. Please refer to file number 14-05-1724.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as Nominee for Aegis Mortgage Corporation, Plaintiff, vs. Debra A. Jackson, et al., Defendant. No. 05Ch-3401.

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on May 18, 2005, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Thursday, September 29, 2005, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 W. Madison St., Suite 718A, Chicago, IL, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described mortgaged real estate:

Commonly known as: 3736 W. 86th St., Chicago, IL 60652.

The improvement on the property consists of a single family residence.

Sale terms: Bidders must present, at the time of sale, a cashier's or certified check for 10% of the successful bid amount. The balance of the successful bid shall be paid within 24 hours, by similar funds.

The property will NOT be open for inspection.

For information call Ms. Diane Thomas, at Plaintiff's Attorney, Freedman, Anselmo, Lindberg and Rappe, 1807 W. Diehl Road, Naperville, IL 60566-7107. 630/983-0770. 139914C

REAL ESTATE

Houses For Sale

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division: Green Tree Servicing, LLC f/k/a Conesco Finance Servicing Corp. f/k/a Green Tree Financial Servicing Corporation, Plaintiff, vs. Darrell F. Jados, et al., Defendants. Case No. 05Ch-3410.

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on May 16, 2005, The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 a.m. on October 7, 2005, in its office at 33 N. Dearborn St., 10th Floor, Chicago, IL 60602-3100, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

Commonly known as: 3726 W. 80th Pl., Chicago, IL 60652.

The real estate is improved with a red brick single family home with detached garage.

The judgment amount was \$48,232.39.

Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; the balance, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours.

The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.

The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information.

For information: Visit our website at <http://service.atty.pierce.com>, between the hours of 3 and 5 pm only. PIERCE & ASSOCIATES, Plaintiff's Attorneys, One N. Dearborn St., Ste. 1300, Chicago, IL 60602, (312) 476-5500. Please refer to file number PA0501725.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division: Beneficial Illinois, Inc. d/b/a Beneficial Mortgage Co. of Illinois, Plaintiff, vs. Houghson Gillette, et al., Defendants. No. 04Ch-16914.

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on June 1, 2005, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Tuesday, September 27, 2005, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 W. Madison St., Suite 718A, Chicago, IL, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described mortgaged real estate:

Commonly known as: 4116 W. 136th, Robbins, IL 60472.

The improvement on the property consists of a single family residence.

Sale terms: Bidders must present, at the time of sale, a cashier's or certified check for 10% of the successful bid amount. The balance of the successful bid shall be paid within 24 hours, by similar funds.

The property will NOT be open for inspection.

For information call Mr. James A. Larson at Plaintiff's Attorney, Larson & Nierling, 11 S. LaSalle St., Chicago, IL 60603, (312) 422-0057. 139979C

REAL ESTATE

Houses For Sale

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as nominee for Household Finance Corporation III, Plaintiff, vs. Shaneka Means, et al., Defendant. No. 05Ch-3696.

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on April 26, 2005, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Tuesday, October 11, 2005, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 W. Madison St., Suite 718A, Chicago, IL, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described mortgaged real estate:

Commonly known as: 2956 W. 81st St., Chicago, IL 60652.

The improvement on the property consists of a single family residence.

Sale terms: Bidders must present, at the time of sale, a cashier's or certified check for 10% of the successful bid amount. The balance of the successful bid shall be paid within 24 hours, by similar funds.

The property will NOT be open for inspection.

For information call Ms. Diane Thomas at Plaintiff's Attorney, Freedman, Anselmo, Lindberg and Rappe, 1807 W. Diehl Road, Naperville, IL 60566-7107. 630/983-0770. 138592C

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division: Countrywide Home Loans, Inc., Plaintiff, vs. Osvaldo Garcia, et al., Defendants. No. 04Ch-16841.

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on July 5, 2005, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Friday, October 7, 2005, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 W. Madison St., Suite 718A, Chicago, IL, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described property:

Commonly known as: 3651 W. 79th Place, Chicago, IL 60652.

The improvement on the property consists of a single family residence with a separate one and one half car garage.

Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, by certified funds. No refunds.

The judgment amount was \$108,685.20.

The property will NOT be open for inspection.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale which will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the premises after confirmation of the sale.

For information: Visit our website at <http://service.atty.pierce.com>, between 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. only. PIERCE & ASSOCIATES, Plaintiff's Attorneys, One N. Dearborn St., Ste. 1300, Chicago, IL 60602. Tel. No. (312) 476-5500. File No. PA0407871. 139188C

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TRAVEL NEWS

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Wisconsin State Fair Park is holding a series of events this month.

Fall skating school will begin Sat-urday, Sept. 10th, at the Pettit National Ice Center. Fees will be determined for the individual class or program. Further information is available by calling (414) 266-0100 Ext. 108.

The free 2005 4-H Horse Show will take place from 8 a.m. to 9 a.m. Thursdays and from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. Fridays to Sundays from Sept. 13th to 18th at the Coliseum and Livestock Barns. Further information is available by calling (414) 266-7000.

Halloween Express will take place from Thursday, Sept. 15th, to Thurs-day, Nov. 1st, at the north parking lot. Hours and admission fees will be determined later. Further information is available by calling (414) 259-0980.

The NARI Fall and Remodeling Show will take place from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. Friday and Saturday, Sept. 16th and 17th, and from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 18th, at the Wisconsin Exposition Center. Admission fee is \$5 in advance or \$7 at the door, or \$5 for seniors age 55 and older and on Senior Day Sept. 16th, \$4 at the door. Children age 12 and younger may attend free. Further information is available by calling (414) 771-4071.

An Intergalactic Bead and Jewelry Show will be held from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 17th and 18th, at Tommy G. Thompson Youth Center. Admission fees are \$5 Sept. 17th and \$4 Sept. 18th. Further information is available by calling (678) 924-0818.

A Latin Music Festival is scheduled from noon to midnight Sept. 17th and from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Sept. 18th. Admission is \$6. Further information is available by calling (414) 297-9050 or by visiting www.latin-musicfest.org.

The Great Rivers Byway

Located at the confluence of the Mississippi, Illinois and Missouri rivers, the Meeting of the Great rivers Byway stretches 55 miles and, in early September, offers gorgeous views of Southern Illinois' rich fall foliage.

The route also allows visitors to discover the region's natural and historical heritage, particularly in the historic town of Alton. For instance, in 1673, French explorer Father Jacques Marquette discovered a large pictograph on the bluffs along the Mississippi that represented the Piasa bird, a monster in Native American folklore.

Visitors can learn about the legend of the Piasa bird at the Alton Museum of History and Art and then follow the route southward to see a modern artist's rendition of the pictograph on the side of the cliff.

For families desiring to extend their time

A free World Beef Expo 2005 will take place from Thursday to Sunday, Sept. 22nd to 25th, at Coliseum and Livestock Barns. Further information is available by calling (800) 884-FA1R.

The Badger Kart Club will meet from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. from Friday to Sunday, Sept. 23rd to 25th, at the Milwaukee Mile. Further information is available by calling (414) 328-8903.

A free pinball auction will be held Sept. 23rd and 24th, at the Wisconsin Products Pavilion. Hours will be announced later. Further information is available by calling (714) 535-7000.

A free harvest fair is scheduled from 4 to 11 p.m. Sept. 23rd; from 10 a.m. to 11 p.m. Sept. 24th; and from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Sept. 25th, at Central Mall and 4 Square. Further information is available by calling (414) 266-7000 or by visiting www.wistatefair.com.

The Wisconsin Manufacturing and Machine Tool Show will take place from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday and Wednesday, Sept. 27th and 28th, and from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 29th, at the Wisconsin Exposition Center. To register, call (800) 367-5520. Further information is available by calling (800) 367-5520.

The Richard Petty Driving School will be held from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday to Sunday, Sept. 30th to Oct 2nd, at the Milwaukee Mile. Further information is available by calling (800) 237-3889 or by visiting www.bepetty.com.

Hauntfest is scheduled from Sept. 30th to Sunday, Oct. 30th, at the Master Spas Pavilion and DNR Area. Hours and admission will be announced later. Further information is available by calling (414) 282-3866.

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Hungry motorists can stop at one of more than 40 historic cafés and restaurants scattered along the route, including the Old Log Cabin Restaurant in Pontiac, home to countless Route 66 items and offering down-home cooking at affordable prices.

An ideal time to careen down Route 66 is during the International Route 66 Mother Road Festival, held September 30th through October 2nd in Springfield. This annual event gathers thousands of vintage car enthusiasts worldwide, and features hundreds of classic vehicles, live entertainment and one-of-a-kind exhibits that line the streets of the state capital.

For more details, contact the Springfield Illinois Convention and Visitors Bureau at (800) 545-7300.

Southwest Area Obituaries

Margaret V. Hayes

A memorial service was said Saturday at the Hickey Memorial Chapel, Midlothian, with interment at Cedar Park Cemetery, for Margaret V. "Marge" Hayes, currently of Florida. She worked many years as the Midlothian Police Dept. Dispatcher. She was a founding member of the Midlothian Fire Dept. Auxiliary.

She is survived by her children, Carol (Don) Nelson, Carl (Kathy) Mayes, Art (Sandy), Ed (Colleen and Tom (Gwen); her sister, LaVerne Daeshler, her brother, Herman Van Derwall; 16 Grandchildren; and 25 great-grandchildren.

Jacqueline M. McKay

Mass was held Wednesday at St. Christopher Church, Midlothian, with interment at Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery, for Jacqueline M. McKay. She was a homemaker.

She is survived by her children Leslie (Mark) Williams, Elizabeth (Paul) Peters, Lauren (Tom) Puttkammer and Robert McKay; her sister, Nancy Hoffee; her brother Daniel McKee; and nine grandchildren.

Clara H. Doot

Services were held Wednesday at the Colonial Chapel, Orland Park, with interment at Beverly Cemetery, for Clara H. Doot, 81.

She is survived by her husband, Martin; her children Dorothy Hanahan, Kenneth (Barbara) and Diane (James) Boerema; seven grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

Stella J. Malozienc

Services were held Tuesday at the Lawn Funeral Home, Burbank, with interment at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery for Stella J. Malozienc.

She is survived by her children Julie (Paul) Noce and Gerald (Anna) Malozienc; four grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; her brother, Clarence (Arlene) Lembke; and her sisters, Betty (Constance) Pawlicki and Edith Mae Chesney.

Sophie J. O'Neill

Mass was said Wednesday at St. Terence Church, Alsip, with interment at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery for Sophie J. O'Neill.

She is survived by her children, James (Pat) John, Pat (Rick) Barz and Dan; and five grandchildren.

Mary D. Hyland

Mass was said Wednesday at St. Bernadette Catholic

Church, Evergreen Park, with interment at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery for Mary Danaher Hyland.

She is survived by her children, Mary Therese (Sean) Geraghty, John P. (Patti) Hyland Jr., Carole Ann (Gerard) O'Brien & Colleen Ann (John, C.C.S.D.) Robertson; twelve grandchildren; and her sister, Anna Mae Carmody.

Margaret H. Kletzke

Private services were held at Thompson & Kuenster Funeral Home, Oak Lawn for Margaret H. Kletzke.

She is survived by her children, Bonnie Hillock and Denise Scarpino; four grandchildren; her brothers, Charles, James, William and Gerald Greenfield; her sisters, Patricia and Neola Kletzke & LaVerne Gaertner.

Michael V. Healy

Mass was said Monday at St. Catherine of Alexandria Church, Oak Lawn, with interment at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, for Michael V. Healy. He was a native of Claremorris Co. Mayo, Ireland.

He is survived by his sister, Ann Mary Harney; and his brothers, Thomas (Julia) and Edward (Josephine) of Co. Mayo, Ireland.

Donald R. Combs

Services were held Monday at the Lawn Funeral Home, Burbank, with interment at Evergreen Cemetery, for Donald R. Combs, 64.

He is survived by his wife, Peggy; his children, Christine (Richard) Rinchich, Jason and Michael (April) Combs; three grandchildren; his mother, Isabelle Miller; his brothers, James Combs, Andrew (Virgie) Combs, Herald (Linda) Miller, Gary (Denise) Miller; and his sisters, Theda (Don) Middleton, Ann (Danny) Miller and Karen (Anthony) Cummings.

Cecile E. Chudleigh

Services were held Tuesday at the Schmaedeke Funeral Home, Worth, with entombment at St. Mary Cemetery, for Cecile E. Chudleigh, 93.

She is survived by her nephew, Marion (Norm) Ehmen and her niece, Judy Ziupnys.

Mary A. Devine

Mass was said Monday at Incarnation Church, Palos Heights with interment at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, for Mary A. Devine.

She is survived by her children, Mary Kay, Nancy

Plotkin, Suzanne, William G. Jr. (Annamarie) and Edward (Sue); eleven grandchildren; her sister, Nancy (Bill) and her brother, Father John McNamara.

Jerome J. Mulderink

Services were held Monday at the Beverly Ridge Funeral Home, Beverly, with interment at Mt. Hope Cemetery, for Jerome J. Mulderink, 82. He was a veteran of World War II.

He is survived by his children, Jerome J., Michael (Judith Ann) and John Patrick (Lorraine); six grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

Donald B. Reynolds

Services were held Monday at Lawn Funeral Home, Burbank, with interment at Bethania Cemetery, for Donald "Jimmy" B. Reynolds.

He is survived by his brother, Gilbert (Marlene) Reynolds and his sister, Doris Heltersen.

Jennifer N. Sluis

Services were held Monday at the Colonial Chapel, Orland Park, with interment at Good Shepherd Cemetery, for Jennifer N. Sluis, 16.

She is survived by her parents, Carolyn and James; her sister, Cassy and Tory; her brother Joshua; her grandparents, Tom & Terrie Richards, Dave and Jane Ranieri and Siebe and Karen Sluis.

William M. Jones

Mass was said Wednesday, at St. Damian Church, Oak Forest, with interment at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, for William M. Jones. He was a veteran of World War II; serving in the U.S. Army, and a Purple Heart recipient.

He is survived by his children, John (Therese), Thomas (Sharon), Philip, Mary (Donald) Nadzieja and eight grandchildren.

Edmund

"Sonny" Kwaitkowski

Services were held Tuesday at the Lawn Funeral Home, Burbank, with a private interment, for Edmund "Sonny" Kwaitkowski. He

was a member of the St. Rita Father's Club and a member of the Chicago Independent Truck Drivers Union.

He is survived by his wife Dorothy; his children, Steven (Jill), Robert (Michelle), David (Marcie); and eight grandchildren.

Vincent J. Collaro

Services were held Tuesday at the Lawn Funeral Home, Burbank, with interment at Resurrection Cemetery, for Vincent J. Collaro, 69.

He is survived by his wife, Diane; his children, Stephen (Renee), Frank, Vicki (Rick) Kluever & Christine (Dave) Kent; thirteen grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

Mary Johnson

Mass was said Wednesday, at Incarnation Church, Palos Heights, with interment at St. Mary Cemetery, for Mary Johnson, 83.

She is survived by her children, Patricia Rudman, Donna Marie (Ed) Van Vossen, Thomas Johnson and Patrice (Rich) Dodd; seven grandchildren; one great-grandchild; her brothers, Jerry (Teresa) Sanfilippo, Phil (Ann) Sanfilippo; and her sister, Connie (Sam) Gurgone.

John Bernick

Services were held Tuesday, at Modell Funeral Home, Home Glen with a private interment for John Bernick, 57. He was a veteran of Vietnam serving with the Marine Corps. He was also a Purple Heart recipient.

He is survived by his wife, Bess and his sister, Diane (Martin) Spatz.

Joan L. Bodendorfer

Services were held Wednesday at the Andrew J. McGann & Son Funeral Home, Chicago, for Joan L. Bodendorfer.

She is survived by her children, John Bodendorfer, Paul (Sharon) Keila, Jennifer (William Pinatis) Bruen and Margo (Jim Nugent) Keila; eleven grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; her brother, Bud Beaster and her sister, Shirley Barnes.



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Evergreen Park's Fuzz Family Fest

As summer draws to an end and school resumes, the hint of fall in the air, the Evergreen Park Police Department brought some smiles and cheer to the children in the village with its second annual Fuzz Family Fest. Organizers Police Chief Mike Saunders, Lt. Wayne Gutkowski and Sgt. Bob Bryja brought this year's fest to Evergreen Park High School which featured many, many activities for the children to enjoy.

One of the favorite being "Dunk-a-Cop" where Sgt. Pete Donovan supporting his Green Bay Packers helmet and Officer Victor Watts bravely manned the dunk tank as children and adults did their best to dunk them, in particular the Packer's fan.

Others rode ponies, took wagon rides, slid on the gigantic air slide, and challenged one another on the obstacle course and the bungee run. Hotdogs, chips and pop were the featured menu items and were served by senior police officials and their wives.



Police Chief Mike Saunders presents an appreciation plaque to Alsip Police Chief Richard Dalzell.



Committee (BADGE grant).

Lt. Greg LeCompte and his wife, greeted and manned the raffle tables where children were given the opportunity to win a boy's stingray bicycle and a girl's pink bicycle, and each child received a yellow stress star on an fm pocket radio.

Also featured this year were police squads from neighboring communities such as Alsip, Burbank, Hometown, Chicago Ridge, Oak Lawn, Merrionette Park and Lemont, where children were able to sound the sirens and operate the lights. Alsip's Police Chief Richard Dalzell was there to show his support and to visit his former alma mater Evergreen Park High School. He is a 1973 graduate along with Evergreen's Chief Mike Saunders. Even the army was well represented by Steve Driscoll.

Fuzz Family Fest was sponsored by the Village of Evergreen Park, the Evergreen Park Police Department and the Cook County Judicial Advisory

Fall Festival 5K Walk/Run

The fifth annual Fall Festival 5K Walk/Run Race, sponsored by the Forest Preserve District of Will County, will be on Saturday, Sept. 24th at 9 a.m. at Goodenow Grove Forest Preserve in Beecher. Registration and a fee are required. This annual race kicks off the two-day Fall Fest.

The 5K (3.1-mile) cross-country trail includes Goodenow Grove's 40-foot-high sledding hill. The course also includes gravel, dirt, grass and blacktop surfaces along with different track elevations and a ravine. Participants will also pass through oak/hickory forest and open fields. The changing of the seasons will provide a backdrop of fall colors.

The 5K Run is a competitive race, and the Walk is a fitness, noncompetitive event.

Race day registration on Sept. 24th will be from 7:30 to 8:30 a.m. Same-day registration fees are \$20 for both runners and walkers.

Prizes will be awarded immediately after the race. Awards will be presented to the top overall male and female winners in eight different age categories.

Registration forms can be requested by calling Plum Creek Nature Center located in Goodenow Grove at (708) 946-2216, or the Forest Preserve's main office at (815) 727-8700. Registration and additional information are also available online at the Forest Preserve District of Will County Web site, www.fpdwc.org. (Click on the icon of the runner on the site's home page.)

Goodenow Grove Forest Preserve is located 1.25 miles east of the intersection of Routes 1 and 394 on Goodenow Road; south of Crete.

POLICE CALLS

On August 25th Robert Johnson, 82, of Chicago was arrested and charged with retail theft after being observed concealing six packages of steak under his shirt then exiting the store without paying.

On September 1st Ray Jorian, 33, of Chicago was arrested and charged with possession of a controlled substance. Officers observed Jorian pull into the gas station in the 11000 block of Cicero, exit the car and walk around to the side of the station where he rolled a cigarette. During questioning, officers determined that the rolled cigarette contained crack cocaine. During the custodial search, officers discovered a bag containing crack cocaine in the car.

On September 2nd William Barrans, 51, of Oak Lawn was arrested and charged with theft of service after refusing to pay a cab driver. When officers arrived, they they observed Barrans in a highly intoxicated state.

Library Announces Opera Lecture Series

The Oak Lawn Public Library, 5300 W. 95th St., will host opera lectures in conjunction with the Lyric Opera of Chicago's 2005-2006 season. At these informative sessions, members of the Lyric Opera Lecture Corps will explain an opera's plot, give background on the composer and play a sampling of musical selections. Lectures are scheduled for eight select Sundays at 2 p.m. through February 2006. Free admission. First-come, first-seated in the library's lower level meeting room.

The September and October opera lectures are: Sunday, Sept. 25th at 2 p.m. - Carmen by Georges Bizet; Sunday, Oct. 2nd at 2 p.m. - La Cenerentola by Gioachino Rossini; Sunday, Oct. 30th at 2 p.m. - Manon Lescaut by Giacomo Puccini. Sponsored by the Friends of the Oak Lawn Library.

For additional information, call (708) 422-4990.

Guided Tours Offered At Oak Lawn Park District

Join the Oak Lawn Park District for guided tours of Notre Dame University and the South Bend Chocolate Company on Wednesday, Sept. 21.

Following the tours, there will be lunch at the Tippecanoe Place Restaurant, which is the original home of Clement Studebaker. This beautiful home features 40 rooms with 20 fireplaces.

The Travel Services Deluxe Motorcoach will depart Oak View Center, 4625 W. 110th St., at 8 a.m. and return at 6:30 p.m. Fee for this trip is \$56 for Oak Lawn residents and \$61 for non residents.

Basketball Shooting Camp

Brother Rice High School, 10001 S. Pulaski Rd., will host a basketball shooting camp for boys in grades 5-8 from Oct. 16th to 18th. The cost of the camp is \$60 and includes a Brother Rice T-shirt, shooting contests and awards, a season pass for all Brother Rice home basketball games and individual shooting instruction from head coach Pat Richardson, members of the varsity coaching staff and varsity players.

For more information, contact Pat Richardson at (773) 429-4332.

NARFE Meeting

The National Active and Retired Federal Employees Assn. (NARFE) Southwest Chicago Metro Chapter 1106 will hold their next meeting on Friday, Sept. 16th at 10 a.m. The meeting will take place in the Oak Lawn Municipal Building, 9446 S. Raymond Ave. (5300 W.).

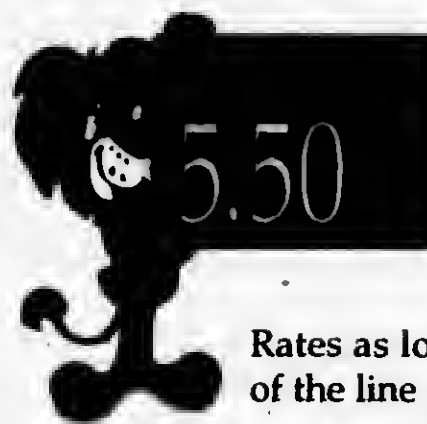
NARFE accepts all current federal employees, federal retirees, their spouses and survivors into membership. Our chapter covers the southwest side of Chicago and many of the suburbs north and south of I-55.

At the meeting, members are given the latest updates on legislation that affects the federal employee and retiree community. There usually is a guest speaker as well.

For more information on NARFE, come to the Sept. 16th meeting or call president John Altar at (708) 458-4990 or secretary Cathy Siciliano at (708) 599-1601.



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New Maps Now Available For Distribution

Illinois Dept. of Transportation (IDOT) Secretary Timothy W. Martin announced the unveiling of the new state highway map at the Illinois State Fair last week. The new map is proving to be a bargain for taxpayers, costing the state about half of what it paid two years ago.

IDOT was able to reduce the cost to taxpayers by teaming with Best Western International as a corporate partner to offset printing costs. Under the deal, Best Western International pays the state \$105,000 and gets to display its logo on the map, as well as map distribution areas throughout Illinois.

After payment for the corporate sponsorship, the total cost to the state for the maps this year will be about \$170,000 for the 2.75 million maps produced, down from \$328,000 when the map was last updated in 2003.

IDOT produces a new state highway map every other year. The maps are distributed to the public free of charge and are available throughout the state at IDOT rest areas, tourism information centers, gov-

ernment facilities, and other areas frequented by motorists. Maps will also be shared through the Illinois Office of Tourism as part of the Illinois Travel kit (available worldwide upon request).

Food Drive Benefits Oak Lawn Food Pantries

The Oak Lawn Public Library, 5300 W. 95th St., will sponsor an extended food drive scheduled to run Monday, Sept. 19th through Friday, Dec. 30th. Drop off non-perishable food and canned goods in the library's lobby. Donations will go to Oak Lawn food pantries for distribution to needy families in the area.

MS Support

Multiple Sclerosis Support Group B.E.A.M.S. (Becoming Educated About Multiple Sclerosis), the Oak Lawn self-help/support group, will meet Wednesday, Sept. 21. "MS an Symptom Management" will be the discussion topic. The meeting is from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., at the Oak View Center, 4625 W. 110th St. For more information call Dave Noren at (708) 389-2774.

Fall Rummage Sale Planned

The Christian Women's Fellowship of the Hometown Christian Church, 4340 W. 87th St., will hold its Fall Rummage Sale on Friday, Sept. 30th, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and on Saturday, Oct. 1st from 9 a.m. to noon.

Items for sale will include clothing of all kinds, shoes, purses, books, toys, kitchen equipment, and many other household accessories.

All are welcome to come and shop. For more information, or to arrange for donating items, call Sara Shanahan at (708) 599-1310.

Arthritis Legislation Signed By Governor

In an effort to improve the lives of millions who suffer from the pain of arthritis, Gov. Rod R. Blagojevich on Aug. 20th signed legislation that will increase awareness and research of this debilitating disease. One in five adults in the United States reports having doctor-diagnosed arthritis. Arthritis is the leading cause of disability in the United States, limiting daily activities for more than 7 million people. In Illinois, it is estimated that 3 million people suffer from arthritis and/or chronic joint symptoms.

"Millions of Illinoisans live with the daily pain and physical limitations caused by arthritis," said Gov. Blagojevich. "This new law will allow for more arthritis research and hopefully lead to new treatments."

House Bill 2380 creates the Arthritis Prevention, Control and Cure Act, which directs the Illinois Dept. of Public Health (IDPH) to establish, promote and maintain an arthritis program to raise public awareness and educate consumers, and to educate and train health professionals, teachers and human service providers.

The law also requires IDPH to establish a pilot program for the study of innovative arthritis public health projects and implementation of community health projects. Under the pilot program, IDPH would grant money to academic and health organizations to study arthritis. Grant applications would be reviewed by IDPH, the Arthritis Foundation and the Illinois Arthritis Partnership. An Advisory Council on Arthritis would be appointed to provide non-governmental input regarding the program.

In Illinois, 22.7 percent (approximately 2.1 million Illinois adults) of the state's citizens reported having doctor-diagnosed arthritis, and another 9.1 percent (more than 850,000 Illinois adults) reported possibly having arthritis, according to data collected from the 2002 Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System. The prevalence of doctor-diagnosed arthritis was higher among persons in rural communities, those with lower income and persons with lower education levels. An estimated 163,000 Illinois adults with doctor-diagnosed arthritis (13 percent) do not have health care coverage.

Research has shown that people who started disease-modifying medications within the first year of being diagnosed with arthritis were less likely to experience disability than people who started treatment five years after the start of the disease. However, of those Illinoisans with possible arthritis, 38 percent had never been seen by a doctor for their joint symptoms, and of those with doctor-diagnosed arthritis, 57 percent were not currently being treated by a doctor for their arthritis.

Garden Club Meeting

The Oak Lawn Garden plant exchange and social Club will hold its September hour meeting on Thursday, Sept. 22nd at 4625 W. 110th St. at call (708) 424-4846. 9:30 a.m. There will be a

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Southland Railroad Show

The music department from Richards High School, 10601 S. Central Ave., will host the third annual Southland Railroad Show on Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 24th and 25th.

Richards will host the event both days from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission is \$3, with children under 12 free.

The event will feature clinics, 15 exhibitors, modular railroad displays of assorted sizes, private layouts, Lego trains, and a children's activity area. For more information, people may visit www.hlrtrainshow.com.

For more information, contact Richards band director Charles Martin at (708) 499-2550, ext. 5096. A portion of the proceeds from this event will benefit the music program at Richards.

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St. Germaine Dinner Dance

In an effort to keep down the cost of tuition, St. Germaine Church, 9735 S. Kolin, will host a dinner dance on Nov. 12th. Parish officials have sent out a call to area businesses to act as table sponsors or to make a donation, which will be used for the evening's silent auction and raffle.

Proceeds of the dinner dance will be added to the parish Endowment Fund principal. This fund was designed to help up keep tuition costs reasonable and affordable for parish families and to ensure that funds are

available for unforeseen capital (building) emergencies. Only the interest income is withdrawn from the fund.

A table sponsorship will include a display of the company's advertisement prominently on the table. Table sponsor donations are in the amount of \$100. If a camera-ready business card or logo is provided, it can be used in the dinner dance booklet and on the table marker.

For more information, or if you would like to become a table sponsor, call Mrs. Kristen Anderson at (708) 860-0442.

Bill On Schwarzenegger's Desk Similar To Safe Games Illinois Act

Gov. Rod R. Blagojevich on Sept. 15th appealed to California Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger to sign Assembly Bill 1179, legislation passed by the California legislature that would prohibit minors from buying or renting violent or sexually explicit video games. Gov. Blagojevich lobbied strongly for a similar law in Illinois. Signed in July, the Safe Games Illinois Act made Illinois the first state to limit minors' access to such graphic games.

The California legislation, AB 1179, was sent to Gov. Schwarzenegger's desk on Sept. 13th, and he has 30 days to sign or veto. The bill requires that games defined as violent be labeled, and forbids retailers from selling or renting those games to children under the age of 18. There would be a \$1,000 fine for each violation.

The Safe Games Illinois Act, which goes into effect on Jan. 1, bans the rental and sale of violent and sexually explicit video games to children younger than 18. Retailers who violate the ban commit a petty offense and face a fine of \$1,000. The bill also requires retailers to label violent and sexually explicit video games, similar to the "Parental Advisory" label found on music CDs, and to post signs explaining the video game rating system. A retailer's failure to properly label games or place proper signs is punishable by a \$500 fine for the first three violations and a \$1,000 fine for every subsequent violation.

Unlike the motion picture industry, the video game

industry has not developed an effective self-regulation system that keeps adult material out of the hands of minors. In 2003, the Federal Trade Commission found that 69 percent of teenagers were able to purchase M-rated video games - giving them easy access to images many adults would consider offensive.

The danger in giving minors easy access to mature video games was highlighted recently when the Entertainment Software Rating Board changed the rating of the popular Grand Theft Auto: San Andreas from "M" (for mature) to "AO" (Adults Only) when it was discovered that players can acquire software over the Internet that unlocks hidden X-rated material within the game. Under the Safe Games Illinois Act, only adults will be able to purchase Grand Theft Auto and similar mature-themed video games.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

SEPTEMBER 24 - Saturday - Southwest Chicago Christian School Fall/Winter Children's Clothes and Equipment Resale, Oak Lawn Gym, 5665 W. 101st St., 9 a.m. to 12 noon.

SEPTEMBER 24 - Saturday - St. Linus 50th Anniversary Jubilee, Lexington House, 7717 W. 95th St., Cocktails 6, dinner 7 p.m.

SEPTEMBER 26 - Monday - School District 123 Board of Education Meeting, 4201 W. 93rd St., training center, 7:30 p.m.

SEPTEMBER 27 - Tuesday - OL Village Board Meeting, Municipal Building, 9446 Raymond, 8 p.m.

SEPTEMBER 27 - Tuesday - Village Hall open to 8 p.m.

SEPTEMBER 29 - Thursday - Worth Township Regular Board Meeting, 11601 S. Pulaski Road, 7:30 p.m.

SEPTEMBER 30 & OCTOBER 1 - Fall Rummage Sale, Hometown Christian Church, 4340 W. 87th St., Friday, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.; Saturday, 9 a.m. to noon.

"Not Paying For College"

Families looking for ways to save on college expenses are invited to attend "Not Paying for College" at 7 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 29th at the Oak Lawn Public Library, 5300 W. 95th St. To receive a special packet of handouts, in-person or phone registration is requested, (708) 422-4990. Non-registered patrons are welcome to attend this program and listen in.

Certified Financial Planner Joseph Orsolini will introduce strategies to maximize financial aid eligibility, exploit tax-savings opportunities and target the right colleges for affordability. In his more than 15 years in the financial services industry, Orsolini has acquired a diverse background that combines tax preparation, investment and insurance sales, and banking experience with college financial aid planning.

Clean Air Agreement

The Justice Dept. and the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) on Sept. 13th announced a settlement with Clean Harbors Environmental Services that is expected to enhance calculating and reporting on benzene emissions from North America's largest operator of hazardous waste treatment and disposal facilities. This settlement involves 10 facilities in eight states. It confirms the proper industry standard for compliance with the Clean Air Act regulation that limits benzene emissions from facilities that treat, store and dispose of hazardous waste.

The agreement with Clean Harbors is part of EPA's efforts to enhance compliance with benzene regulations among hazardous waste treatment, storage and disposal facilities. Benzene is a hazardous air pollutant and a known carcinogen.

A consent decree, filed Sept. 13th in U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Illinois, will require Clean Harbors to properly determine the benzene quantities in waste shipments received from its customers. Clean Harbors will not be allowed to estimate the benzene received by using the middle number in a range of possible benzene concentrations that a customer supplies. Instead, Clean Harbors will have to measure the actual benzene concentration or use the high end of the range in order to ensure that benzene is not under-reported. Under-reporting benzene can result in failing to install pollution controls on tanks and other equipment that handle benzene.

The states of Illinois and Louisiana are joining the settlement.

To meet its obligations under the consent decree, Clean Harbors will revise its nationwide "Waste Material Profile Sheet" to ensure that all customers that are covered by the benzene waste regulation properly evaluate and certify the amount of benzene in their waste shipments. Clean Harbors will institute a program to sample these wastes to ensure proper reporting and will train its employees on compliance with the benzene regulations. Clean Harbors will also pay a \$300,000 penalty.

The proposed consent decree is subject to a 30-day public comment period. A copy of the consent decree lodged is available on the Dept. of Justice web site at <http://www.usdoj.gov/enrd/open.html>.

Principal Appreciation Day

The Illinois Principals Association (IPA) encourages all schools in Illinois to celebrate Principal Appreciation Day on Oct. 21. This state-endorsed occasion was approved by the Governor of Illinois in 1994 and is annually celebrated on the third Friday of October.

Principal Appreciation Day provides an opportunity to publicly recognize the work and the commitment of principals, assistant principals, and deans throughout the state. The IPA invites all parents, faculty, and school groups to perform some act(s) of appreciation on Oct. 21st to acknowledge the leadership that building administrators provide in Illinois' public and private schools.

For more information on Principal Appreciation Day, contact Perry Hill at (217) 525-1383.

Water Rate Tidal Wave

The further the water flows, the higher water bill goes.

The average water bill in Oak Lawn is about double that of Chicago. A water bill in Palos Park is double what it is in Oak Lawn.

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Otherwise, every time you turn a faucet, the water that pours out will have traveled through miles and miles of pipes owned by companies that are in business to make money and/or pipes which require regulation, upkeep and God only knows what else. Many consumers will tell you that their water bills are more complicated to understand than the water system itself.

Scotland Comes To Midlothian Saturday, Sept. 24th

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New Meth Law Takes Effect

Attorney General Lisa Madigan announced on Sept. 16th that a new Illinois law has taken effect that will help to better protect children, families, farmers and communities from the dangerous methamphetamine manufacture process and provide new tools for law enforcement in their fight against meth.

Madigan announced that the Methamphetamine Control and Community Protection Act (MCCPA), Public Act 94-0556, took effect on Sept. 11th. The new law provides a major rewrite of the state's criminal laws dealing with the manufacture of meth.

Madigan also thanked the law enforcement officers, prosecutors, legislators and others who helped to design and draft the bill by offering detailed observations on the nature of the meth problem and the state's effort to address the problem through the provisions of the Illinois criminal code.

Building on these suggestions, Madigan proposed the MCCPA to address the differences between meth and other drugs targeted by the Illinois Controlled Substances Act. Unlike other drugs that may be imported, sold and abused in the state, Madigan said additional dangers arise because meth also is manufactured in the state.

Madigan said the new law protects communities by giving law enforcement additional resources to address the manufacture of meth, including the creation of a new offense to deal with those who shop for, transport or assemble meth making materials other than pseudoephedrine (PSE), ephedrine or anhydrous ammonia.

The new law also focuses on protecting children who are exposed to the dangerous production of meth. The MCCPA strengthens existing laws against this form of child endangerment by ensuring that those who manufacture meth where children reside, are present or are endangered face mandatory jail time.

Another provision of the new law focuses on the dangers to families who live in multi-unit dwellings where meth is produced. Under the MCCPA, those who manufacture meth in hotels, motels, apartment buildings or condominiums also face mandatory jail time.

In addition, the new law protects farmers, who often are endangered by meth makers stealing anhydrous ammonia, a fertilizer. The law imposes tougher penalties on those who steal anhydrous ammonia for the purpose of making meth. The MCCPA also makes it unlawful to dispose of meth manufacturing waste.

Finally, the MCCPA groups all laws related to the production, distribution and use of meth together under one section of the Illinois Criminal Code. Madigan said this would simplify the work of judges, law enforcement, defense attorneys and prosecutors who today must apply meth-related provisions scattered throughout the criminal code.

MVCC Jump Start Program

More local high school students can experience a college class before graduation due to Moraine Valley's Jump Start program. The college has received a \$104,715 grant from the Illinois Community College Board to help high school students with a 2.5 grade point average or better get a head start on their college education by enrolling in one college-level class at Moraine Valley free of charge. The program began four years ago and has served an average of 500 students each semester. Those who are interested in attending a class during the 2006 spring semester must get an authorization form from their school counselor. Students are not obligated to attend the college after graduation, and the class will transfer to another university.

For more information, call Admissions at (708) 974-9355.

Report Questions Today's Home Construction Planning

Homes for a Changing Region, a forward looking housing report issued on Sept. 12th by the Metropolitan Mayors Caucus and Chicago Metropolis 2020, challenges the long-term viability of current housing construction patterns in the six-county Chicago metropolitan region.

The report forecasts a serious mismatch between the type of housing being planned and the housing that is likely to be needed by the region's growing population, which is predicted to increase by 24 percent from 8.1 million in 2000 to 10 million people by 2030. Projections indicate that too many large-lot, expensive single-family homes and too few small-lot, single-family homes, town homes and condominiums are being planned.

Latinos, African-Americans and seniors over the age of 65 will account for most of the region's population growth, and the types of housing chosen by those groups today is much different than the housing now being planned, constructed and rehabilitated.

"The fact that the housing patterns of Latinos, African-Americans and senior citizens differ significantly from housing choices of the past implies that housing demand will shift as the region's population diversifies and ages," according to *Homes for a Changing Region*. "In general, the pattern will shift toward denser housing with higher demand for rental units, entry level single-family housing, and apartments and condos in large complexes."

Today, more than 730,000 families in the region are financially stretched because more than 30 percent of their income is spent on housing. Unless current trends are changed, an additional 140,000 families will pay more than they can afford for housing because the housing they can afford will not be built.

The Mayors Caucus and Chicago Metropolis 2020 encourage communities

to take action now to eliminate the projected housing mismatch. Among action steps recommended are:

- The formulation of multi-year housing plans which provide for a broad range of housing by size and price point to meet the needs of all community residents.
- The review and modification of zoning and building codes to permit the construction of a variety of housing types.
- The inclusion of residents in housing and development decisions and the use of local housing commissions to consider ways to provide housing options for all types of residents.
- The creation of sub-regional housing plans that would involve groups of municipalities and help local leaders to serve the overall needs of all communities in a sub-region.
- The creation of new revenue streams to support the preservation and construction of affordable housing.

Gov. Blagojevich Thanks Volunteers

On Monday, Sept. 19th, Gov. Rod R. Blagojevich thanked the more than 2,000 Illinoisans who traveled to Louisiana and Mississippi to help those hurricane-ravaged states deal with the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina. On the 19th, nearly 150 law enforcement officers returned to Illinois from a two-week deployment in Louisiana. Meanwhile, on Friday, Sept. 16th, a new contingent of law enforcement officers left Springfield to replace this returning group. That group, which included 130 local law enforcement officers and 18 Illinois State Police Technical Response Team members, will assist in that region through the end of September.

According to officials with the Emergency Management Assistance Compact which is coordinating all Gulf States' requests for personnel and equipment, nearly all 50 states have sent volunteers to Louisiana and Mississippi, totaling more than 41,000 people. Illinois sent nearly 2,100 - about five percent of the total volunteers sent by states.

Gov. Blagojevich deployed the law enforcement officers who returned Monday to Louisiana on Sept. 3rd. The group included law enforcement officers from local agencies throughout the state as well as officers from the Illinois State Police, the Illinois Dept. of Natural Resources and the Secretary of State. The deployment was coordinated through the Illinois Law Enforcement Alarm System, the state's law enforcement mutual aid organization.

Other Illinois groups that have returned from the Gulf Coast include: 52 Illinois Medical Emergency Response Team doctors, nurses and paramedics, who manned a field hospital in Baton Rouge; an 11-member Incident Management Team comprised of two Illinois Emergency Management Agency employees and nine local emergency management officials that was directing emergency management efforts for a six-county area around Gulfport, Mississippi; and an environmental strike team consisting of personnel from the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency and the Illinois Dept. of Public Health which assisted with drinking water and food safety issues.

The 800 Illinois National Guard troops that were deployed earlier this month will remain in Louisiana through the end of September.

400 Students Displaced By Katrina Enrolled In Schools Across Illinois

Nearly two weeks after Gov. Blagojevich directed Illinois schools to waive residency requirements and immediately enroll children displaced by Hurricane Katrina, more than 400 children are enrolled in 46 school districts across the state. Districts worked quickly to welcome children into their classrooms and partnered with other state and local agencies to provide support for the children and their families. Some of the students traveled to Illinois on flights arranged by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) while others traveled to Illinois alone or with their families to stay with friends, family or in campgrounds and shelters.

The Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE) has developed a web page with resources for schools enrolling children displaced by Hurricane Katrina. The site, www.isbe.net/katrina/default.htm, highlights the hotlines Gov. Blagojevich put in place to help hurricane victims and lists resources available to schools and people who want to help by purchasing Hurricane Relief Student Supply Kits and Hurricane Relief Teacher Supply Kits.

To help teachers who have been displaced by Hurricane Katrina, the ISBE took emergency action recently to help teachers from Louisiana, Mississippi and Alabama who have been displaced by Hurricane Katrina. The Board's action followed calls from teachers in the Katrina damaged areas seeking the chance to teach in Illinois. The Board enacted an emergency rule that helps people who are qualified to serve as substitute teachers but who may not have immediate access to their documentation because their records were destroyed in the hurricane.

The State Board approved an emergency rule that offers individuals from the area affected by the hurricane a temporary permit for substitute teaching in Illinois schools, provided that they indicate they have completed a bachelor's degree. The rule allows the teachers to get a short-term, non-renewable permit. It also includes flexibility to extend those certificates as needed and a provision to withdraw a certificate if individuals either misrepresent their eligibility or disqualify themselves.

The temporary certificates will not have an application fee or a registration fee. Each applicant will undergo a criminal background check as part of the normal procedures for employment in Illinois schools.

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Katrina Victims' Hotline Hours Extended

On Sept. 14th, Gov. Rod R. Blagojevich announced that the state's Hurricane Katrina Victim Assistance Hotline, (800) 843-6154, is offering a broader range of services and will be more available each day to the thousands of Hurricane Katrina victims who make their own way to Illinois, as well as the individuals, community organizations and local governments that have taken them in. The hotline connects displaced victims to state services available to them, ranging from housing assistance to medical care to employment. The American Red Cross estimates that there are more than 6,000 victims displaced by Hurricane Katrina living in Illinois with friends, family or in other temporary housing. Approximately 430 people traveled to Illinois on flights arranged by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).

The Illinois Dept. of Human Services (DHS) is coordinating the hotline. Hotline hours of operation

are being extended so victims can call anytime between 9 a.m. and midnight daily to find out what services are available to them. Callers will have one-stop access to all of the State of Illinois resources for Katrina victims - from emergency food and shelter to more long-term assistance like unemployment benefits and food stamps.

The governor set up the toll-free number as a part of the state's centralized effort to assist refugees from Louisiana, Mississippi and Alabama who come to Illinois. The number, 1(800) 843-6154, went live on Friday, Sept. 2nd and will stay in service for as long as needed. Displaced victims with access to the Internet can find more information on available services at www.Illinois.gov. Users can also find a link on the state web site to the federal government's services and assistance available to those affected by Hurricane Katrina.

Support The Nancy McClory Benefit

A benefit will be held for the family of Nancy McClory. Nancy was the wife of Fire Fighter Mike McClory and together with their three children, Michelle, 11, Marc, 10, and Sean, 5; they were a happy family with a bright future. However, in February 2004, Nancy was diagnosed with cancer. On Oct. 8, 2004, Nancy lost her eight-month battle with cancer and said good-bye to her family. Her passing has left a void for her family and friends.

Nancy's death has been a tremendous blow to this young family who are now faced with a future without their mother. The family and friends of Nancy and Mike have banded together to hold a benefit and to establish a fund to assist

the family during this difficult time helping to provide a brighter future for Nancy's greatest loves, her children.

The Nancy McClory Benefit will be held on Saturday, Oct. 1st, from 1 to 7 p.m. at 115 Bourbon Street, 3359 W. 115th St., Merrionette Park. There will be a silent auction, raffle, buffet lunch, bar and commemorative t-shirts. If you are able to make a donation to the raffle or silent auction, call Kevin Healy (773) 386-8100 or visit www.NancyMcCloryBenefit.com.

Monetary contributions may be made directly to the Nancy McClory Fund, c/o Marquette Bank, 9612 W. 143rd St., Orland Park, IL 60462-9929.

ISAC Acts To Assist Victims Of Hurricane

While those living in the Gulf Coast area continue to struggle with the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina, the Illinois Student Assistance Commission is working to provide assistance and helpful information to students and their families impacted by the disaster. Evacuees coming into Illinois should use ISAC as a general resource for student financial aid information, including questions about the status of student loans and repayment. For borrowers living in the designated disaster areas, short-term relief from student loan payments is being applied to their loans. Borrowers should contact their lender to verify or request loan forbearance. ISAC counselors will be able to guide borrowers to the appropriate lender.

Under guidance from the U.S. Dept. of Education, ISAC has suspended collection activities for impacted borrowers from whom ISAC collects student loan payments. For loans held by ISAC, the agency has extended in-school status to students who were enrolled in college and borrowing educational loans to ensure that they are not required to begin repayment on those loans. Finally, ISAC is working with a number of local colleges and universities to make alternative loans available to impacted students displaced from colleges along the Gulf Coast, particularly those unable to qualify for Title IV assistance. Through ISAC's non-profit student loan division, the agency will work with schools that are accepting students from these institutions, and where necessary, waive normal degree-seeking and enrollment status requirements. This process will make available loan funds that will allow students to continue their education, demonstrating the critical need for availability of a state-operated student

loan provider, especially in times of necessary immediate action.

In its role as the State of Illinois centralized agency responsible for administering and promoting student financial aid programs, ISAC will support Illinois colleges and universities to ensure that students who had planned to attend a college now closed due to the hurricane will receive financial aid, such as the Illinois Monetary Award Program grant, if the Illinois student meets the agency's eligibility criteria and is now attending an approved Illinois post-secondary institution.

Individuals with questions regarding student financial aid or education loans can call ISAC toll-free at (800) 899-4722. Information is also available on ISAC's Web site, collegezone.com.

Scottish Fair

Midlothian's annual Scottish Fair will be held on Saturday, Sept. 24th from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. on the Village Green, 147th and Springfield Ave.

There will be Clan booths, fiddle competition, Chicago Caledonian Pipes and Drums, NWIN IN Celtic Society Pipe Band, Mary Queen of Scots, Thistle and Heather Highland Dancers, RSCDS Demo Group, Mullane Irish Dancers, children's games with prizes, face painting, children's art project, Celtic vendors, herding demonstration, storytelling, and Scottish and American food.

Live entertainment will be featured in the Pub Tent by Stone Ring from 2 to 5 p.m.; Fiddle Champ Deborah Colon from 6 to 9 p.m.; The Ploughboys from 6 to 9 p.m.

The entertainment fee for adults is \$5, for seniors \$3, children ages 3 to 12 are \$2, and there is a special \$10 family rate. There will be free parking in the Metra lots, handicapped accessible.

The Historical Society, 14609 Springfield Ave., will be open from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. There is a very large Scottish display donated by the late Gordon Flaws, plus books by Midlothian authors, paintings by local artists, pictures showing the village history, items to bring back old memories, and much more.

Don't miss the opportunity to win a weekend away at the Embassy Suites Hotel in St. Louis, compliments of the Messenger Newspaper. The raffle is free and no purchase is necessary. Sign-up slips are available at A.J. Smith Federal Savings Bank, 14751 Cicero Ave.; Midlothian-Bremen Messenger Newspaper, 3840 W. 147th St.; Killelea Jewelers, Mid Oak Plaza, 147th and Cicero Ave.; Pearle Vision, 14702 Cicero Ave. You can also sign up for the raffle on the day of the Scottish Fair.

Take advantage of the coupons in last week's Messenger (Sept. 15th) in the special Scottish section. Local businesses are offering discounts and money off purchases. Some are good through October, some in November, some in December, and a few have no expiration date.

On Saturday, Sept. 17th, Murals of Midlothian were painted on the sidewalks surrounding the Village Green. Local people, young and older, decorated a sidewalk square, which will be on view for the Fair.

The Scottish Fair has something to please everyone so make it a point to visit the Village Green on Saturday.

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EDITORIAL/OPINION PAGE

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Editor:

I wish to take this opportunity to inform you of the Rental Housing Support Program Act. Senate Bill 0075 was passed by the General Assembly on July 1st, 2005, and will affect all Real Estate recordings in the Recorder of Deeds offices throughout the State of Illinois.

Beginning Aug. 1st, 2005, all real estate recordings that affect an interest in real estate will be subject to a \$10 surcharge. The surcharge will go toward providing rental subsidies for families unable to secure decent, safe and affordable rental housing. The program is expected to assist 4,000 to 5,000 families secure affordable housing and improve their quality of life and employability. In addition, I would like to inform you that the children of these families will improve academically by attending school regularly in their respective communities.

The Rental Housing Program will be the largest in the nation and is projected to generate "\$30 million in the first year of operation," stated Gov. Blagojevich. Through the Rental Housing Support Program, landlords throughout the State will receive grants to make rental units affordable to households who earn less than 30% of the area median income, or approximately \$19,000 per year for a family of four.

As Cook County Recorder of Deeds, I wish to conclude by saying that "I support this legislation and welcome the opportunity to assist financially challenged citizens to obtain decent, safe and affordable housing. This legislation will increase and spur rental housing development, especially in Cook County, in light of reduced federal support for affordable housing."

We will sincerely appreciate your support.

Respectfully yours,
s/s Eugene "Genc" Moore
Cook County Recorder of Deeds

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Editor:

Voters in eighteen states across America - people of all races, creeds, religions and political affiliations - have spoken clearly by amending their state constitutions with overwhelming majorities (an average of just over 70 percent) to defend marriage from those who seek to redefine it.

Citizens of Illinois would also like to have the opportunity to vote on an amendment to their state constitution which will define marriage clearly and protect it from those who are willing to impose a vast, untested social experiment upon our culture and our children.

Those who truly believe in our democratic way of life must get involved. If this issue isn't decided by Illinois voters, it will be decided for us by unelected, activist judges as evidenced in Massachusetts.

If you want to get involved in this historic effort, or if you just want to learn more, please visit www.protect-marriageil.org or call toll-free (877) 787-8011.

We invite you to take part in the Protect Marriage Illinois petition drive to put a referendum on the 2006 ballot to call on the General Assembly to establish a marriage as it is intended by nature, tradition and common sense - between one man and one woman.

Sincerely,
David E. Smith, Project Director

Unlawful Legal Services

A new Illinois law signed by Gov. Blagojevich and scheduled to take effect on Jan. 1st, 2006 prohibits advertising of legal services by individuals that do not have a license to practice law.

The legislation, which was an initiative of the Illinois State Bar Assn. (ISBA), amends the Attorney Act, which makes it illegal for someone who does not have a law license to provide legal services.

The new law aims to help consumers avoid responding to ads by unlicensed individuals, thereby using a notary or document preparer who fails to have the proper licensing and credentials to practice law. If a consumer uses the services of an unlicensed person, and the document is not prepared correctly, the document may not stand up in court, and the consumer may be left without recourse.

The legislation will also assist with the problem of "notarios publicos" who often defrauded immigrants. In Latin America, notarios publicos are lawyers or judges. Some unscrupulous notaries public here have advertised with the intent of taking advantage of non-English speaking immigrants to persuade them to purchase so-called legal documents. This legislation will prevent all licensed individuals, including notaries public, from advertising that they can provide legal services.

The ISBA, which has led the battle against the unauthorized practice of law, has filed lawsuits against individuals and corporations that have led to injunctions governing their activities.

The current Attorney Act contains exceptions that allow limited categories of unlicensed persons to represent parties in certain matters before the Illinois Labor Relations Board, the Illinois Educational Labor Relations Board, the State Civil Service Commission, local Civil Service Commissions and the University Civil Service Merit Board. Also exempted are advocates assisting persons under the federal disabilities law or State statutes implementing those laws.

Road Map To Success

Attend a half-day workshop on Thursday, Sept. 29, 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. offered by SCORE, Counselors to America's Small Business. Learn to write a solid business plan, necessary when seeking a loan and for starting and maintaining a business. The workshop is required for a SCORE Workshop Completion Certificate, which will enhance one's business plan if a loan is needed. Attendees should be in business or planning to start a business.

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SCORE is located in the Citicorp Center, Suite 1250, at 500 W. Madison St., in downtown Chicago.



All Points Southwest

By THOMAS E. GAVIN

Cook County Clerk David Orr has announced that individual candidates considering running for office in the March 21, 2006 primary election are now free to start circulating their nominating petitions (as of Sept. 20th). Orr explained that under state law all candidates must gather signatures from registered voters before their names can appear on the ballot. The number of signatures is dependent upon which office the candidate is seeking. Prospective candidates can download and print petition forms from the Illinois State Board of Elections website: www.elections.state.il.us.

Prospective candidates for the primary must file their nomination papers between Dec. 12th and Dec. 19th. The deadline to file objections to a candidacy or nominating petitions is Dec. 27th.

Offices up for election in 2006 include: all U.S. representatives; governor; lieutenant governor; attorney general; secretary of state; comptroller; state treasurer; some state senators; all state representatives; Cook County Board president; all county commissioners; county clerk; county treasurer; county sheriff; board of review commissioners (1st and 2nd districts); and three Metropolitan Water Reclamation District commissioners.

Party nominees who win the primary races will advance to the Nov. 7th, 2006 general election. Likewise, voters will elect Democratic and Republican Township committeemen at the March primary.

For more information, including filing deadlines and signature requirements, see the election calendar link posted on the Cook County Clerk's website at www.voterinfo.net.

Merrionette Park's own 115 Bourbon Street has once again stepped up for families and charities in need. As New Orleans was the inspiration and model for this popular food and entertainment spot which opened in 1999, the ownership, customers, staff and vendors felt it only appropriate that they coordinate a Hurricane Katrina Relief Benefit of their own for the victims of this tragic disaster. Over the past six years, 115 Bourbon Street and the Chicagoland community have raised over \$4 million for local families and charities.

This Friday, Sept. 23rd, 115 Bourbon Street will host a "12 Hour Marathon Benefit" (3 p.m. till 3 a.m.) for the Hurricane Katrina survivors. Admission to the event is \$25, which will include food, beverages, entertainment and valet parking. All proceeds from this event will be directed to the American Red Cross of Greater Chicago's Hurricane Katrina effort.

Join in this most worthwhile evening of raffles, entertainment and fun. Entertainment scheduled to appear includes: Joey Derus All Looped Up, Rendition, Hurricane Gumbo, The Lounge Puppets, The Experience Band, a guest appearance by a member of the Buckingham's and more.

As a special treat, a 2005 Ford Mustang Premium Coupe will be raffled off courtesy of McCarthy Ford. Only 400 tickets will be sold at \$100 each.

The location of 115 Bourbon Street is 3359 W. 115th St. in Merrionette Park. For more information or to donate raffle prizes call (708) 388-8881.

Residents and business owners in the Village of Alsip are encouraged to come out and meet their newly elected village officials at the 1st Annual Mayor's Autumn Gala and Silent Auction hosted by the Alsip Action Party, on Friday, Sept. 30th. The semi-formal affair will be held in the Grand Ballroom of the Double Tree Hotel Alsip-Chicago, located on 127th St. (west of Cicero Ave.) in Alsip. Cocktails begin at 6:30 p.m. with dinner following at 7:30 p.m.

The newly elected officials, Mayor Patrick Kitching, Clerk Debra Vanhuizen, and Trustees Tom Collins, John Shapiro and Stanley Graczyk look forward to meeting as many residents as possible. For more information, call (708) 388-4590 or email mayor_sautumngala@aol.com.

In response to the rising cost of gas and energy in our state, State Rep. Annazette Collins (D-Chicago) has scheduled a public roundtable discussion to educate the public on the effects of our nation's dependence upon foreign oil.

According to Rep. Collins, consumers throughout the state, on average, have been paying above \$3 per gallon, which is above the national average of \$2.96 per gallon. Experts also estimate Illinois families could face higher energy bills this winter than in previous years. This roundtable discussion will address questions about gasoline pricing, alternative fuels and programs that assist consumers with their energy bills.

The roundtable, from 5:30 to 7 p.m. will be held Monday, Sept. 26th at Garfield Park

Golden Dome at 100 N. Central Park, Chicago. Among those invited to sit on the panel include: Lt. Governor Pat Quinn; Attorney General Lisa Madigan; state agencies and local municipal departments; the Citizens Utility Board; the Illinois Commerce Commission; the Illinois Petroleum Marketers Association; and others. This event is free and the public is encouraged to attend.

For more information call Rep. Collins' district office at (773) 533-0010.

The Village of Evergreen Park's Annual Octoberfest will be held on Saturday, Oct. 1st from noon until 10 p.m. at Yukich Fields, 90th and Kedzie Ave. The Northwest Boosters and the United Home Owners Good Government will once again sponsor this year's event.

Plans for this festive day include pony rides, hay rides, and children's activities throughout the afternoon. DJs will provide music throughout the day. A Bavarian band imported from Wisconsin "Die Special Export," will entertain guests with a medley of German songs from 7 to 10 p.m.

The annual Octoberfest is highlighted by the much anticipated Chili Cook-Off and Best Salsa recipe contest. Contestants must report to the respective chili and salsa station by 2:30 p.m. Judging will begin immediately and sales begin at 3 p.m. This year's recipes can be entered in one of three categories: vegetable, beef, and poultry and entry forms are available at the Evergreen Park Village Hall, 9418 S. Kedzie or the Community Center, 3450 W. 97th St.

This is a fun filled day for every member of the family.

All proceeds from this event are given to the various charitable and civic organizations within the village that are maintained by the Northwest Boosters.

The Auxiliary of Advocate Christ Medical Center and Hope Children's Hospital cordially invite their friends and neighbors to attend a dinner and fashion show "My Favorite Things" on Wednesday, Oct. 12th at the Lexington House, 7717 S. 95th St. in Hickory Hills. The show is being presented by: Annie's, Ltd., Bellissimo, Lili of Trieste, and Mal's Men's Shop. The \$40 ticket per person will benefit the adult and pediatric oncology services of the hospitals. A cash bar is open at 6 p.m., with a 7 p.m. dinner to follow. The fashion show will commence after dinner. For more information and reservations, call the Auxiliary Office at (708) 684-5252.

The Illinois State Bar Association has alerted All Points that it will soon become more difficult to file for personal bankruptcy. Under a new federal bankruptcy law, which goes into effect next month (October), persons or families who earn more than the median income in their state and who can repay at least \$6,000 over five years, will not be eligible to have their debts wiped out.

Bankruptcy has become a popular option for people because debt has continued to rise while the savings rates have fallen. Many people who are living on the edge financially have been able to wipe out their debts relatively easily by filing for Chapter 7 protection under the bankruptcy code.

The changes in the law will mean debtors must seek protection under Chapter 13, setting up a schedule to repay all or a portion of their debts and enroll in a court-supervised financial-counseling program. As a result, many households are rushing to file for bankruptcy now. According to Lexis-Nexis, filings were up 12 percent in April, May and June.

Bankers and consumer groups are at odds over the impact of the new law. Some bankers contend that it will help prevent those who abuse the system from filing for bankruptcy and that it will maintain a level of fairness for those who need protection. Consumer groups fear that the law will make matters worse for families who have no intention of abusing the system.

For more information about this and other law related issues, visit www.illinois-lawyerfinder.com.

Mendel "Hall Of Fame" Game This Friday

The Mendel Catholic High School Alumni Association reminds students, parents and friends of the former Roseland institution that this Friday, Sept. 23rd, thirteen Mendel men will be honored with induction into the "Mendel Hall of Fame." The ceremony will take place during the halftime of the St. Rita vs. Providence high school football game at St. Rita Stadium, 78th and Western Ave. in Chicago. Game time is 7 p.m. A Hall of Fame reception will follow immediately after the game in the St. Rita cafeteria.

Come out and visit with former classmates, teachers and friends of the Mendel family. Relive the memories, including the winning pass thrown by quarterback Terry Brennan to end Jim Gallagher, with two seconds left, for

a 6-0 Mendel victory in the Classic 1957 City Championship game at Soldiers Field. As an added bonus, Mrs. Rita Gallagher has flown in from Scottsdale, Arizona to present '57 championship head coach Joe Magee with both her late husband's long-lost championship game jersey and the original touchdown ball from the '57 game. Mrs. Gallagher has graciously donated these two mementos to the Mendel Hall of Fame wing, which is now located in 'Mendel Hall' at St. Rita High School.

Tickets are available at the stadium gate or call Jack Vlazny at (708) 403-0358 for more information about the Mendel Alumni Association and upcoming all-class reunion on Nov. 25th.



Stroger Hospital Grant

Aetna and the Aetna Foundation announced recently in a press conference at the John H. Stroger, Jr. Hospital, Cook County, a \$175,000 grant to the Trauma Unit at Stroger Hospital that promises to help change the nature of the last moments of life for trauma patients and their families. The grant will fund development of a model program of culturally appropriate end of life care, including palliative care, that can be shared with urban trauma units nationwide.

"We thank and commend Aetna and the Aetna Foundation for their foresight and generous support in the area of palliative care," stated John H. Stroger Jr., President of the Cook County Board of Commissioners, which oversees the Cook County Bureau of Health Services. "As a safety net provider, the Cook County Bureau of Health Services cares for a patient population that is often underserved due to social and economic barriers. This grant will allow the Bureau to develop yet another innovative model of care that will benefit not only Cook County residents who are patients, but also trauma patients and their families throughout the county."

Stroger Hospital's Trauma Unit is the busiest in the Midwest, providing close to 5,000 patient encounters a year. Stroger Hospital is one of seven affiliates of Cook County Bureau of Health Services, one of the largest public health care systems in the country. The Bureau provides a broad range of services from preventive and primary care emergency, acute, inpatient, rehabilitation and long term care to more than 1.5 million Cook County residents annually.

Pictured (left to right) Johnny C. Brown, Chief Operating Officer, John H. Stroger, Jr. Hospital of Cook County; Dr. Daniel H. Winship, Chief, Cook County Bureau of Health Services; Ronald A. Williams, President, Aetna; and Cook County Board President John H. Stroger Jr.

Natural Gas Prices Expected To Skyrocket This Winter

In preparation for skyrocketing energy prices during the upcoming winter months, Gov. Rod R. Blagojevich on Sept. 16th called on the Illinois utility companies to help maximize the effectiveness of the Low Income Energy Assistance Program (LIEAP) by waiving administrative reconnection fees and security deposits for LIEAP customers.

In a letter sent to the utility companies, Gov. Blagojevich stated that the U.S. Energy Information Administration reported in its "Short-Term Energy Outlook" that the projected increase in home heating expenditures this winter will be "69 percent to 77 percent for natural gas in the Midwest." The high heating expenses will affect millions and will hit hundreds of thousands of low-income families in Illinois especially hard.

In the past, LIEAP funds have been used first to cover utilities' administrative reconnection fees and security deposits, which can cost more than \$400. The governor is asking utilities to waive such fees so that grant funds go directly to cover actual usage charges, allowing the state to help more households cover heating costs.

Through LIEAP, a state and federally funded energy assistance program run by the Illinois Dept. of Healthcare

and Family Services (HFS), heating bill payments are made available to households with incomes of up to 150 percent of the federal poverty level. Gov. Blagojevich made LIEAP funding available on Sept. 1st to vulnerable households and those currently without home heating due to service disconnection to meet their winter heating needs.

On Sept. 1st, the governor sent a letter to the Illinois Congressional Delegation urging them to protect critical LIEAP funding during upcoming budget negotiations. The U.S. House Appropriations Committee has only approved \$2.006 billion in regular funds and no emergency contingency funding for the fiscal year 2006 LIEAP program. The Senate Labor-HHS-Education Appropriations Committee has proposed program funding at \$1.883 billion for the regular program and \$300 million for the emergency contingency fund. This is less than the \$2.18 billion in funding approved for last year's program, which also included an additional \$297 million in emergency funds. This budget shortfall, if approved by Congress, could have a disastrous impact on vulnerable households including seniors, young families and those with health problems worsened by cold weather.

Call the toll-free LIEAP information line at 1(800) 252-8643.

Jewish Federation Katrina Relief Fund Breaks \$1 Million Mark

In just two weeks, the Jewish Federation's Katrina Relief Fund has received contributions from more than 3,000 community members totaling some \$1,023,000.

The Federation established the fund on Aug. 30th in the wake of Hurricane Katrina, one of the most devastating storms ever to hit the nation. The Federation is passing on 100% of all funds received to agencies providing human services to both Jewish and non-Jewish residents of the areas affected by the hurricane.

The Federation is collecting funds in conjunction with a national effort coordinated by the United Jewish Communities (UJC).

The UJC is working with local Jewish federations in the affected regions to help coordinate relief efforts. Here in Chicago, the Federation's affiliate agencies also are assuming a role in the emergency assistance efforts.

Individuals wishing to make donations to help the hurricane victims should make checks payable to Jewish Federation Katrina Relief and send them to: Jewish Federation Katrina Relief Fund, c/o Jewish Federation of Metropolitan Chicago, One South Franklin Street, Room 625, Chicago, IL 60606.

In addition, contributions can be made by credit card via JUF's secure web site at www.juf.org or by calling (312) 444-2854.

Survivors Find Each Other

Hurricane Katrina took a lot of things away from a lot of people, but for 104-year-old Amos G. Haynes, Katrina brought him to his family in Chicago. Katrina also reunited him with his neighbor who lived two doors away from him in New Orleans.

Haynes survived Hurricane Katrina with his late wife's cousin, Helen and Willie Thompson, with whom Haynes sought refuge from the storm. They were evacuated to the Superdome where they spent four days. Both Haynes and the Thompsons were separated after they left the Superdome since Haynes was in a wheel chair. Haynes was taken to the New Orleans Airport where days later he was flown to San Antonio.

Williams was plucked from the balcony of the second floor apartment of a neighbor that she took refuge with.

Consequently, both Haynes and Williams found their way to Chicago. Haynes, who was born in New Orleans, lived in Chicago for nearly 70 years.

Williams and Haynes found each other at the Survivor's intake center in Chicago at 1314 S. Racine while filling out housing vouchers.

Williams, like Haynes, is staying with family here in Chicago.

Evacuees Needs

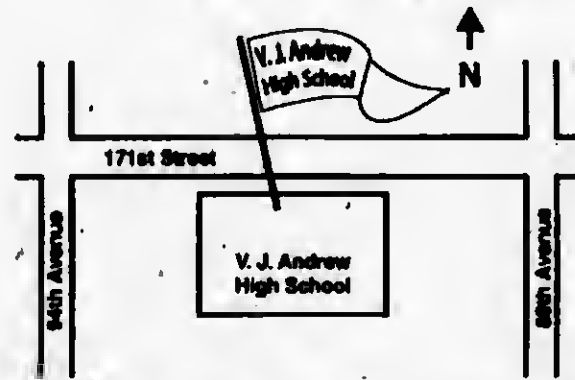
Catholic Charities agencies from across the country are already working to meet the immediate needs of evacuees that have come into their communities, as well as planning to provide assistance for the long-term needs of the victims. Catholic Charities USA is collecting financial donations to fund these local Catholic Charities agencies' emergency and long-term disaster recovery efforts.

To date, Catholic Charities USA has sent \$890,000 to date to assist with the emergency response following Hurricane Katrina. Twenty-one Catholic Charities agencies have each received grants ranging from \$10,000 to \$110,000 to help provide immediate support. Some of the vital community support may include temporary housing; food, clothing and other basic necessities; crisis and grief counseling; and financial assistance.

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ENTERTAINMENT NEWS

Polish American Dinner

October is Polish American Heritage Month. To celebrate this event The Polish Museum of America, 984 N. Milwaukee Ave. in Chicago, will be having its 7th annual Polish American Heritage Program and Dinner on Sunday, Oct. 16th.

Students from PRCUA Maria Konopnicka Polish Language School will entertain this year, as well as the PRCUA Raphael Kalinowski Polish School from Munster, Indiana. Winners of the Polish American Heritage Art Contest "25th Anniversary of Solidarity" will be announced and presented with their prizes by the major sponsor, PMA Life Member, Conrad Miczko. All artwork will be on display at the museum until the end of October. The Polish Museum Heritage

Award will be presented to individuals, businesses and organizations for their interest in and generosity toward The Polish Museum of America. This year's recipients are Kasia Bober from Kasia's Deli, Mr. & Mrs. Stanley Stawski from Stawski Distributor, Deborah Greenlee from Arlington, Texas, volunteer Zbigniew Kobus and PRCUA Maria Konopnicka Adult Culture Group.

A Polish-style dinner will be served after the program. Cost of the dinner is \$12 for adult museum members, \$17 for adult non-members and \$7 for children under 16. Reservations are necessary since seating is limited. RSVP to (773) 782-2720 by Oct. 10th. Payment guarantees your seat.

Native American Pow Wow

Midwest SOARRING Foundation will hold its 11th annual Harvest Pow Wow at the Naper Settlement, 523 S. Webster St., Naperville on Oct. 1 and 2. Saturday's hours are from 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. and Sunday's are 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. A pow wow is a gathering open to everyone and offers an opportunity to experience the Native American culture.

Throughout this spectacular weekend one can hear the sounds of Native American drumming, see dancers in regalia (native clothing) and shop the many vendors. Items such as turquoise jewelry, baskets, drums, blankets, hides and moccasins as well as native food, can be found throughout the many vendors displaying these unique items. The Grand Entry of Dancers will be held at 1 p.m. and 7 p.m. on Saturday and 1 p.m. on Sunday. Many special dances will be held throughout the day. Special attractions include cultural presenter and storyteller, Nick Hockings (Ojibwe), well known hoop dancer/flutist, Kevin Locke (Lakota), The Aztec Dancers, Nabui Ollin who will be performing at 5 p.m. on Saturday, and S.O.A.R. Save Our American Raptors with Deshka, the American Bald Eagle. Very exciting this year is the Artist Showcase, an area designated to Native American Artists with their handmade art pieces available for sale. This year the showcase will include artists, Donald Vann (Cherokee), Mel Cornshucker (Cherokee), Nick Cywink (Ojibwe), Lloyd Garcia (Santo Domingo Pueblo) and Florentino Bailon (Santa Domingo Pueblo). Cultural demonstrations held at different times throughout the two day event will include storytelling, quilting, sweetgrass braiding, wood carving, beading and the art of making a dreamcatcher. The Children's Area, which hosts crafts, games, flintknapping (making arrowheads) and educational information is popular by children and adults alike.

Admission to both the pow wow and Naper Settlement is \$8 for adults and \$5 for senior citizens and children six to 12 years old. Children five and under are free. Discounts offered on two-day admission tickets and groups of 10 or more. The admission fee will go to fund Midwest SOARRING Foundation's many programs. This event is open to everyone and like all of SOARRING's events is alcohol and drug free. For more information call (773) 585-1744 or visit www.midwestsoarring.org.

School Showcase Presents Othello

The Theatre School Showcase at DePaul University presents Othello by William Shakespeare, directed by Theatre School faculty member and Goodman Theatre Artistic Collective member Henry Godinez. The play previews on Oct. 5th and 6th at 7:30 p.m.; opens on Friday, Oct. 7th at 7:30 p.m.; and runs through Sunday, Oct. 16th at DePaul's Merle Reskin Theatre, 60 E. Balbo Drive in Chicago. Performances are Wednesday through Saturday at 7:30 p.m.

and Sunday at 2 p.m. For tickets, call the box office at (312) 922-1999.

Ticket prices are \$15. Student tickets are \$6. Group rates are available for 15 or more people. Seniors (over 60), Corporate Partners, DePaul employees and alumni, and college students receive a discount (with ID). Preview tickets are \$10 or free to college students (with ID). Tickets are available online at www.ticketweb.com and www.hottix.org.

CLASS REUNIONS

DuSable High School class of 1985 is looking for classmates. Call (312) 603-0523 or (773) 544-3086.

Marshall High School, Faculty and Staff - Reunion on Oct. 10th at 1 p.m.; Buffet City, 7110 S. Pulaski. Call (773) 736-1702.

Morton West High School class of 1975 reunion on Nov. 26th at Skylight West Banquets in Berwyn. Call (630) 420-2521.

Mother of Sorrows High School class of 1980 reunion on Oct. 8th. Call (773) 368-2631 or (708) 334-2868.

Westinghouse High School class of 1985 reunion on Oct. 7th at 7 p.m. at Condesa Del Mar, 12220 Cicero Ave. in Alsip. Call (773) 512-4577.

DuSable High School class of 1955 will hold a reunion on Sept. 25th from 5 to 9 p.m., \$50, Old Barn, 8100 S. Parkside. Call (773) 752-0926.

George Tilton Elementary School Class of 1963 and Friends will hold a reunion picnic on Sept. 17th. Call (815) 788-0905.

Little Flower High School class of 1965 and Little Flower Grammar School class of 1961 will hold a reunion on Sept. 24th. Call (708) 478-6112.

Bowen High School class of 1942 will hold a reunion on Sept. 28th from 11:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Glenwood Oaks Restaurant, \$18. Call (708) 333-5923.

Lourdes High School class of 1955 is looking for classmates for an October reunion. Call (708) 448-8874.

Bowen High School, classes of 1940 through 1949, will hold a reunion on Sept. 28th. Call (708) 333-5923, (773) 734-2467 or (630) 789-8093.

St. Turibius School class of 1955 - 50th Reunion on Sept. 23rd. Former classmates should call (517) 369-3808 or (708) 599-0045 or email sttribs55@yahoo.com.

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Special Opening Night for WTTW11 members on Thursday, September 22 at 7 pm. Call 773-509-1111 for more information.

Tickets available at the box office, all locations, charge by phone at 312-559-1212 and Ticketmaster.com. Additional services charges and/or fees may apply.

Jubal Players Present

"Jabberwock" In Dinner Theater

The Jubal Players have been working since June on another fun dinner theater production, just for all of you. The play is Jabberwock by Jerome Lawrence and Robert E. Lee and is based on the life of comic James Thurber. Before the comic shenanigans of Jim Carey or Robin Williams there was James Thurber. Thurber had an especially interesting and bizarre childhood, which he wrote about in "The Night the Bell Fell." This hilarity is brought to life in the play. Comic characters abound, but the love and closeness of family is certainly the central theme.

This promises to be yet another quality production by the Jubal players, a group who enjoys elevating the art of community theater. The production will be held at the First Nazarene, 12725 Bell Road in Lemont. For a wonderfully entertaining evening of great food in an intimate setting, call (708) 349-0454.

Tickets are on sale: \$18 for adults, \$12 for seniors (62+) and children (12 and under). Two week-ends are available: Sept. 23rd and 24th at 7 p.m. or Sept. 30th and Oct. 1st at 7 p.m. and Oct. 2nd at 1:30 p.m.

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ENTERTAINMENT NEWS

Go Behind The Scenes Of The Restoration Of David

Cinzia Parnigoni, the lead restorer of the world's most famous statue, Michelangelo's David, will detail the restoration team's work and discuss the condition of the piece at The Field Museum on Saturday, Oct. 22nd at 2 p.m. Parnigoni also will talk about the controversies surrounding the team's methods of cleaning — ones that led to the original restorer walking off the project.

The restoration project began in September 2002 and was completed in May 2004. Parnigoni brought David back to the glowing iconic statue that Michelangelo intended for it to be in 1504 A.D. Prior to the restoration, David had endured 500 years of rough treatment, including a lightning strike, an arm broken off by rioters and a toe smashed with a hammer.

Parnigoni was placed in charge of the restoration project after Agnese Parronchi, a respected restorer of

Michelangelo's sculptures, left the project due to what she considered a questionable cleaning method. Parronchi left after being told that the delicate and slow-dry cleaning method for which she is known, had to be replaced by a wet cleaning method using distilled water. This alternative method was chosen as it is most effective in removing grime and deposits of dirt.

Support for this lecture is provided by the Consulate General of Italy in Chicago and the Istituto Italiano di Cultura in Chicago.

The lecture will cost \$16 for the general public, \$14 for students and educators with an ID and \$12 for members of the museum. The dialogue of the lecture will be in Italian, with English translation. The Field Museum is located at 1400 S. Lake Shore Drive. For further information, call (312) 922-9410 or visit www.fieldmuseum.org.

"The American Clock"

Lewis University's Philip Lynch Theatre (PLT) continues its 30th anniversary season with "The American Clock," the theatrical, kaleidoscopic study of America during the Great Depression. Written by Arthur Miller, one of the great American playwrights of the 20th century, the show's performances are scheduled for Sept. 23rd to 25th and Sept. 29th to Oct. 2nd.

Dept. of Theatre Chairperson Keith White of Joliet directs the production subtitled "A Mural for the Theatre" and is based on Studs Terkel's novel "Hard Times: An Oral History of the Great Depression." White directs the cast of 34 to portray some 52 characters that capture the sense and substance of America in the throes of the Great Depression.

The production is recommended for all audiences and advance ticket purchases are strongly encouraged. Tickets are non-refundable. For more information, call the box office at (815) 836-5500 or check out the PLT Web site: www.lewisu.edu/plt. The Philip Lynch Theatre is located on the main campus of Lewis University on Route 53 in Romeoville.

Bike Tour Of I & M Canal

"Bike and Brake for History," a free, family bike tour for persons of at least 10 years of age along the historic I & M Canal from Joliet to Channahon, a distance of 10 miles roundtrip, will be Saturday, Oct. 1 at 9 a.m.

Bike from the Rock Run Greenway — I & M Canal Access Preserve, in Joliet, to Channahon State Park, with frequent stops along this picturesque portion of the I & M Canal. At these stops, interpreters will provide historic insights about the I & M Canal and its importance to the history of this region. At Channahon State Park, participants will see one of the remaining lock tender's homes as well as Locks 6 and 7.

"Bike and Brake for History" participants are required to provide their own bicycle, safety helmet, and drinking water.

The Rock Run Greenway — I & M Canal Access Preserve is located on Empress Road (Houbolt Road), 0.25 mile south of I-80, in Joliet.

For additional information, call the Forest Preserve District of Will County at (815) 727-8700, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Polish/English Exhibit

The Polish Museum of America, 984 N. Milwaukee Ave., invites you to the opening of an exhibit entitled "Katyn: Truth and Remembrance." Katyn, in the awareness of Poles, is the symbol of one of the most shocking, and at the same time, little known genocides of the 20th century. In the spring of 1940, units of the Soviet NKVD (Secret Police) killed 25,000 Polish prisoners of war in three different localities, collectively called "Katyn." This was part of a larger Soviet campaign against the Polish nation in which over one million people were deported to Siberia where many died in deplorable conditions.

The bilingual Polish/English exhibit of 32 panels relates the history of the events leading up to World War II, the executions, the cover-up, the search for truth and recent photos of the cemeteries. The opening of the exhibit is scheduled for 7 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 30th in the Great Hall of the museum. The exhibit will be shown during the month of October. School group tours should be arranged by calling (773) 384-3352, ext. 101. Remember that the museum is closed to the public on Thursdays.



Disney On Ice

From Cinderella (left) to The Little Mermaid, Ariel, Disney On Ice SM presents Princess Classics brings Disney's most beloved princesses together in one enchanted skating spectacular, appearing Sept. 22-25 at the Allstate Arena in Rosemont, and Sept. 28-Oct. 2 at Chicago's United Center.

Tickets are available at the Allstate Arena Box Office, 6920 N. Mannheim Road, Rosemont, the United Center Box Office, 1901 W. Madison St., Chicago, all Ticketmaster locations, and on the web at www.ticketmaster.com. To order tickets by phone, call (312) 559-1212.

Ticket prices are \$12, \$19 and \$25, with a limited number of \$45 V.I.P. and \$60 front row seats available. All Opening Night tickets at the Allstate Arena and United Center will be \$10, excluding V.I.P. seats. Groups, call (847) 891-8916 for Allstate Arena tickets or (312) 455-7469 for United Center tickets. For general show information, call the Allstate Arena at (847) 635-6601 or the United Center at (312) 455-4500. To learn more about Disney On Ice log on to www.disneyonice.com.

Grecian Fall Food Festival

All Saints Greek Orthodox Church will sponsor its annual Grecian Fall Food Festival from 2 to 10 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 8, and noon to 8 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 10, at Saint George's Serbian Hall, 300 Stryker Ave., Joliet.

Dinners will feature Greek salad, a combination plate of shish kabob and Grecian chicken, rice pilaf, Grecian-style braised green beans, coffee and rolls. Carryout available.

Other favorites including loukamaties, homemade Greek pastries and other Greek specialties will also be available, in addition to Greek wines, ouzo, beer and soft drinks.

Advance ticket price is \$11 for adults and \$7 for children ages 10 and younger.

Tickets purchased at the door are \$13 for adults and \$9 for children.

For tickets or more information call All Saints Church at (815) 722-1727.

Pompeii Stories

The Field Museum will host a fantastic look into the past with an exhibit scheduled Oct. 22nd through Mar. 26 entitled, "Pompeii: Stories From An Eruption." The exhibit will bring to the museum artifacts from the ancient Roman cities of Pompeii, Herculaneum and Opolontis, which were destroyed by Mt. Vesuvius in 79 A.D. in a tremendous volcanic explosion that buried them for over 1700 years.

Many of the artifacts will bring to life, the every day activities of the cities and included will be twelve casts of people who were caught in the eruption of the volcano. Created when the bodies of these people disintegrated, the casts show the people in their last moments alive.

Through lectures and seminars conducted by historians art restoration specialists and authors, you will learn about ancient Rome. The museum has scheduled citywide programs, adult classes, and family workshops on volcanoes and life in Pompeii. A catalog has been prepared with lavishly illustrated full-color photographs of the items from the exhibition and additional objects, with text that places them in context and explains the stories that go with them. A variety of experts have contributed fascinating essays on Pompeii in literature, cinema and art.

The Field Museum is located at 1400 S. Lake Shore Drive. It can be reached by CTA bus, the Metra and South Shore Trains. Tickets for Pompeii are priced at \$19 for adults, \$14 for seniors and students with ID, \$9 for children 4 to 11-years old. Special rates are available for tour operators and groups of fifteen or more.

For more information visit www.fieldmuseum.org or call (312) 922-9410.

Old Campground Flea Market & Auction

The United Methodist Church of New Lenox will welcome visitors to the 27th annual Old Campground Antiques, Collectibles and Flea Market on Saturday, Sept. 24 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The huge all day sale of antiques, collectibles, primitives, crafts, used toys, etc. will take place outdoors in the wooded church campgrounds located just off U.S. Route 30, one mile east of Interstate 80, Exit 137 in downtown New Lenox. The flea market showcases between 75 and 100 booths.

For the third year, there will be an auction from 12 to 3 p.m. on the outdoor stage area. Many fine items and talents have been donated for the auction.

Hot sandwiches will be sold all day by the church. The event is well attended and well advertised. There will be plenty of free parking and the admission to the flea market is free.

The rain date for both events is Sunday, Sept. 25th from noon to 5 p.m. For further information call (815) 485-8195.

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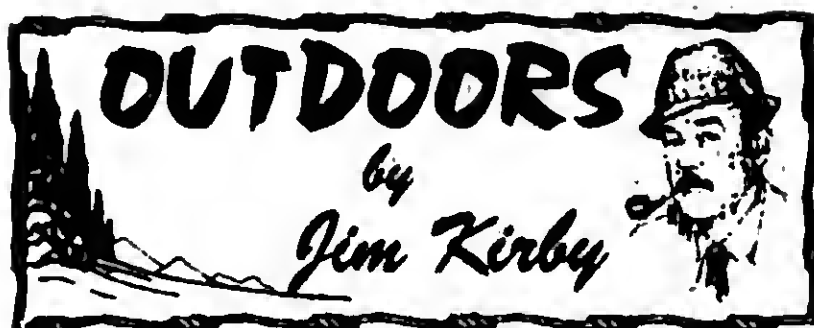
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For further information, email il-webmaster@boat-ed.com or call toll-free 1-800-820-2268. Free, eight-hour boating safety courses continue to be offered by IDNR. For a calendar of upcoming classes, visit www.dnr.state.il.us/lands/education/SAFETY/boat.htm.

■ARE ALL BUCKTAILS CREATED EQUAL? It all started with a phone call from my nephew John Welsh, Oak Forest, who just returned from a Canadian muskie fishing trip. He was excited about the success they had using a fishing lure developed by his friend Matt McCombs. John suggested I contact Matt and find out more details about his special lure.



The secret to Matt's Premium Bucktails is superior components and workmanship.

Matt dropped by my house with a box full of lures, before going into details about them, I pulled out my muskie tackle box loaded with 50 years of collected favorite baits. I had Matt look them over and tell me why his lures were different from any of mine.

Matt told me an interesting story. For years he had to put up with having to toss out tackle at the end of a trip. Tackle that didn't hold up to the rigors of hanging on to big fish, namely muskies and northerns.

"Necessity is the mother of invention," he said. Five years ago, he started to develop a muskie bait that he envisioned as being superior to anything on the market. Now five years later, after trial and error and extensive field testing, he's convinced his NuG, (a strange name for a piece of fishing tackle) is the answer to the muskie/Northern pike fisherman's prayers.

Matt took one of his NuG Bucktails out of its clever packaging storage tube and proceeded to explain component by component the uniqueness of his lure over the competition, his search for superior materials including blades (Willow, Indiana and Colorado), hooks, skirt hair and coloration, tube wrapping, snap swivels, etc. Each lure comes with its own high quality leader with a SAMPO ball bearing leader and premium snap. The extra-long bucktail covers the hooks, making the lure practically weedless. The NuG comes in a variety of sizes, colors, configurations and prices.

Matt is taking his tackle to market, selling direct and through select dealers. For information, call (630) 201-7162 or matt@nugtackle.net. Dealer inquiries invited.

■FOR A GREAT FAMILY GETAWAY THIS WEEKEND: Northern Illinois Hunting & Fishing Days to be celebrated this weekend, Sept. 24-25 at Silver Springs State Fish & Wildlife Area in Yorkville, Illinois.

Free Admission. Over 80 exhibitors. Outdoor radio and TV personalities on hand to answer your outdoor questions. This event is for the entire family-something for everyone.

- *Chicago Angling 7 Casting Club Demos.
- *Canoe Rides, Fly Tying, Fly Casting.
- *Dog Demos.
- *Kids Casting-Stocked Kids Fishing Pond.
- *Outdoor Women Seminars.
- *RVs, ATVs, Boats.
- *Trap, BB & Archery Ranges.
- *And much more.

Show hours Saturday and Sunday are 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Visit the web site at www.huntingandfishingdays.org.

World's Largest Truck Convoy To Tour Through Illinois Sept 24th

In an attempt to maintain Guinness Book of World Record status, law enforcement and truckers throughout the United States and Canada will join forces to hold the World's Largest Truck Convoy (WLTC) on Sept. 24th. A stretch of Interstate 80 from Tinley Park to Joliet will be lined with an expected 50 to 100 trucks as they convoy to the Route 66 Raceway to celebrate their support of the athletes of Special Olympics.

The convoy will begin at the Tweeter Center in Tinley Park at 10 a.m., with registration from 8 to 9:30. It's not too late to get involved in this record-setting event - trucks can even register to participate on the morning of the event.

An international fundraising and awareness event, the WLTC is a unique partnership between law enforcement and truckers to raise funds for Special Olympics so that athletes can continue to train in year-round sports activities at no cost to them. Officers involved in the Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics have made the WLTC one of their many annual signature events.

This is the first time Illinois will participate in the WLTC which will involve more than 3,000 truckers in 30 states and Alberta and Ontario, Canada, and raised nearly \$225,000 in 2004. Truckers in Illinois will travel 20 miles to the Route 66 Speedway in Joliet where the 2005 Will County Sheriff's Challenge drag racing event is taking

place. Convoy participants will be recognized at the event. The general public is invited to attend the Sheriff's Challenge; entry is \$15, with children 12 and younger admitted for free.

Trucking companies and truckers who want to participate in this year's event can visit the Special Olympics Illinois Web site at www.soill.org or call (800) 394-0562 for more information and a registration packet. The convoy's Web site at www.worldslargesttruckconvoy.com also has information on the event. There are two levels of participation for truckers: Convoy Participant, with an entry fee of \$100, and Convoy-Plus Participant, with an entry fee of \$150. In bidding that ended Sept. 2nd, James Bult of Mr. Bult Inc. won the honor of being the lead truck in the Illinois convoy, with KR Drenth Trucking securing the No. 2 truck position.

Fall 2005 Tree & Fish Sale

The Will-South Cook Soil & Water Conservation District is currently taking orders for its fall 2005 Tree and Fish Sale. The newsletter was mailed out the week of Sept. 12th, which contains order forms. Order forms can also be picked up at the Will/South Cook Soil and Water Conservation District office.

The District has a wide variety of plants, shrubs and trees available, ranging in size from 8 inches to 4-foot linear stock, and one and two-gallon potted stock.

Fish varieties for sale include Channel Catfish, Largemouth Bass, Redear, Hybrid Sunfish, Fathead Minnows, Bluegill, Black Crappie, and Triploid Grass Carp. Channel Catfish, Hybrid Sunfish, Bluegill and Largemouth Bass are available in many different sizes.

If you are not currently on the mailing list, call the Will/South Cook SWCD office at (815) 462-3106 and select 3 to receive a sale brochure. All orders must be prepaid and received by Oct. 6th. Grass Carp must be ordered by Sept. 29th.

Tree orders will be available for pickup on Friday, Oct. 14th from 12 noon until 6 p.m. and Saturday, Oct. 15th from 7 until 11 a.m. at the Will-South Cook SWCD building located at 1201 Gougar Road in New Lenox.

Fish stock will be available for pickup on Saturday only, Oct. 15th at 7 a.m. only, at the above location.



LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF EXAMINATION FOR POSITION OF FIREFIGHTER2/EMT IN THE VILLAGE OF MIDLOTHIAN COUNTY OF COOK, STATE OF ILLINOIS

The Board of Fire and Police Commission will accept applications for the position of Firefighter2/EMT. Applications are available starting September 19, 2005 at the Midlothian Village Hall, 14801 S. Pulaski, Midlothian, Illinois, and should be filled out correctly and completely and returned on or before October 3, 2005 by 5:00pm.

BENEFITS

Competitive salary and benefits include paid vacation, partially paid health insurance, longevity increases, retirement plan and optional credit union.

The Village of Midlothian reserves the right to alter salaries and benefits and that employment shall confer any vested right except as may be provided by law.

QUALIFICATIONS

The applicant shall be at least twenty-one (21) years of age and not over thirty-five (35) years of age at time of appointment. Must be a U.S. Citizen. Sound physical and mental condition. Must be a High School Graduate or equivalent. Applicants must meet all other eligibility requirements as provided by the State Statute and Village of Midlothian Fire and Police Commission Rules and Regulations. Must possess a current driver's license in good standing. Applicant must pass a physical test, written examination, oral interview and upon offer of employment pass a physical examination by the Fire and Police Commission Physician or a Physician designated by the Fire Department. Mandatory appearance by the applicant at an orientation meeting, which is to be held on Friday, October 07, 2005 at 7:30pm in the Village of Midlothian Council Chambers, is required prior to the physical testing examination. The physical testing will be held on Saturday, October 08, 2005 at 8:00am at the Village of Midlothian Fire Department Fire Station #1.

There will be a non-refundable processing fee of \$25.00 at the time application is picked up to partially cover the cost of the physical and written testing.

BY ORDER OF THE FIRE AND POLICE COMMISSION
VILLAGE OF MIDLOTHIAN

Men's Soccer Team Kicks Into High Gear In 2005

The 2005 season promises to be an exciting time for the Moraine Valley men's soccer team. After coming close in 2004 with a second-place finish in the Skyway Conference for the second straight year, and after a heart-wrenching quarter-final exit in the Region IV tournament, coach Chuck Bales has his team focused on winning championships this year.

Bales started recruiting immediately after the 2004 season concluded to ensure that a host of talented freshmen would be joining the experienced group of returning sophomores. In addition, a new group system of play has been introduced in Region IV that allows coaches to rotate their squads more effectively to make certain that the team peaks properly for the later stages of the season. Not only that, the team's mid-season visit to Rotterdam, Holland to participate in the 2005 World Inter-University Championships will guarantee that 2005 is a truly memorable year in the history of the Moraine Valley men's soccer program.

The key to any successful team is a skilled group of experienced players, and Moraine Valley is fortunate to have several important players from the 2004 season return. Captain Jason Luebs (Lemont High School) and Alex Duncan, former Sandburg High School all-state forward and 2004 top scorer again will lead the team. Joining them from the first team will be defender Mike Brown (Andrew High School), midfielder Tim Kopec (Sandburg High School) and goalkeeper Nick Kimmer (Shepard High School). Also returning and making a push for the starting lineup will be midfielder Robert Carbone (Lemont High School), midfielder Aaron Martinez and defender Brian Fonte (Stagg High School).

The Cyclones have recruited an exciting group of talented freshmen to compete with the sophomores for a place in the first team and to help push the team to their potential. Goalkeepers Robert Krzak (Argo High School), who earned 2003 and 2004 SICA all-conference honors, and Alex McVicker (Sandburg High School) both excelled at the high school level and will be looking to continue their dominance at the college level.

Joining the defense will be SICA all-conference Gersain Saucedo (Argo High School), Dom DiDiana (Sandburg High School), Tim Kurek (Andrew High School), Peter Cahue (St. Rita High School), Ayrton Llerenas and Jorge Mora (both from Eisenhower High School) and Niko Maniakouras (Stagg High School).

Former captain from Lincolnway East High School Ryan Clemens will be adding to the firepower from midfield. Clemens made the 2004 SICA all-conference, all-regional, all-sectional and all-area teams, and was voted the 2004 Offensive Player of the Year. Joining him in midfield will be Nick Sweis (Andrew High School), a transfer from St. Joseph's College and a 2003 SICA All-Conference and All-Sectional winner, Alexandro Cahue (De La Salle High School), a transfer from Lewis University and a member of the 2002 SICA All-Sectional team, and Mike MacDonald (Andrew High School).

Jose Arizaga, SICA all-conference, all-sectional and all-regional from Eisenhower High School, and Mariusz Kawecki, SICA all-conference, all-sectional and all-area from Reavis High School, will be adding to the team's offensive threat. Other incoming forwards include Przemyslaw Kudlik (Reavis High School) and Jesus Ponce De Leon (St. Rita High School).

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PREP SPORTS ROUND-UP

BOYS FOOTBALL Saturday, 9-10-05

Foreman 28, Clark 26
Ag. Science 42, Tilden 20
Brother Rice 32, De LaSalle 7
Mt. Carmel 46, Providence 27
Guerin 21, Hales Franciscan 20
Nazareth 27, St. Joseph 26
Lake Forest Ac. 37, Luther South 14
Christian Life 31, Luther North 25 OT
Driscoll 42, St. Edward 0
Marmion 41, Immaculate Conception 14
Montini 24, St. Francis 7
Glenbard West 29, Proviso West 26
Andrew 31, Thornwood 12
Austin 22, Steinmetz 14
Brooks 33, Calumet 8
CICS 50, River Forest (Ind.) 13
Corliss 35, Mendota 6
Fenger 47, Farragut 8
Hubbard 40, Lincoln Park 8
Hyde Park 42, South Shore 13
Lake View 11, Dyett 8, Double OT
Loyola 32, Gordon Tech 8
North Shore 34, Maranatha 8
Phillips 26, Sean 6
Prosser 14, Clemente 7
Simone 19, Lane 6
Taft 21, Sullivan 0
Thornton 42, Oak Lawn 0
Westinghouse 30, Manley 20

Sunday, 9-11-05
Dunbar 38, Harper 8
Robeson 46, Vocational 22

BOYS FOOTBALL Thursday, 9-15-05

Lincoln Park 44, Farragut 0
King 31, Brooks 8
Phillips 28, Dyett 0
Taft 28, Amundsen 21
Collins 22, Juarez 6
Foreman 26, Payton 8
Orr 26, Clark 16
Kennedy 20, Tilden 14

BOYS FOOTBALL Friday, 9-16-05

Joliet Catholic Academy 41, Notre Dame 0
Lincoln Way Central 43, Joliet Township 0
Morgan Park 50, Julian 13
Homewood-Flossmoor 35, Bloom Township 6
Rich Central 20, Kankakee 15
Providence Catholic 31, Loyola 29
Thornton 32, Shepard 13
Andrew 35, Bradley 20
Curie 31, Whitney Young 6
St. Laurence 42, Leo 6
Lemont 40, Oswego East 0
Evergreen Park 7, Rich South 6
Romeoville 19, Eisenhower 3
Bolingbrook 43, Lockport 3
Oak Lawn 6, Thornwood 0

BOYS FOOTBALL Saturday, 9-17-05

Aurora Central 35, St. Edward 21
Aurora Christian 81, Luther North 24
Bish. McNamara 15, Gordon Tech 12
Bogan 46, Kelvin Park 6
Cary-Grove 49, Huntley 0
Chicago Christian 48, Lake Forest Academy 0
Corliss 18, Prosser 14
Crete-Monroe 28, Reavis 20
Deerfield 20, Evanston 16
Downers North 48, Proviso West 6
Gage Park 21, Roosevelt 0
Harlan 18, Ag. Science 2
Harper 52, Kenwood 0
Hillcrest 48, Rich East 12
Hubbard 26, Dunbar 8
Kelly 14, Du Sable 6
Maine West 40, Waukegan 0
Manley 32, Bronzeville 0
Marshall 20, Lake View 14
Montini 28, Marmion 21
Oak Park 10, Hinsdale Central 7
Robeson 35, Fenger 13
St. Ignatius 16, Guerin 0
St. Rita 367, De LaSalle 0
Senn 16, Washington 6
Stagg 27, Thornridge 6
Stevenson 54, Zion-Benton 6
Sullivan 12, Bowen 10
Vocational 63, Steinmetz 0
Walther Lutheran 44, Luther South 0
West Carroll 52, CICS-Longwood 35
Westinghouse 26, Carver 14
Westmont 27, Yorkville 21, 2 OT

BOYS FOOTBALL Sunday, 9-18-05

Fenwick 51, Hales Franciscan 0

BOYS SOCCER Monday, 9-12-05

Amundsen 2, Kelly 1
Bogan 3, Curie 0
Bronzeville 1, Bowen 0
Buffalo Grove 3, Lake Zurich 0
Carmel 4, St. Joseph 1
Deerfield 4, Loyola 0
Glenbard South 3, Minooka 1
Glenbrook North 2, Maine East 1
Hubbard 6, Tilden 1
Illinois Lutheran 2, Beecher 1
Jones 2, Morgan Park 1
Juarez 3, Lane Tech 2
Kenwood 2, Ag. Science 1
Lake Park 4, Fenton 0
Lincoln Park 5, Northside Prep 3
Lincoln-Way Central 2, Sandburg 1 OT
Lockport 3, Homewood-Flossmoor 0
Marian Catholic 6, Illiana Christian 1
Mather 3, Wells 2
Naperville Central 3, West Aurora 0
Naperville North 3, Plainfield Central 2
Notre Dame 4, Nazareth 1
Oak Park 3, Leyden 2
Payton 2, Taft 1 (PK)
Plainfield Central 3, Naperville North 2
Prosser 7, Foreman 1
Providence 2, Marist 1
Riverside-Brookfield 4, De LaSalle 1
Schurz 6, Hancock 2
Stagg 3, Lincoln-Way East 0
Timothy Christian 3, Farragut 2
U-High 6, Proviso West 0
Waukegan 5, Glenbrook South 2

BOYS SOCCER Tuesday, 9-13-05

Brother Rice 3, Loyola Academy 1
Eisenhower 1, Oak Lawn 0
Reavis 5, Oak Forest 1
Argo 1, Bremen 0 (SO)
Providence Catholic 8, De LaSalle 0
Illiana Christian 3, Chicago Christian 0

Latin 1, Morgan Park Academy 0
Rich South 3, Thornton Fractional Co-op 1
Bloom Township 10, Kankakee 1
Shepard 3, Richards 2

BOYS SOCCER Thursday, 9-15-05

Reavis 4, Shepard 0
Richards 4, Tinley Park 3
Rich East 2, Rich Central 0
Thornton Township Co-op 4, Bloom Township 1
Lemont 2, Riverside-Brookfield 0
Sandburg 1, New Trier 0 (2 OT's)
Oswego 2, Lincoln Way Central 1
Mount Carmel 2, Marist 0
Eisenhower 4, Bradley 2
Providence Catholic 2, Lincoln Way East 1
Andrew 2, Whitney Young 0
Marian Catholic 8, Kelly 1
Glenbard North 4, Homewood-Flossmoor 1
St. Ignatius 4, Rolling Meadows 2
Beecher 6, St. Anne 1
Downers North 6, Hinsdale South 2
Evanston 3, Glenbrook North 2
Fremd 3, Lake Zurich 1
Herscher 5, Peotone 0
Illinois Lutheran 7, Luther East 0
Juarez 6, Jones 0
Kaneland 5, Elmwood Park 1
Lake Park 3, Elgin 1
Lincoln Way East 3, Bolingbrook 1
McHenry 1, Jacobs 0
Niles North 3, Loyola 0
St. Joseph 5, Northridge 0
Taft 2, Mather 2
Wells 4, Northside Prep 1
York 5, Willowbrook 0
Morton 1, Bartlett 0
Leyden 11, Glenbard West 0
Grant 2, Zion-Benton 2
Wheaton South 2, Lyons 0
Fenwick 2, St. Charles North 1
Libertyville 3, Maine South 2
Naperville Central 2, Timothy Christian 0
Oswego 2, Lincoln Way Central 1
Plainfield Central 5, Marmion 3
Warren 4, St. Charles East 0

BOYS SOCCER Friday 9-16-05

De LaSalle 3, Bremen 2

GIRLS VOLLEYBALL Monday, 9-12-05

Batavia d. Huntley 25-20, 25-21
Bloom d. T.F. North 25-15, 25-16
Bogan d. Harlan 18-25, 25-19, 25-21
Bowen d. Carver 25-9, 25-19
Calumet d. Englewood 25-22, 25-18
Evergreen Park d. Tinley Park 25-23, 22-25, 25-21
Fenwick d. Timothy Christian 25-15, 25-13
Glenbrook North d. Deerfield 25-14, 25-17
Gordon Tech d. Notre Dame 19-25, 25-22, 25-22
Hersey d. Stevenson 25-23, 25-22
Hinsdale Central d. Fremd 27-25, 17-25, 27-25
Hinsdale South d. Leyden 25-15, 21-25, 25-15
Kaneland d. East Aurora 25-17, 25-11
Lane Tech d. Mather 25-11, 25-12
Maine West d. Niles North 25-20, 22-25, 25-20
Marshall d. Hyde Park 25-16, 25-9
Minooka d. Morris 25-16, 25-11
Mount Assisi d. St. Joseph 25-19, 25-10
Nequa Valley d. Downers S. 26-28, 25-16, 25-19
N. Lawndale d. Our Lady of Tepeyac 25-23, 25-16
Oak Forest d. Hillcrest 25-13, 25-19
Oak Lawn d. Argo 25-12, 25-23
Prosser d. Taft 25-12, 25-12
Resurrection d. Guerin 25-14, 25-11
Richards d. Romeoville 25-16, 25-17
Rolling Meadows d. Libertyville 22-25, 25-14, 25-21
St. Charles North d. York 25-15, 15-25, 28-26
St. Francis d. Imm. Conception 25-9, 25-20
Shepard d. Reavis 25-15, 25-21
South Shore d. Gage Park 25-7, 25-11
T.F. South d. Thornwood 25-19, 25-11
Trinity d. St. Francis de Sales 25-14, 25-7
Von Steuben d. Lake View 27-25, 26-24
York d. St. Charles N. 15-25, 25-15, 28-26
Zion-B d. Round Lake 26-28, 25-11, 25-13

GIRLS VOLLEYBALL Tuesday, 9-13-05

Joliet Catholic d. Nazareth 25-12, 25-17
Bolingbrook d. Sandburg 25-23, 22-25, 25-20
Stagg d. Lockport 25-20, 23-25, 25-13
Lincoln Way East d. Homewood-Flossmoor 25-16, 25-16
St. Ignatius d. Queen of Peace 22-25, 25-16, 25-16
Andrew d. Lincoln-Way Central 25-15, 25-18
Morgan Park d. Curie 25-11, 14-25, 25-23
De LaSalle d. St. Scholastica 25-19, 25-6

GIRLS VOLLEYBALL Thursday, 9-15-05

Hinsdale S. d. Downers N. 17-25, 25-21, 27-25

GIRLS VOLLEYBALL Friday, 9-15-05

Andrew d. Homewood-F 25-17, 25-12
Argo d. Bremen 25-18, 25-11
Aurora Christian d. Luther North 25-17, 25-16
Batavia d. Plainfield South 25-22, 25-19
Beecher d. Peotone 25-23, 25-20
Buffalo Grove d. Prospect 25-14, 25-12
Carmel d. Benet 20-25, 25-21, 25-14
Conant d. Palatine 23-25, 25-19, 25-20
Crystal Lake South d. Crystal Lake Central 25-18, 25-16
De LaSalle d. Queen of Peace 26-24, 25-18
Glenbard North d. West Chicago 21-25, 28-26, 25-20
Glenbard South d. Oswego 25-19, 25-15
Glenbrook South d. Niles West 25-20, 25-22
Hersey d. Wheeling 25-20, 25-17
Illinois Lutheran d. Luther E. 25-20, 25-22
Joliet Catholic d. Lincoln Way East 25-15, 25-22
Kennedy d. Curie 25-14, 25-15
Lake Park d. Elgin 25-16, 25-13
Lane Tech d. Ridgewood 25-13, 25-17
Larkin d. Nequa Valley 19-25, 25-20, 25-16
Leyden d. Oak Park 25-23, 25-23
Lincoln Way Central d. Bradley 25-18, 24-26, 25-20
Lockport d. Bolingbrook 26-24, 25-10
Maine East d. Niles North 25-9, 25-18
Maine South d. Waukegan 30-28, 25-17
Minooka d. Sycamore 25-22, 21-25, 25-19
Morgan Park d. Ag. Science 25-16, 25-10
Mt. Assisi d. Resurrection 25-18, 25-17
Mother McAuley d. Marian Catholic 25-18, 22-25, 25-14
Notre Dame d. Holy Trinity 25-15, 26-24
Providence d. Fenwick 25-23, 20-25, 25-18
Regina d. Maria 25-10, 25-18
Rolling Meadows d. Elk Grove 25-18, 28-30, 25-18
St. Scholastica d. Gordon Tech 25-18, 9-25, 25-21
Sandburg d. Joliet 25-13, 25-16
Schaumburg d. Fremd 25-13, 27-25
Simone d. Kelly 25-23, 25-19
St. Charles N. d. St. Charles E. 25-19, 18-25, 26-24
St. Joseph d. Seton 25-15, 25-10
Trinity d. St. Ignatius 21-25, 25-23, 25-19
Waubensie Valley d. DeKalb 25-15, 25-19

Westmoot d. IMSA 25-21, 25-23
Wheaton North d. West Aurora 19-25, 25-16, 25-20
Wheaton South d. Glenbard East 25-14, 25-9
York d. Morton 25-10, 25-22
Young d. Brooks 25-13, 25-14
YWLC d. Providence St. Mel 25-16, 25-17

GIRLS VOLLEYBALL Friday, 9-16-05

Beecher d. Chicago Christian 25-18, 25-22
Joliet Catholic d. Byron 25-10, 25-12
Joliet Catholic d. Buffalo Grove 25-15, 25-21
Andrew d. Geneva 25-15, 25-20
Andrew d. Glenbard West 25-16, 25-11

BOYS GOLF Monday, 9-12-05

Addison Trail 156, Maine East 189, Proviso E. 212
M: Nick Rigatano, Addison Trail, 37
Benet 154, Marian Catholic 157
M: Luke Marthaler, Marian Catholic, 35
Bremen 177, Rich East 194
M: Al Landini, Bremen, 40
Brother Rice 157, Fenwick 160
M: Matt Harrigan, Brother Rice, 38
Fenwick 155, De LaSalle 171
M: Steve Ahern, Fenwick, 36
Hinsdale Central 150, Downers South 164
M: Jamie Travis, Mike Swanson, Hinsdale Central, 37
Illiana Christian 166, T.F. South 182, T.F. North 247
M: Derek Postma, Peter Stevens, Illiana Christian, 39
Lake View 260, Mather 265
M: Tug Enkhbat, Lake View, 58
Loyola 3.5, Highland Park 3.5 (Match Play)
M: Chad Schwartz, Highland Park, 39
Mundelein 159, Niles West 170, Niles North 178
M: Mike Bumrongsol, Niles West, 37
New Trier 150, Fremd 164, Maine South 170
M: Mike Slovitt, New Trier, 35
Oak Forest 172, Andrew 173
M: Paul Dagsy, Matt Hillier, Oak Forest, 40
Reavis 166, Rich South 236
M: Glenn McDonald, Reavis, 38
Riverside-Brookfield 170, Elmwood Park 193
M: Andy Titter, Riverside-Brookfield, 41
St. Patrick 158, Nazareth 183
M: Matt Merkel, St. Patrick, 36
St. Rita 146, Richards 157
M: Adam Burns, St. Rita, 35
Von Steuben 190, Taft 220
M: Justin Morimoto, Von Steuben, 43

BOYS GOLF Tuesday, 9-13-05

Sandburg 156, Andrew 160
M: Dave Hackel, Sandburg, 37
Marist 160, St. Rita 165
M: Kenny Eberhardt, Marist, 36
T.F. North 207, Rich South 211
M: Lorne Boutte, Rich South, 43
Eisenhower 171, Argo 184
M: Marty Tarvid, Eisenhower, 39
Homewood-Flossmoor 163, Joliet Township 181
M: Andrew Godfrey, Homewood-Flossmoor, Max Gaby,
Homewood-Flossmoor, 39
St. Patrick 161, Marian Catholic 166
M: Mike Cernak, St. Patrick, 38
Crete-Monroe 158, Rich Central 211
M: Tyler Ledford, Crete-Monroe, 37
Lincoln Way East 161, Bolingbrook 173
Oak Lawn 179, Bremen 181
M: Al Landini, Bremen, 42
T.F. South 173, Rich East 224
M: Justin Pich, T.F. South, 39

BOYS GOLF Wednesday, 9-14-05

Evergreen Park 163, Argo 166
M: Joe Powers, Evergreen Park, 36
Tinley Park 209, Rich South 218
Lincoln Way East 148, Illiana Christian 166
M: Bobby O'Neill, Lincoln Way East, 36
Richards 150, Eisenhower 169
M: Scott Rendell and Jeff Syciak, 39
Brother Rice 142, Providence Catholic 153, De LaSalle 172
M: Ed James & Jason Moss, Brother Rice, 35

BOYS GOLF Thursday, 9-15-05

Reavis 174, Bremen 197
M: Al Landini, Bremen; Sean Kramer, Phil Swistowicz, 41
Homewood-Flossmoor 155, Lincoln Way Central 157
M: Pat Fitzgerald, Homewood-Flossmoor, 36
Lemont 153, Riverside-Brookfield 160
M: Tom Lynn, Lemont, 35
Oak Forest 173, Romeoville 205
M: Matt Miller, Oak Forest, 41
Richards 153, Tinley Park 178
M: Jeff Wycislak & Steve Crook, 38
Oak Lawn 177, Eisenhower 177
M: Andy Bland, Eisenhower, 42
Lincoln Way East 157, Bradley 161
M: John Hill, Chris Sliga, Lincoln Way E., 38
Kankakee 177, Rich South 235
M: Jaysen Peterson, Kankakee, 41
Loyola Academy 158, Brother Rice 163
M: Jason Moss, Brother Rice, 39
T.F. South 179, Bloom Township 189
M: Justin Fitch, T.F. South, 42
Crete-Monroe 181, T.F. North 212
M: Chris Rossi, Crete-Monroe, 41
Fenwick 165, St. Rita 171
M: Jim Frankenbach, Fenwick, 38
Sandburg 166, Stagg 183
M: J.A. Sarsfield, Dave Hackel, Sandburg, 40

BOYS GOLF Friday, 9-16-05

Oak Forest 169, Richards 193
M: Paul Dagsy, Oak Forest, 40
Chicago Christian 175, St. Laurence 192
M: Sam Bettinardi, Chicago Christian, 42

GIRLS GOLF Monday, 9-12-05

Batavia 177, Geneva 190
M: Lexie Orr, Geneva, 40
Lake Zurich 191, Warren 222
Lemont 162, Westmont 172
M: Torri Mack, Lemont, 38
Libertyville 173, Vernon Hills 201
Maine South 188, Glenbrook South 206
M: Melissa Miller, Maine South, 43
Minooka 160, Riverside-Brookfield 185
M: Mallory Carr, Minooka, 38
Plainfield C 204, Plainfield S. 215, Plainfield N. 243
Waubensie Valley 171, St. Charles North 175
M: Brooke Bettis, St. Charles North, 41
Wheaton North 192, West Chicago 231
M: Colleen Kennelly, Wheaton-North, 46

GIRLS GOLF Tuesday, 9-13-05

Marian Catholic 156, Providence Catholic 189
M: Meg Gilley, Marian Catholic, Samantha Sloan,
Marian Catholic, 37
Oak Forest 205, Andrew 216
M: Dawn Boss, Oak Forest, Bethany Juby, Oak Forest, 49
Lincoln Way East 179, Homewood-Flossmoor 183

M: Lindsey Carr, Lincoln Way East, Kelly Grund,
Homewood-Flossmoor, 43

GIRLS GOLF Thursday, 9-15-05

Lincoln Way Central 173, Andrew 180
M: Colleen McGinnis, Andrew, 39
Lincoln Way East 159, Joliet Township 189
M: Brittany Carr, Lincoln Way East, 37
Queen of Peace 192, Mount Assisi 199
M: Colleen Norwell, Mount Assisi, 43
St. Ignatius 183, Mother McAuley 188
M: Mary Kate Boyce, Mother McAuley, 38
Marian Catholic 170, Joliet Catholic Academy 228
M: Samantha Sloan, Marian Catholic, 37
Oak Forest 219, Romeoville 257
M: Maura Smyth, Oak Forest, 52

GIRLS TENNIS Monday, 9-12-05

Benet 5, Naperville Central 2
Kaneland 4, East Aurora 3
Lincoln-Way East 7, Plainfield South 0
Lockport 4, Providence 1
Loyola 8, Maine South 2
Marian Central 4, Antioch 1
Marist 3, Marian Catholic 2
Minooka 4, Lemont 3
Nequa Valley 6, Wheaton South 1
Niles North 4, Wheeling 3
Riverside-Brookfield 4, Willowbrook 2
St. Charles North 4, Wheaton North 3
Trinity 5, St. Scholastica 0

GIRLS TENNIS Tuesday, 9-13-05

Mother McAuley 5, Maria 0
Rich South 3, Crete-Monroe 2
Oak Forest 3, Eisenhower 2
Benet Academy 5, Providence Catholic 0
Oak Lawn 5, Romeoville 0
Lincoln Way Central 5, Sandburg 2
Bremen 3, Tinley Park 2
T.F. South 3, Rich Central 2
Queen of Peace 5, St. Joseph 0
Lemont 4, Glenbard South 3
Lincoln Way East 7, Lockport 0
Andrew 4, Bradley 3
Cbgo Christian 3, Walther Lutheran 2
Shepard 3, Argo 2

GIRLS TENNIS Wednesday, 9-14-05

Bremen 3, Thornwood 2
Lincoln Way Central 3, Marian Catholic 2
Hillcrest 4, Mount Assisi 1
Lincoln Way East 3, Joliet Catholic Academy 2

GIRLS TENNIS Thursday, 9-15-05

Bremen 3, Oak Forest 2
Lockport 5, Andrew 2
Hillcrest 3, Tinley Park 2
Rich South 3, T.F. North 2
Rich Central 3, Thornwood 2
Sandburg 3, Lincoln Way East 3
Fenwick 5, Marian Catholic 0
Queen of Peace 3, Seton Academy 2
Lincoln Way Central 7, Stagg 0
Reavis 4, Oak Lawn 1

BOYS CROSS COUNTRY Monday, 9-12-05

Antioch 15, North Chicago 50
Antioch 25, Vernon Hills 36
Lake Forest 15, Zion-Benton 30
Lake Zurich 24, Libertyville 33
Stevenson 20, Lake Zurich 36
Stevenson 19, Libertyville 41
Vernon Hills 15, North Chicago 47
Willowbrook 15, Leyden 50

BOYS CROSS COUNTRY Tuesday, 9-13-05

Lincoln Way Central 26, Joliet Township 29
Lincoln Way Central 25, Lincoln Way East 31
Lincoln Way Central 16, Lockport 43
(Andrew Quadrangular)

BOYS CROSS COUNTRY Wednesday, 9-14-05

Homewood-Flossmoor 20, Andrew 41
Homewood-Flossmoor 15, Bradley 42
Homewood-Flossmoor 19, Bolingbrook 42
Andrew 25, Bolingbrook 30
Bradley 28, Andrew 29

BOYS CROSS COUNTRY Thursday, 9-15-05

Rich East 15, Rich South 55

GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY Monday, 9-12-05

Vernon Hills 19, Antioch 37

GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY Tuesday, 9-13-05

Andrew 18, Homewood-Flossmoor 52, Bradley 78,
Bolingbrook 109

GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY Wednesday, 9-14-05

Rich South 18, Rich East 50

BOYS 16-INCH SOFTBALL Monday, 9-12-05

Clemente 10-13, Westinghouse 7-3
Gage Park 12-9, Wells 2-5
Steinmetz 11-8, Von Steuben 6-7
Taft 15-6, Marshall 5-5

FIELD HOCKEY Monday, 9-12-05

North Shore 1, Stevenson 0

GIRLS SWIMMING Tuesday, 9-13-05

Reavis 96, Oak Lawn 90
T.F. South 54, Richards 40
Homewood-Flossmoor 102, Hinsdale South 84
St. Ignatius 86, Latin 84

GIRLS SWIMMING Wednesday, 9-14-05

Oak Forest 106, Bremen 54
Evergreen Park 127, Eisenhower 52
Tinley Park 170, Crete-Monroe 58, Kankakee 0

GIRLS SWIMMING Thursday, 9-15-05

Sandburg 104, Lincoln Way Central 82
Homewood-Flossmoor 116, Stagg 70
Bradley 96, Andrew 89
Lincoln Way East 115, Lockport 71
Evergreen Park 124, Morton 48

GIRLS SWIMMING Friday, 9-16-05

T.F. South 69, Bremen 24

Brennan Complaint Announced

In 1994, Oak Lawn Trustee Jerry Hurckes (1st) was alleged to have registered voters improperly, but was never officially charged.

In 2001, then District 229 Board Attorney, Dennis Brennan, is alleged to have conducted a down and dirty campaign to undermine the candidacies of Michelle Moses, Mary Cerceo, Joe Amado and Bob Foster and prevent them from being elected to the board.

Brennan is believed to have been the mastermind behind 7,000 videos, which were disseminated throughout the community. The videos linked the four to Jerry Hurckes and suggested that Hurckes was now trying to control the board via "The Hurckes Four."

Finally, Brennan is being officially accused of "involving dishonesty, fraud, deceit or misrepresentation." He stands to possibly have his law license suspended or revoked altogether if the Attorney Registration and Disciplinary Commission find that there has been misconduct.

The ARDC delayed making the complaint official until after another allegation went through due process. In October of 2001, Brennan was found guilty of failing to file timely organizational and financial reports and for hiring an unscrupulous chairman as part of an attempted cover-up.

In December of 2002, the Illinois Court of Appeals upheld the ruling of the board of election committee. Brennan's 2003 appeal to the Illinois Supreme Court was denied.

Now that Brennan has exercised all of his appeal options, ARDC, the Illinois Supreme Court's disciplinary entity, has sprung into action.

Coffee Break Season Begins

The Women's Coffee Break ministries of Grace Community Christian Reformed Church will be kicking off their season on Tuesday, Sept. 27th. Poet, writer, speaker and creator of online Bible studies for "Christianity Today," Anne Peterson, will be speaking about "Four Lies Women Believe and Four Truths That Counteract Them."

Tuesday Coffee Break will meet for Bible study at 3450 W. Maple St. (98th and St. Louis) from 9:15 to 11 a.m. If you love a good cup of tea or coffee, a Coffee Bar with refreshments is served each week. Childcare from newborn to three years old is provided. A Story Hour program is also available for ages 3 through kindergarten. These children's programs are provided for the children of women who attend. Coffee Break is a comfortable place for Bible study, mutual support, and friendship.

Wednesday Coffee Break will commence on Wednesday, Sept. 28th. The featured speaker, Grace Huitzing, Professor at Trinity Christian College, will talk about her experiences in China. Grace was a teacher of English to the Chinese people. Wednesday morning Coffee Break meets weekly for Bible study from 9:30 to 11 a.m. at 9547 S. Homan. Coffee and refreshments are provided, as well as childcare.

Grace Community Christian Reformed Church is a newly formed congregation which will meet for worship services beginning in October on Sundays at 10415 S. Kedvale in Oak Lawn. Worship on Wednesdays (WOW) will meet at 3450 W. Maple in Evergreen Park. If there are any questions about the church, children's programming, or the Coffee Break ministry, call the church office at (708) 636-4585.

Friends Of The Oak Lawn Library: Discussion Groups

The Friends of the Oak Lawn Library sponsor two discussion groups that meet once a month, September through May, at the Oak Lawn Public Library, 5300 W. 95th St., in the Mary Nelson Room, lower level.

Short story discussions are held on the second Wednesday of the month at 1 p.m. They will meet Oct. 12 to discuss "The Tell-Tale Heart" by Edgar Allan Poe and Nov. 9 for "The Man in the Black Suit" by Stephen King. Copies of these short stories may be picked up one month in advance at the Readers Advisory Desk.

Book discussions are held on the fourth Wednesday of the month at 1 p.m. They will meet Oct. 26 to discuss "Bleachers" by John Grisham. Copies of the book may be checked out one month in advance at the Circulation Desk. No book discussion meeting will be held in November due to the Thanksgiving holiday.

For additional information, call Dorothy Whitney, (708) 422-2390.

Pool Sessions

Lean to swim with the Oak Lawn Spartan Guard Club. Club members will be teaching the lesson. Children advance to each station at their own pace. All children, ages 4 through 14, will be tested the first day and placed in the appropriate level. No parents will be allowed to join their children in class.

Classes will be held in two sessions. Session One will begin Monday, Sept. 26th and be held every Monday until Oct. 24th, from 6 to 6:40 p.m. or 6:50 to 7:30 p.m.

Session Two will begin Monday, Nov. 7th and continue until Monday Dec. 5th. Fee for the Classes are \$25.

Lessons will be held at the Oak Lawn Community High School, 9400 Southwest Hwy. For more information call Kathy McWhorter, aquatics coordinator, at (708) 741-5804.

In a Special Event, Oak Lawn Community High School will also offer Kayaking and Wall Climbing for Junior High School Students and their parents only. The session involves a 2 1/2 hour session with 1 hour of kayaking and 1 hour of rock climbing. Each session can hold 60 people total. The sessions are open to Junior High students and their parents. There are kayaks for all sizes and harnesses will fit anyone for the wall climbing. All participants are required to sign a waiver.

These sessions will be held on Oct. 4th, from 4 to 6:30 p.m. and October 6th from 7 to 9:30 p.m. The cost for the sessions is \$20. For more information, call Brian Kretschmer at (708) 741-5801.

Writers Workshop

There is still time to register for a Writers Workshop hosted by the Oak Lawn Public Library, 5300 W. 95th St., Saturday, Oct. 8 from 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. The fee is \$10 per person and is limited to 35 students.

At this half-day workshop, Barbara Gregorich will lead participants through the basics of writing and getting published. Fiction, nonfiction, children's material and magazine articles will be explored. Learn about how and where to get ideas, writing proposal and query letters, outlines and sample chapters, getting a contract, rewriting and promoting your work. Light refreshments will be provided.

Gregorich studied at Kent State University, the University of Wisconsin and Harvard. Her published works include "She's on First," a mystery featuring a Croatian private detective in Chicago. Her 1993 nonfiction work, "Women at Play: The Story of Women in Baseball," won a Chicago Women in Publishing award for best adult trade book of the year as well as a SABR-Macmillan award for best baseball research of the year.

A complete schedule of adult programs may be viewed at the library's web site at www.oaklawnlibrary.org. For additional information, call (708) 422-4990.

Fall Festival

The Children's Farm, 12700 Southwest Highway in Palos Park, will host its 63rd annual Fall Festival on Saturday, Sept. 24th from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m.

A farmers market with fresh pumpkins is featured at the Fest, along with horse rides and hayrides, games for children, tours of the barns, crafts, collectibles and flea market vendors, a bake sale, a rootbeer saloon, chuckwagon, and live entertainment by country band Strait Southern.

Festival admission is \$3 per adult and \$1.50 per child. For further information, call (708) 361-3650.

Three Charged In Oak Lawn Murders

On Monday, Sept. 19th Cook County Circuit Court Judge Gary L. Brownfield ordered Edan Maya, 20, of Chicago held without bail in the shooting deaths of two co-workers at Frankie's Beef & Catering in Oak Lawn on Friday, Sept. 16th.

According to the prosecutors, tension between Maya and one of the victims, Carlos Flores-Lopez, 27, of Alsip had been building since Maya had returned from Mexico two months ago to find that Flores-Lopez had been given his job as head fryer. On Thursday evening the pair had an argument, that escalated into a physical confrontation with Maya striking Flores-Lopez with a cutting board.

David Maya, 19, drove his brother to an apartment to get guns and they got two semi-automatic weapons, according to the prosecutors.

Edan Maya was driven to Frankie's on Friday by Flugencio Osorio, 20, who waited outside in the car as Maya entered the back door of the restaurant with the two semi-automatics. Maya walked past his brother, David, who had been at work for two hours knowing what was about to happen and shot Flores-Lopez twice & then shot manager Jose Alberto Rodriguez. Why Rodriguez was shot remains unclear.

All three men gave taped confessions to police and the surveillance cameras at the shop recorded the shootings.

Judge Brownfield set bail for David Maya at \$4,000,000 & bail for Osorio at \$1,000,000. Both were charged with two counts of first degree murder.

Father And Son Book Club

Boys in third through sixth grade and their fathers (grandfathers, uncles, etc.) are invited to take part in a lively discussion of "Joey Pigza Swallowed the Key" by Jack Gantos at a Father and Son Book Club meeting at the Oak Lawn Public Library, 5300 W. 95th St., from 10 to 11 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 22. Register in advance at the Youth Services Desk. Copies of the book will be available starting Saturday, Sept. 24th. This is limited to 15 father/son pairs. Light refreshments will be served. Monthly discussions of other books are scheduled for Nov. 19 and Dec. 17.

For more information about this and other children's programs, call (708) 422-4990 or visit the library's web site at www.oaklawnlibrary.org.

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SHOP AND SAVE IN OAK LAWN

Fall Festival 5K Walk/Run

The fifth annual Fall Festival 5K Walk/Run Race, sponsored by the Forest Preserve District of Will County, will be on Saturday, Sept. 24th at 9 a.m. at Goodenow Grove Forest Preserve in Beecher. Registration and a fee are required. This annual race kicks off the two-day Fall Fest.

The 5K (3.1-mile) cross-country trail includes Goodenow Grove's 40-foot-high sledding hill. The course also includes gravel, dirt, grass and blacktop surfaces along with different track elevations and a ravine. Participants will also pass through oak/hickory forest and open fields. The changing of the seasons will provide a backdrop of fall colors.

The 5K Run is a competitive race, and the Walk is a fitness, noncompetitive event.

Race day registration on Sept. 24th will be from 7:30 to 8:30 a.m. Same-day registration fees are \$20 for both runners and walkers.

Prizes will be awarded immediately after the race. Awards will be presented to the top overall male and female winners in eight different age categories.

Registration forms can be requested by calling Plum Creek Nature Center located in Goodenow Grove at (708) 946-2216, or the Forest Preserve's main office at (815) 727-8700. Registration and additional information are also available online at the Forest Preserve District of Will County Web site, www.fpdwc.org. (Click on the icon of the runner on the site's home page.)

Goodenow Grove Forest Preserve is located 1.25 miles east of the intersection of Routes 1 and 394 on Goodenow Road, south of Crete.

Man Faces Deportation

Convicted spy, Khaled Abdel-Latif Dumeisi, 63, faces deportation after he finishes a four-year federal prison term in South Carolina. According to opinion of a three-judge panel of the 7th Circuit U.S. Court of Appeal, the evidence presented in Dumeisi's trial was 'sufficient' to convict him on counts of perjury and failing to register as a foreign agent.

Dumeisi, Jordanian citizen born in Palestine, was accused of using his Arabic-language newspaper Al-Mahjar as a cover for his spying activities. Dumeisi, it was reported, passed information regarding an Iraqi expatriate living here in the United States.

According to reports, Dumeisi was convicted on a piece of evidence that was found by U.S. forces that stormed Baghdad in 2003. The file made its way to the courtroom via the FBI. A former Iraqi Intelligence officer authenticated the document.

The document illustrated how Dumeisi used a girl friend that worked at the phone company to gather information for him among other information.

The documents and how they were procured, according to the panel, proved that the files were authentic.

Library Announces Opera Lecture Series

The Oak Lawn Public Library, 5300 W. 95th St., will host opera lectures in conjunction with the Lyric Opera of Chicago's 2005-2006 season. At these informative sessions, members of the Lyric Opera Lecture Corps will explain an opera's plot, give background on the composer and play a sampling of musical selections. Lectures are scheduled for eight select Sundays at 2 p.m. through February 2006. Free admission. First-come, first-seated in the library's lower level meeting room.

The September and October opera lectures are: Sunday, Sept. 25th at 2 p.m. - Carmen by Georges Bizet; Sunday, Oct. 2nd at 2 p.m. - La Cenerentola by Gioachino Rossini; Sunday, Oct. 30th at 2 p.m. - Manon Lescaut by Giacomo Puccini. Sponsored by the Friends of the Oak Lawn Library.

For additional information, call (708) 422-4990.

POLICE CALLS

On August 26th Felix Rivera, 21, of Burbank was arrested and charged with criminal damage to property after ramming his Tahoe into a Toyota three times. According to Rivera, he was attempting to flee from the Toyota after he saw the passengers in the Toyota flashing gang signs.

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On September 2nd Anne Gelso, 41, of Chicago Ridge was arrested and charged with possession of drugs and drug paraphernalia after a traffic stop, when officers discovered a bag containing a leafy substance that field tested positive for cannabis under her seat and a pipe in her purse. Gelso was also charged with traffic violations.

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On September 8th Nicholas Butler, 21, of Chicago was arrested and charged with criminal damage to property after throwing a landscaping brick at a drive through window of a fast food restaurant in the 4500 block of 95th St.

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55 Alive Review Course

The Worth Township Seniors will be sponsoring a 55 Alive review course on Wednesday and Thursday, Oct. 26th and 27th at the Worth Township Center, 11601 S. Pulaski, from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. The fee is \$10 payable to AARP.

The class is open to seniors 50 years and older and you will receive a certificate that may entitle you to a reduction in your auto insurance.

Call (708) 371-2900, ext. 28, to register.

Construction On Dan Ryan

The Illinois Department of Transportation announced bridge deck and pavement repairs on the Dan Ryan Expressway. Southbound lanes three, four, and five will be closed from 16th Street to 18th Street.

Weather permitting, construction is expected to begin Sept. 30 at 11 p.m.

IDOT urges motorists to be alert and prepare to stop and reduce speed. Drivers should also merge with caution and watch for a ramp closure at Roosevelt Road. Taylor St. and 18th St. ramps will remain open. Weather permitting, the project is expected to run through Oct. 2nd.

New Voting Equipment

Worth Township voters concerned about operating new voting equipment to be unveiled for the first time during the March 21st, 2006 primary election will have an opportunity for a sneak peak on Thursday, Sept. 29th. Worth Township Committeeman Maureen Murphy and the Worth Township Regular Republican Organization will host Cook County Board of Elections Commissioner Clem Balinoff at the Johnson Phelps VFW Post 5220, 9514 S. 52nd Ave. in Oak Lawn, at 6:30 p.m. Balinoff will demonstrate new voting machines that will replace the old punch card system, explaining how they work and taking questions from the audience.

This is a free event and all interested voters are invited to attend. Light refreshments will be served.

Basketball Shooting Camp

Brother Rice High School, 10001 S. Pulaski Rd., will host a basketball shooting camp for boys in grades 5-8 from Oct. 16th to 18th. The cost of the camp is \$60 and includes a Brother Rice T-shirt, shooting contests and awards, a season pass for all Brother Rice home basketball games and individual shooting instruction from head coach Pat Richardson, members of the varsity coaching staff and varsity players.

For more information, contact Pat Richardson at (773) 429-4332.

Dinner Dance Silent Auction

The First United Methodist Church of Oak Lawn is having a dinner-dance and silent auction to benefit missions. It will be held on Saturday, Sept. 24th from 6 to 11 p.m. at the Andrew Biela Center, 4545 Midlothian Turnpike in Crestwood. There will be an entrée buffet, sweet table and a cash bar. Tickets are \$20 a person.

For tickets and information, call (708) 423-1170.

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Thoughts On Health & Nutrition

by
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Ms. Lysen is currently on vacation. Her column will resume when she returns.

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Pulmonary Arterial Hypertension

One of six national conferences and symposia about Pulmonary Arterial Hypertension, a potentially fatal condition affecting tens of thousands of Americans, will be held on Saturday, Oct. 8th at the Holiday Inn Chicago City Center, 300 E. Ohio St. in Chicago.

This one-day conference is free of charge. For members of the Pulmonary Hypertension Assn. and Scleroderma Foundation, a free dinner will be provided to the member and one guest (available only to first 200 registrants). Special room rates are available. CME credit is available for healthcare providers. Support group programs will be provided for patients and their families.

This program, titled *Shedding Light on Pulmonary Arterial Hypertension: The Journey Toward a Brighter Future*, is designed to educate healthcare providers and patients about PAH. With up-to-date knowledge of the disease process, physicians and other healthcare providers will be better able to recognize early signs of PAH. Patients will gain a better understanding of their treatment options and the importance of effective disease management. Early identification and appropriate treatment can significantly improve the quality of life for people with PAH.

Dr. Valleric McLaughlin of the University of Michigan Health System will chair the program.

"Many patients with scleroderma also have pulmonary hypertension," said Carolyn Weller, vice-president of education and research at the Scleroderma Foundation. "PAH takes away a person's ability to do simple, everyday tasks and can lead to fatal complications if it is not diagnosed and treated properly."

PAH is a progressive disease characterized by high blood pressure in the lungs. Symptoms include shortness of breath, coughing, chronic fatigue, dizziness, fainting, edema, and chest pain. These symptoms make simple physical activity very difficult, if not impossible, due to the eventual failure of the right side of the heart to pump blood through the pulmonary artery to the lungs. There is no cure.

Until recently very few treatment options were available. This event is being held to spread the word about helpful and promising breakthroughs that can help improve the quality of life for people with PAH.

For information about other program locations or to register online, visit www.pahassociation.org/medicaleducation.

Food Handlers Certification Classes

Safe Food Handlers Corp. is offering the IL State Food Service Sanitation Courses for certification and re-certification. Illinois requires a 15-hour (two-day) certification course; a 5-hour (one-day) re-certification course.

There is a course scheduled in Orland Park at Georgios Comfort Inn on Monday, Oct. 24th and 31st from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Classes will also be held in Alsip at the Baymont Inn & Suites on Monday, Oct. 3rd and 10th from 9:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Elgin will be hosting classes at the Days Inn on Thursday, Oct. 24th and 31st from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. The cost is \$150 for certification (which is 2 full days) and \$75 for re-certification (which is the first 5 hours of the first day of class). The cost includes instruction, course text and exam.

To register, call (888) 793-5136.

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Smith Senior Living Announces Chief Information Officer

Craig Hanenburg has been named chief information officer for Smith Senior Living, a not-for-profit senior living organization, according to Michael A. Flynn, chief financial officer.

Hanenburg manages all information technology & telecom services provided by Smith Senior Living, as well as for the continuing care retirement communities (CCRCs) which it owns and operates. They are Smith Crossing in Orland Park, and Washington and Jane Smith Community in Chicago's Beverly neighborhood. In addition, he participates on the planning team for Smith Village, a new CCRC under construction of the original site of Washington and Jane Smith in the Beverly neighborhood. The two new communities represent more than \$125 million in new construction. Smith Senior Living's annual operating budget is \$13 million.

"We are delighted to have Craig as part of our executive team at this crucial point in our expansion," says Flynn. "Our ambitious new development activities represent Smith Senior Living's commitment to providing the finest senior living services. His expertise in the complex area of technology is essential to ensuring that our residents benefit from the latest advances that integrate smart buildings and healthcare services for them."

Hanenburg's responsibilities at Smith Senior Living include leadership and strategic planning for current and future technological needs. "We have the remarkable opportunity to build in comprehensive support services that facilitate the best available information for Smith's excellent staff," says Hanenburg, who also maintains tactical day-to-day operations and ensures infrastructure reliability.

Prior to his appointment at Smith Senior Living, Hanenburg served as director of information technology at Mather Lifeways where he was responsible for the organization's technology planning. Prior to that, he held leadership positions in the travel industry in the field of information technology and as a chief financial officer. According to Flynn, Hanenburg's combination of financial experience and information technology expertise creates a skill set that helps him create strategic plans with big picture vision.

What initially drew Hanenburg to the newly-established position at Smith Senior Living was the variety of responsibilities. He also was attracted by the opportunity to have a major impact on lifestyle services and senior care through the new construction projects, but it is personal connections that he enjoys most.

"The one thing that makes my job really wonderful is the connection to the residents," says Hanenburg. "At Smith Senior Living, we use technology to improve the quality of life for seniors. Now when I come to work everyday I know that I've made life a little better for both staff members & residents."

Hanenburg is active in a number of industry and community groups including the College of Healthcare Information Management Executives (CHIME), Health Information Management Systems Society (HIMSS) and the American Association of Homes and Services for the Aging (AAHSA). He also serves as council treasurer and co-chair of a neighborhood organization, Housing and Seniors Committee for the Ravenswood Community Council, where he lives. Hanenburg enjoys travel, gardening and the visual arts. Hanenburg earned a bachelor's degree at Northwestern College, Orange City, Iowa, and completed his work in the field of accounting at Loyola University of Chicago. He also has taken numerous courses leading to certification as a HIPAA Compliance and Privacy Officer.



American Cancer Society Finds Cancer Patients In Need Among Hurricane Katrina Evacuees

American Cancer Society (ACS) staff and volunteers visiting shelters and medical facilities in the areas affected by Hurricane Katrina continue to find many cancer patients in need among the evacuees and are providing assistance by identifying treatment facilities, enabling patients to continue treatment, and providing other important needs. In some cases, people being triaged in the evacuation effort have had cancer screenings as part of their routine physicals.

While it remains difficult to determine yet how many cancer patients in active treatment are among the hundreds of thousands of people displaced by Katrina, ACS staffers and volunteers visiting evacuation centers and other facilities are finding new cancer patients every day. Most evacuated patients have no medical records, and many face a daunting task of finding doctors who can continue their treatment.

In Baton Rouge, Society workers visited a shelter and located Rosalind Breaux, a New Orleans woman who had been undergoing chemotherapy treatment for colon cancer the week Katrina hit and had been unable to secure an appointment to continue treatment in Baton Rouge. A Society staffer arranged an appointment with a local oncologist and Breaux was able to resume treatment.

In Shreveport, La. a three-year-old boy with leukemia evacuated from New Orleans needed to continue treatment. Society staffers found a treatment center in Shreveport, where he was able to get the medical attention he needed.

A 15-year-old cancer patient from Hammond, La. was scheduled to come to a Baton Rouge pediatric oncologist for treatment. The doctor's staff had heard the boy had been evacuated to Baton Rouge but did not have the resources to find him. Society staffers were asked to help locate the boy and by contacting shelters, discovered that he was staying with friends in Hammond. Society staffers found the boy and arranged transportation for the patient, who was able to resume his appointments with the oncologist.

Other resources offered by the Society include the National Cancer Information Center (NCIC), the Society's 24-hour, seven-day-a-week toll-free call line, 1(800) ACS-2345, which stands ready 24 hours a day to refer callers to community resources and to triage patients and caregivers to Society oncology nurses when appropriate. The Society's Web site, www.cancer.org, has a comprehensive list of resources to help survivors deal with all aspects of the storm's aftermath, including a list of frequently asked questions for those coping with cancer in the wake of Katrina.

In order to quickly and efficiently connect evacuee patients with available doctors, the Society's site also features a Volunteer Medical Services database, where doctors interested in volunteering can register and be connected with patients.



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Fall Teacher Workshops

The Education Dept. of the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum (ALPLM) announces its fall lineup of free workshops for educators. Under its *Teaching Teachers* initiative, the ALPLM is committed to providing educators with strong content-based programs on a variety of topics relevant to the legacy of Abraham Lincoln and Illinois history. These intense history lessons will assist educators in developing a solid background on unfamiliar topics or in mastering a discipline they already know and love. The workshops also provide teaching methods that will generate interest and excitement for history lessons in the classroom. In addition, the ALPLM Education Department's hands-on classroom application programs will provide ideas and methods for teaching historical content across the curriculum using digital resources, primary documents and material culture.

On Wednesday, Oct. 12th from 3 to 5 p.m. the ALPLM will offer a workshop on the Lincoln family in the White House. *This Damned Old House - Abraham Lincoln in the White House* will cover the adjustments the Lincoln's had to make in moving from Illinois to the White House and the impact of Washington's social scene on the family. The workshop examines President Lincoln's daily routine from the burdens of the Civil War to dealing with office seekers, his lack of privacy and the responsibilities of the presidency. Participants will also learn about Mary Lincoln's renovations of the White House and how her endeavors were viewed by her contemporaries. Practical ideas and activities will be offered for incorporating the Lincoln's experience into the classroom curriculum.

On Tuesday, Nov. 8th from 1 to 3 p.m. and Wednesday,

Nov. 9th from 6 to 8 p.m. the ALPLM Education Dept. will offer *Political Cartoons in the Classroom*. This two-hour workshop will show educators how to incorporate political cartoons in their curricula. Upon completion of this workshop, teachers will have a basic understanding of the history of political cartoons and be able to:

- identify the elements of cartoons - exaggeration, symbolism, labeling, irony and analogy;
- identify methods and techniques used by cartoonists to convey messages, including line, shading and form;
- interpret political cartoons to understand the cartoonist's point of view;
- identify online and print resources for finding political cartoons;
- and plan for utilizing political cartoons in the classroom.

All workshops are free and will be held in the first floor classroom of the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library, 112 N. Sixth St. in Springfield. Two continuing professional development units (CPDUs) will be offered for each workshop.

To register, contact Carol Manning, Education Coordinator, by phone at (217) 558-8929 or via email at CarolManning@ILPLM.org. For additional information, visit the museum web site at www.alplm.org.

ESL & GED Classes

More than 3,000 students, representing more than 40 countries, will receive support from Moraine Valley this year, thanks to an \$861,319 adult education grant from the Illinois Community College Board.

The grant reflects a 24 percent increase over last year's funding for the college's English as a Second Language (ESL), General Educational Development (GED) and literacy volunteer programs. Moraine Valley also offers GED classes in Spanish and citizenship preparation classes. The grant allows the college to offer free tuition. Students must be out of high school, and they must take a state test at the start of class to determine their level of education.

For more information, call the Adult Basic Education Dept. at (708) 974-5340.

Business Networking Event

Southwest Business Cooperative Networking Event will be held on Wednesday, Oct. 12, at the Hilton Oak Lawn Hotel, 9333 S. Cicero Ave., from 5 to 8 p.m.

The hosting organizations have united together to offer a networking event to enable its members to make new business contacts with surrounding area businesses. The Alsip Industrial Assn., Bedford Park Clearing Industrial Assn., Blue Island Chamber, Bridgeview Chamber, Burbank Chamber, Economic Development Council of SW Suburbs, Frankfort Chamber, Oak Lawn Chamber, Orland Park Chamber, Tinley Park Chamber, West Lawn Chamber and the West Suburban Chamber invite their members to attend.

As a courtesy to the venue, make reservations by Thursday, Oct. 6th, \$25 per person. Contact one of the listed organizations for details.

Make A Difference With World Heritage

World Heritage, a non-profit student exchange program, is currently seeking a volunteer local community representative to provide high school exchange students with program support. The ideal candidate should enjoy fostering international friendships, be community minded, and enjoy working with teenagers. Community representatives screen potential host families, meet with local high schools, and provide support counseling for host families and students.

World Heritage also provides international opportunities for families to host a student and for an American teen to become an exchange student. If you are interested in one of these rewarding experiences, call Christina at 1(800) 888-9040 or visit the web site at www.world-heritage.org.

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Run In Marathon On Behalf Of St. Laurence

Three St. Laurence High School alumni as well as thousands of runners will be taking to the streets on Oct. 9 in the grueling Chicago Marathon. The trio of St. Laurence alumni, Pat Tierney '84, Al Rodriguez '77, and Mike Cabanski '86, will also be running on behalf of St. Laurence. "We're running because of the challenge the marathon presents," said Tierney, "but we also thought this would be an interesting way to raise some money for the school. We'll have a bunch of supporters out on the course that day and members of the St. Laurence Cross Country Team will be spotting us along the way. It's going to be a great time." The Viking Marathoners are asking alumni and others to support their efforts by making a contribution to the school on their behalf. "A donation of a dollar or two would be outstanding," added Tierney. For further information or to support the marathoners, contact Dennis Foley at (708) 458-6900.

Pictured are the marathoners with the St. Laurence Cross Country Team: (front row, left to right) Joe Graham (Cicero), Thomas Tervanis (Garfield Ridge), Chris Batzel (Burbank), John Trevanis (Garfield Ridge), John Cervantes (Justice), Shawn Santos (Garfield Ridge), Kyle Nowaczyk (Hometown), Todd DeGolyer (Scottsdale); (back row) Don Ledln (Westlawn), Fernando Villalobos (Gage Park), Denis Doherty (Garfield Ridge), Peter Dilger (Chicago Ridge), John Maloney (Scottsdale), Emmanuel Gonzalez (Archer Heights), Miguel Duenas (Little Village), Mr. Tierney, Michael Carlson (Oak Lawn), Mr. Rodriguez, Matt Zabransky (Oak Lawn), Mr. Cabanski, Steve Barnas (Oak Lawn), Ryan Aderman (Garfield Ridge), Luis Segura (Scottsdale), and Mr. Murphy, St. Laurence Cross Country Coach.

Women In Real Estate

A panel discussion and luncheon entitled "Successful Women In Commercial Real Estate" will be held on Thursday, Oct. 6th from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at Maggiano's at 111 W. Grand Avenue in Chicago.

This 4th annual Successful Women affair will feature Collette English Dixon, V.P., Acquisitions, for Prudential Real Estate Investors; Barbara Gaffen, Co-CEO of Prime Property Investors, Ltd; and Faye Pantazelos, President and CEO of New Century Bank. The moderator of the event will be Estella Kiser of Kiser Group.

The women will share their stories as to how they got into the commercial real estate business and their techniques for success.

To register for this event, contact Shadia Shukair at sshukair@commercialforum.com or (312) 214-5534. The cost is \$40 for members and \$45 for non-members before Oct. 4th. Add \$10 if you register afterward.

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Veterans And Soldiers News

By Lori Taylor Ph: 708.388.2425

A member of my VFW Auxiliary 2580 sent a letter to Senator Barack Obama regarding postage costs for shipping packages to our troops overseas. I thought you would be interested in hearing what the senator replied to Barbara Nolan's letter. "Dear Barbara: Thank you for your letter regarding postage costs for shipping packages to our troops overseas."

I also share your support for efforts to ease the financial burden of shipping packages to our servicemembers overseas. Although servicemembers can ship items back home for no charge, families of troops are spending hundreds and sometimes thousands of dollars on shipping necessities to their loved ones in Iraq, Afghanistan and elsewhere. One story that caught national attention earlier this year chronicled the struggles of a Methodist church in Tennessee that spent \$20,000 on care packages to troops in Iraq until they had to end the program because of the astronomical costs.

In response to the growing number of complaints on this issue, some members of Congress have responded with legislation that would make U.S. postal deliveries to active duty troops cost-free. One such bill in the House of Representatives, H.R. 2874, allots 10 postage credits to each active duty soldier, who can then send them to his or her family to use for free shipments of care packages up to 10 pounds. Similar credits would also be provided to organizations like yours for free shipping of packages up to 70 pounds. These bills have been referred to the House Subcommittees on Government Reform and the Armed Services for review.

Solving this problem is not only an issue of respect for the sacrifices being made by our military families and the soldiers themselves, it is also a vital part of giving our troops the support they need to complete their missions. Troops receiving items from their families and charity organizations are being sent the message that they have support they deserve, and that can only increase their chances of success. Also, any soldier will tell you that having items around that remind troops of their homes are an essential part of staying mentally healthy and grounded in combat. I can assure you I will support sufficient solutions to this problem that lift families' financial burden of shipping to their loved ones overseas when these measures come before me in the Senate.

Thank you again for writing. I applaud your organization for taking such an active role in supporting our troops. Please stay in touch.

Sincerely, Barack Obama, United States Senator."

Congratulations to Dave Dohm of Tinley Park who retired recently as the chief warrant officer with Company B, 1st Battalion, 106th Aviation Regiment of the Illinois National Guard. Dohm flew helicopter missions while stationed in both Vietnam and Iraq. He lived in Oak Lawn when he joined the Army in 1965. He left the Army in 1970 and during that time he spent six years serving as an Oak Lawn police officer. He was with the Army when his unit was activated in April 2003 and prepared to go to South Korea. He ended up in Iraq instead. Best wishes and God bless you.

Navy Seaman Andre Jackson, a 1986 graduate of Thornton Township High School in Harvey, completed Maritime Security Operations (MSO) while on a scheduled deployment in support of the Global War on Terrorism while assigned to the amphibious assault ship USS Kearsarge homeported in Norfolk, Virginia. Jackson joined the Navy in July 2002.

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The Illinois Dept. of Natural Resources (IDNR) is offering an Armed Forces Special Pass to military members who live in Illinois and who have served abroad, including guard or reserve members called to active duty. The special pass provides camping, fishing and hunting fee exemptions for qualified military members. Guard and reserve members can apply if it's within two years of their return from abroad or release from mobilization.

Gov. Rod R. Blagojevich signed legislation authorizing the IDNR to provide the fee exemptions, acknowledging the contributions of Illinois residents who are returning from service abroad or who were mobilized by the President as an active duty member of the United States Armed Forces, the Illinois National Guard, or the Reserves of the United States Armed Forces. The Armed Forces Special Pass provides

qualifying military members, and guard and reserve members who were mobilized, to camp at IDNR campgrounds (camper responsible for utility, rent-a-tent and cabin fees) free of charge. The pass also offers a combined Sportsman's License and Habitat Stamp for hunting and fishing, and an archery or firearm deer permit if requested and available.

Military members are eligible for free sport fishing, hunting and camping for one year for each year (and portion of one year) served.

To receive an Armed Forces Special Pass from the IDNR, qualifying military members must appear in person at the Illinois Dept. of Natural Resources headquarters, One Natural Resources Way in Springfield, within two years of their return from abroad or release from mobilization, provide verification of dates of service, and provide a photo ID.

Women's Retreat Weekend

A "Women's Weekend Retreat," a program for adults (age 16 minimum) sponsored by the Forest Preserve District of Will County, will be Friday, Oct. 7, with a 5 p.m. arrival, through Sunday, Oct. 9, with a 12 p.m. departure, at the Environmental Learning Center in Mokena. Registration and a fee of \$150 per person are required.

Enjoy a getaway for and about women that combines the best of the outdoors with the best of the whole person. From yoga to paddle sports, from guided hikes to good food, the retreat offers an opportunity to be good to yourself or to a wonderful woman in your life.

Among the many available activities during the retreat are night hikes, kayaking, canoeing, massages, bicycling, and nighttime campfires.

All meals, including one Friday night and Sunday morning, are provided.

The Environmental Learning Center, which offers an ideal setting for a retreat, is open by permit only. Registrants will receive directions to the site as well as a packing list of personal items to bring.

Past retreats have completely filled, so register early. For registration information, call (815) 727-8700, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Madigan Sues Internet Con Artist

On Sept. 15th, Attorney General Lisa Madigan sued an Elk Grove Village company that allegedly uses the Internet to lure consumers to purchase closeout and liquidation goods that appear to have no obvious damage, but then sends consumers goods that are smashed or obviously damaged.

Chicago Liquidation Distributors, Inc., doing business as Chicago Closeout Liquidation Distributors, is named in the consumer fraud lawsuit. Bartosz Blonski, also known as Bart Blonski, also is named individually and as president of the company, and is alleged to have violated the Illinois Consumer Fraud and Deceptive Business Practices Act.

According to Madigan's suit, shoppers visit www.liquidationdistributors.com to view an array of assorted closeout merchandise, sold by the pallet, lot or truckload. According to the Web site, this merchandise can be shipped within 72 hours of payment. Blonski's Web site also indicates his goods are "guaranteed" not to be obviously damaged.

According to complaints received from consumers by Madigan's Consumer Protection Division, when some of the merchandise arrived, it was either the wrong item or, in some cases, was damaged to the point of being unusable. Some consumers complained that the merchandise they purchased was not shipped at all.

Madigan's complaint includes an example of a Missouri consumer who, in September 2004, ordered a pallet of "mixed electronic equipment" represented online as including televisions, cameras and digital cameras. The consumer reports that he prepaid more than \$1,866 and what he received was a chainsaw, lawn edger, leaf blower, broken watches, clothes dryer and a dishwasher. Much of the shipped merchandise was broken.

In total, more than a dozen consumers have reported monetary losses exceeding \$42,100 to Madigan's office.

Madigan's lawsuit, filed in Cook County Circuit Court, asks the court to prohibit the defendants from advertising, offering for sale and engaging in the business of closeouts, liquidations and surplus merchandising in Illinois and from further violating Illinois' consumer protection laws. The suit also seeks a civil penalty of \$50,000 and additional penalties of \$50 per violation found to be committed with the intent to defraud. Finally, Madigan's suit asks the court to order the defendants to pay restitution to consumers.

For more information about safe and secure Internet shopping, consumers can visit Madigan's Web site at www.IllinoisAttorneyGeneral.gov and click on "Protecting Consumers" and read the informative publication "Shopping on the Internet." Consumers also can call the Attorney General's Consumer Fraud Hotline at 1(800) 386-5438, TTY 1(800) 964-3013.

Penny Social

The Auxiliary to McDonald-Linn Chicago Ridge VFW Post 177, 10537 S. Ridgeland Ave. in Chicago Ridge, will be hosting a "Penny Social" on Sunday, Oct. 2nd, with doors opening at 1 p.m. There will be the penny social tables, raffles and refreshments.

Call Pat at (708) 636-3220 for information.

Migratory Bird Walk

A "Migratory Bird Walk," a free, family program sponsored by the Forest Preserve District of Will County, will be Saturday, Oct. 8, 8 a.m., at Lake Renwick Heron Rookery Nature Preserve, in Plainfield. This is the first of a series of three weekly walks planned for October.

The lakes and abundant wetlands that make up Lake Renwick provide one of the greatest migratory bird spectacles in the Chicagoland area. A Forest Preserve naturalist will lead the hike in search of migrating waterfowl, herons, egrets, and songbirds.

Plan on attending more than one Migratory Bird Walk because different species will be migrating at different times; each week brings something new. Participants are encouraged to bring a bird guide and binoculars and to dress for the weather. The walk will be at a moderate pace, so wear sturdy hiking shoes or boots.

The hikes are intended for persons of at least seven years of age.

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JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A. Successor by Merger with Bank One, N.A., Plaintiff, vs. Mervat Sweiss a/k/a Mervat K. Sweiss a/k/a Mervad Sweiss, et al., Defendant. Case No. 05Ch-3952. PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on April 27, 2005, The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 a.m. on October 18, 2005, in its office at 33 N. Dearborn St., 10th Floor, Chicago, IL 60602-3100, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as: 11440 S. Nashville Ave., Worth, IL 60482. The real estate is improved with a single family residence. The judgment amount was \$33,011.52. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; the balance, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. 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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as Nominee for St. Francis Mortgage Corporation and/or its successors, Plaintiff, vs. Tara Voytyshyn, et al., Defendant. Case No. 05Ch-4569. PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on May 2, 2005, The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 a.m. on October 18, 2005, in its office at 33 N. Dearborn St., 10th Floor, Chicago, IL 60602-3100, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as: 11012 S. Major Ave., Chicago Ridge, IL 60415. The real estate is improved with a single family residence. The judgment amount was \$137,743.90. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; the balance, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. 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For information contact Plaintiff's Attorney: The Sale Clerk, CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 N. Frontage Road, Suite 100, Burr Ridge, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876 Ext. 1320. Please refer to file number 14-05-2758. NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act you are advised that Plaintiff's Attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. 138732C	IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Mortgage Clearing Corporation, Plaintiff, vs. Vickii Lyn Tines, et al., Defendants. Case No. 02Ch-11632. PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on July 15, 2003, The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 a.m. on October 12, 2005, in its office at 33 N. Dearborn St., 10th Floor, Chicago, IL 60602-3100, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as: 3712 W. 86th Place, Chicago, IL 60652. The real estate is improved with a single family residence. The judgment amount was \$132,905.42. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; the balance, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate, water bills, etc., and any prior mortgages of record and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "as is" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. Upon payment in full of the bid amount, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale. The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information. For information contact Plaintiff's Attorney: The Sale Clerk, SHAPIRO & KREISMAN, 4201 Lake Cook Road, Northbrook, IL 60062, (847) 498-9990, between the hours of 1:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. only. Please refer to file number 01-D799D. NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act you are advised that Plaintiff's Attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. 138316C	IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., Plaintiff, vs. Mary J. Horkan, et al., Defendants. No. D5Ch-3926. PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above entitled cause on May 4, 2005, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Tuesday, October 11, 2005, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 W. Madison St., Suite 718A, Chicago, IL, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described mortgaged real estate: Commonly known as: 7426 W. 111th St., #611, Worth, IL 60482. The mortgaged real estate is improved with a condominium residence, and will NOT be open for inspection. The judgment amount was \$37,746.00. Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance, by certified funds, within 24 hours. The sale shall be subject to general taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and any prior first mortgages. The subject property is offered for sale without any representation as to quality of title or recourse to Plaintiff. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information. For information: Sale Clerk, Shapiro & Kreisman, 4201 Lake Cook Road, 1st Floor, Northbrook, IL 60062. (847) 498-9990, between the hours of 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. only. 138585C	IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Countrywide Home Loans, Inc., Plaintiff, vs. Osvaldo Garcia, et al., Defendants. No. 04Ch-16841. PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on July 5, 2005, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Friday, October 7, 2005, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 W. Madison St., Suite 718A, Chicago, IL, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described property: Commonly known as: 3651 W. 79th Place, Chicago, IL 60652. The improvement on the property consists of a single family residence with a separate one and one half car garage. Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, by certified funds. No refunds. The judgment amount was \$108,685.20. The property will NOT be open for inspection. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the premises after confirmation of the sale. For information: Visit our website at http://service.atty.pierce.com, between 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. only. Pierce & Associates, Plaintiff's Attorneys, One N. Dearborn St., Ste. 1300, Chicago, IL 60602. Tel. No. (312) 476-5500. PIERCE & ASSOCIATES File No. PA04D7871. 139188C	IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Bank Financial, formerly known as Financial Federal Trust & Savings Bank, Plaintiff, vs. Clifford J. Doise, et al., Defendants. No. 05Ch-3895. PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on May 9, 2005, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Friday, October 21, 2005, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 W. Madison St., Suite 718A, Chicago, IL, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described mortgaged real estate: Commonly known as 15325 S. Millard Ave., Midlothian, IL 60445. The improvement on the property consists of a single family residence. Sale terms: Bidders must present, at the time of sale, a cashier's or certified check for 10% of the successful bid amount. The balance of the successful bid shall be paid within 24 hours, by similar funds. The property will NOT be open for inspection. For information call Mr. Patrick I. Hartnett at Plaintiff's Attorney, Hartnett and Hartnett, 79 W. Monroe St., Chicago, IL 60602. 312/332-4590. 137755C	
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Local Students Help Sertoma's Fundraiser

St. Laurence Basketball Team members and National Honor Society members helped The Chicago Lawn Sertoma to solicit donations the weekend of Sept. 10-11 during Sertoma's annual fund raising days. Sertoma, which stands for Service To Mankind, is an organization which financially helps many groups and service organizations. The Chicago Lawn Sertoma in particular aids the Palos Speech Center and job training center. In addition, this year's money collected by the Chicago Lawn Sertoma will also help Sertoma organizations in the Gulf Coast in their work of helping the victims of Hurricane Katrina. Chicago Lawn Sertoma will be holding its annual dinner dance and Cadillac raffle on Nov. 5 at the Hickory Hills Country Club. For information, contact Mark Raber at (708) 233-0808.

Pictured during the fundraising effort are St. Laurence students (left to right) Brendan Mulligan (Scottsdale), Rob Knapczyk (Justice), Eric Senase (Garfield Ridge), Josh Mackowiak (Garfield Ridge), Rob Frolo (Midlothian), Chris Halliburton (Wrightwood), Michael Wolski (Oak Lawn), Luke Murphy (Evergreen Park), Terrence Booker (Wrightwood), Thomas Kopko (Hyde Park), Matt Foley (Beverly), Leon Alford (Wrightwood), Joshua Byrd (Gage Park) and Jerry Hahn (Oak Lawn).

Joint Efforts To Raise Awareness Of Children's Vision Health

Governor Rod R. Blagojevich on Sept. 18th joined Chicago Cubs Manager Dusty Baker and doctors from VSP, the nation's largest provider of eye care coverage, at Wrigley Field for a pre-game exercise stressing the importance of monitoring and maintaining healthy vision in children. Under the Governor's leadership, the State of Illinois has extended health care benefits - including vision care - to over 165,000 children through the KidCare program. The Governor and First Lady have also worked to raise awareness among parents and medical professionals about the importance of early testing for amblyopia, or "lazy eye," a condition that can be cured if detected in the first few years of a child's life.

Prior to the start of Sunday's afternoon game against the St. Louis Cardinals, 50 children from the Jordan Boys & Girls Club and El Hogar del Niño participated in skills drills with the Governor, Baker, and volunteer doctors while also learning tips on how to protect and care for their eyes. Kids in attendance had the opportunity to participate in baseball drills while wearing goggles that simulate common eye conditions.

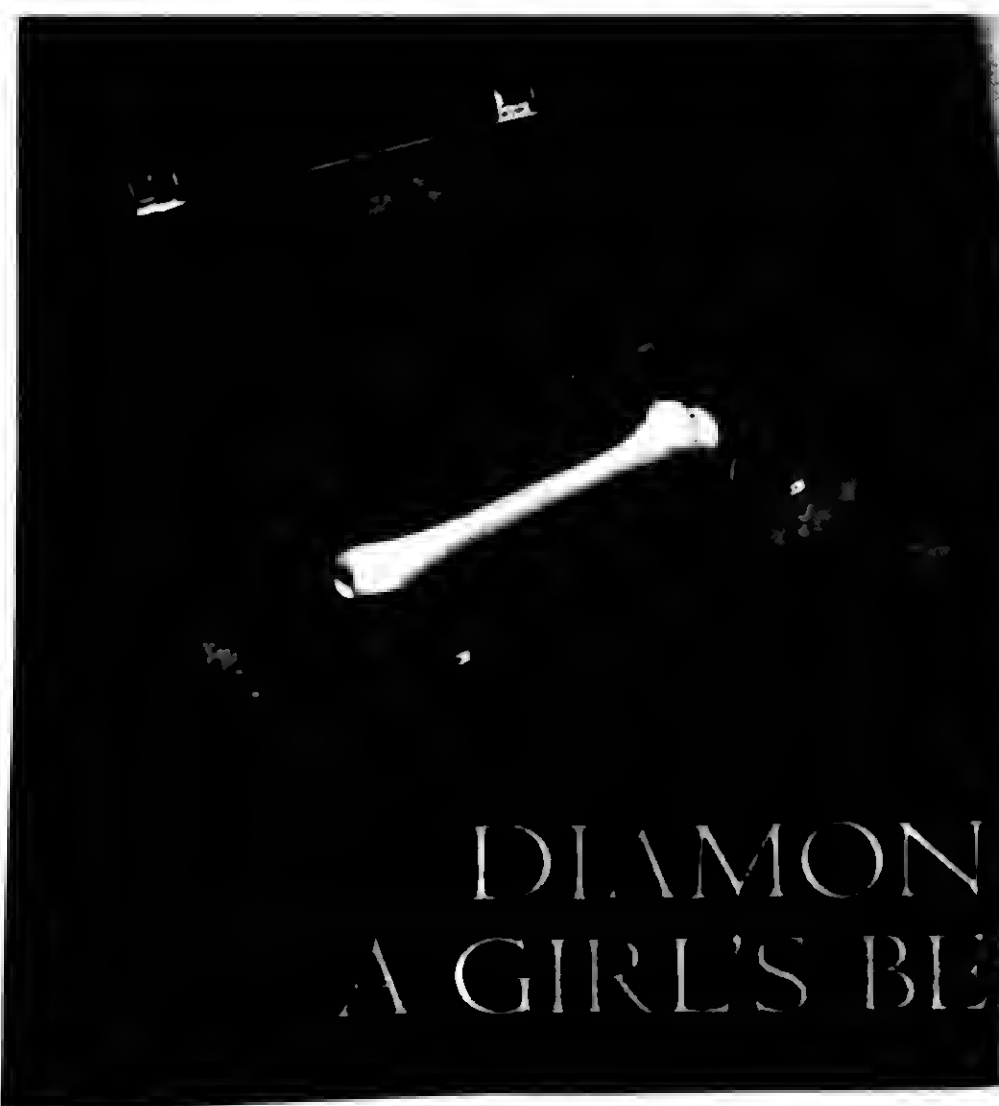
Throughout the day, messages on the Wrigley Field scoreboard, the Marquee as well as radio and television

Public Address Announcements informed the public on how to keep their eyes safe from disease and injury. Fans at Wrigley Field also received sunglasses to protect their eyes from UV exposure while enjoying the game.

Over 12 million children nationwide suffer from some sort of vision impairment, according to the American Academy of Ophthalmology, much of it caused by sports-related injuries and playing with toys and games that are inappropriate for their age.

Other common vision problems in children such as amblyopia, strabismus (crossed-eyes), nearsightedness, farsightedness and astigmatism, can all be detected through regular vision screenings during pediatric appointments.

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"Octobear Faire" Teddy Bear Show & Sale

What's soft, squishy and full of love? A teddy bear, and that's just what you'll see when you attend the 19th annual "Octobear Faire" at the Schaumburg Marriott Hotel, 50 N. Martingale Rd., over the weekend of Oct. 27th to 30th. Teddy bears and many other furry creatures both handmade and manufactured of all shapes, sizes and price ranges will be available for purchase in the showroom on Saturday and Sunday, Oct. 29th and 30th. Teddy bear artists, retailers and major fabric suppliers from around the world will be present at the Midwest's largest internationally all-teddy bear show.

Also that weekend, 21 teddy bear artists and manufacturers will be nervously waiting to see if they have won the prestigious TOBY Award, the "Oscar" of the teddy bear world, at the 16th annual TOBY Awards Banquet on Friday evening, Oct. 28th.

Make and take workshops are being conducted over Thursday and Friday by a few of the exhibiting teddy bear artists for collectors who want to try their hand at making a bear. On Thursday, Oct. 27th, California artist John Paul Port conducts an all-day workshop where the class will create a 16-inch vintage candy container mohair bear designed by his mother, the grande dame of the bear world, Beverly Matteson Port. On Friday, Oct. 28th, Colorado artist Michelle Lamb will conduct two extreme makeover classes for teddy bears. With a few nips and tucks each bear will have an entirely "new" look. Then Wisconsin artist Pam Holton leads a morning class where the participants will make their very own Scarecrow Bear head pin. Pre-registration is required to participate in these classes. More information about the workshops may be obtained by calling ABC Unlimited Productions or visiting their web site: www.abculimitedproductions.com.

On Friday evening, Oct. 28th, ABC is pleased to be hosting the 16th annual TOBY Awards Banquet for Teddy Bear and Friends Magazine, one of the country's leading collectibles publications. Nominees from around the world will be present that evening to hear if they have won the coveted TOBY Award for their submitted entry. The public is invited, however, pre-registration is required.

On Saturday and Sunday, Oct. 29th and 30th, over 100 teddy bear artists from the United States, Canada, England, Germany, the Netherlands, and the Pacific Rim will be present to exhibit and sell their unique creations. Additionally, a few select retailers are included in the show to offer items from teddy bear artists who will not be present, leading manufacturers and clothing and accessories to dress up the bears in high style. Teddy bear making supplies and patterns will also be available to those wishing to try their hand at making bears of their own.

Financial Guidance For Hurricane Katrina Survivors

At the request of U.S. Rep. Judy Biggert (R-IL-13), the U.S. Dept. of Treasury will convene an emergency meeting of the Financial Literacy and Education Commission (FLEC) to identify ways in which FLEC can coordinate federal agency and private sector efforts to provide financial guidance to survivors of Hurricane Katrina.

Biggert, a Member of the House Financial Service Committee and Founder and Co-Chair of the House Financial and Economic Literacy Caucus, spearheaded a letter sent recently to U.S. Secretary of Treasury John W. Snow requesting that the U.S. Dept. of Treasury convene an emergency meeting of FLEC to address the short and long term financial and economic concerns and needs of those affected by Hurricane Katrina. The letter requested that FLEC serve as a clearinghouse for federal and private-sector financial-related information for those affected by Hurricane Katrina.

A FLEC clearinghouse would provide financial-related information to Hurricane Katrina survivors so that they can quickly and easily learn about how to meet their financial obligations and address needs regarding housing, mortgage payments, insurance, credit cards, credit reports, identity theft, banking, avoiding financial scams, and tax relief, to name a few.

Holiday Showcase

For the last 18 years, The Hilton Oak Lawn has been hosting a Spring and Holiday Craft Show.

On Oct. 30th from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. the Hilton will host a new and exciting show, The Hilton Holiday Showcase.

This show will feature individual rooms of handmade crafts, holiday décor, seasonal gifts, beauty and fashion accessories, children's items, gourmet foods, home accents, unique jewelry, and antiques and collectibles. Admission is \$2, children under 10 are free.

Whitney's Restaurant offers a breakfast buffet from 8 a.m. to 1:45 p.m. and a buffet luncheon of individually priced items will be served from noon until 3 p.m. in the pool atrium.

The Hilton Coffee Corner will be open from 6:30 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Come and take a walk through the fabulous rooms filled with fantastic items to help you start your Christmas shopping early.

For additional information, call (630) 513-7622.

Southwest Area Obituaries

Dr. R.J. Cerrato

Services will be held on Sunday, Sept. 25th at Edgar Funeral Home, Oak Lawn, for WWII U.S. Army Veteran, Dr. R. J. Cerrato, 80, husband of the late Edna H. Cuff.

He is survived by his children, Lynda (Ed) Krestel, Bob (Lana) Cerrato, Kathy (Bill) Cerrato-Christensen, Rick (Chela) Cerrato and R. Jay (Lori) Cerrato; and, nine grandchildren.

Walter G. Norris

Mass was said on Sunday Sept. 18th at St. Germaine Church, Oak Lawn, for Walter G. Norris, 96, husband of the late Clara J.

He is survived by his son, David (Linda); and his grandchildren, Lauren, Matthew and Rebecca.

Frances P. O'Loughlin

Mass was said on Sunday, Sept. 18th, at St. Cajetan Church, Chicago, for U.S. Army Korean War Veteran, Frances P. O'Loughlin, 76.

He is survived by his wife, Marianne O'Loughlin; his children, Mary Beth (Robert) Husfield, Kevin (Mary Kay), Timothy, Ann (John) Nolan and Teri (Rene) Hernandez; nine grandchildren; and his brother, Thomas V. (Mary) O'Loughlin.

Edward J. Palis

Mass was said on Tuesday, Sept. 20th, at St. Mary Church, Mokena, for veteran, Edward J. "Captain" Palis, 63.

He is survived by his wife, Midge; his children, Bryan and Jessica; and his brother, John J.

Marie J. Rebster

Mass was said on Monday, Sept. 19th at St. Elizabeth Seton Church, Orland Hills, for Marie J. Rebster, wife of the late Paul K. Rebster.

She is survived by her children, Joann (Neil) Shere and Donna (Mike) Donnellan; two grandchildren; one great-grandchild; and her sister, Annrita Ryan.

David C. Redding

Services were held on Tuesday, Sept. 20th, at Wesleyan Community Church, Oak Lawn, for David C. Redding, 51.

He is survived by his wife, Gail; his children, Michelle and Carrie Redding; one grandchild; his sisters, Julie M. (Marv) Byland and Cathy A. (Pat) Molony.

Arlene L. Manzy

Services were held on Monday, Sept. 19th, at Brady-Gill Funeral Home, Tinley Park, for Arlene L. Manzy, 69.

She is survived by her husband, Arthur Sr.; her children, Arthur Jr. (Anita) Manzy and April (Kurt) Hense; four grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

Norman Dertz

Services were held on Tuesday, Sept. 20th, at Hickey Memorial Chapel, Midlothian, for Veteran, Norman Dertz.

He is survived by his wife, Darlene; his children, Dennis (Diana), Glen and Jeffery (Kimberly) Dertz; five grandchildren; and siblings, Eugene, Frank (Loretta), Nicholas (Frances) Dertz and Judith (Ramon) Loreda.

William A. Doonan

Services were held on Sunday, Sept. 18, at Robert J. Sheehy & Sons Funeral Home, Orland Park, for WWII Navy Veteran, William A. Doonan.

He is survived by his wife, Leona "Carol" Doonan; his daughter Gail Doonan; and his sister, Muriel Welsh.

Hazel M. Frickey

Services were held on Monday, Sept. 19th, at First Baptist Church, Palos Hills, for Hazel M. Frickey, 89, wife of the late Ralph C.

She is survived by her children, Doris (Richard) Rutledge, Frank J. Kreft, Jr., and Carol (Erwin) Bircher; twelve grandchildren; 39 great-grandchildren; nine great-great grandchildren; and her sister, Rose Thomas.

Lori A. Landgren

Mass was said on Wednesday, Sept. 21st, at St. Christina Church, Mt. Greenwood, for Lori A. Landgren, 42.

She is survived by her husband, David, C.P.D.; her children, Lorin Gladstone, Kailey and David Landgren; her parents, Thomas E. and Carol Whalen; and siblings, Debra (Dan) Krause, Cheryl (Perry) Castleberry and Thomas Whalen.

Henry J. Smas

Mass was said on Wednesday Sept. 21st, at St. Stephen Deacon & Martyr Church, Tinley Park, for Korean War Air Force Veteran, Henry J. Smas.

He is survived by his wife, Dolores; his children, Marcia Alvarez, William Paemla Smas, Paul (Mary) Smas, and Lynda (Donald) Miller; five grandchildren; one great-grandchild; and his sibling, Otilia Caswick.

Henry E. Wilson

Mass was said on Wednesday, Sept. 21st, at St. Gerard Majella Church, Markham, for Retired Markham Police Chief, Henry E. Wilson.

He is survived by his wife, Kathleen; his mother, Vera Wilson-Johnson; stepchildren, Shalley (Jeff) Hoffee, Deena Loretto and Paul Loretto; and siblings, Ronald Wilson, Phyllis Saunders and Annette Wilson.

Everett H. Torrenga

Services were held on Wednesday, Sept. 21st, at Colonial Chapel, Orland Park, for WWII U.S. Navy Veteran, Everett H. Torrenga; 79, husband of the late Dolores.

He is survived by his children, Christine (John) Stuursma and Lauric Hoge; seven grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; and sisters, Edna Mac Haas & Alice Jabaay.

Michael A. Kowalesik

Mass was said on Tuesday, Sept. 20th, at Most Holy Redeemer Church, Evergreen Park, for Michael A. Kowalesik, 91, husband of the late Carolyn.

He is survived by his children, Michele Staruck and Michael (Marian); three grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; and siblings, Josephine (Hank) Stark and Andrew (Tina) Kowalesik.

Rodney W. Kuhn, Sr.

Services were held on Wednesday Sept. 21st, at Evergreen Cemetery, for WWII Navy Veteran Rodney W. Kuhn, Sr., husband of the late Theresa.

He is survived by his children, Rodney Jr. (Carole) Kuhn and Wayne (Linda) Kuhn; five grandchildren; and give great-grandchildren.

Lloyd F. Nolta, Sr.

Services were held on Monday, Sept. 19th, at Colonial Chapel, Orland Park, for Lloyd F. Nolta, Sr., husband of the late Virginia.

He is survived by his children, Ginger (Chuck) Ermshler, Sharon (Dan) Kelly, Fleury Ballantyne, Teresa Parrino, Janel Klein, Barbara (Albert) Thewis, Gail (Carl) Halsted, Fred (Michele) Nolta and Marie (Chuck) Davis; 23 grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren; & siblings, Adrian (Bernice) Nolta and Laverda (Brownie) Brown.

Edward J. Makina

Mass is being said on Thursday, Sept. 22nd at St. Alexander Church, Palos Heights, for Edward J. Makina.

He is survived by his wife, Helen, Oak Lawn Chamber Treasurer; his children, Jim (Margie), Eileen (Jim) Moran and Steve Makina; and five grandchildren.

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Launch Child Lures Prevention Program

In an effort to protect children and prevent child abduction and exploitation in Illinois, Gov. Rod R. Blagojevich, on Sept. 14th, launched the nationally recognized Child Lures Prevention Initiative, which teaches parents and children to recognize potential danger signs and make smart decisions to avoid child predators. The Child Lures Prevention Program, founded by renowned child personal safety expert Ken Wooden, will be introduced in all 3,200 public elementary and middle schools (grades 1-8) statewide in October as a resource to help protect children against predatory crime. Illinois is the first state to implement the program in schools on a statewide level.

The Child Lures Prevention school program teaches children life skills to keep them safe from sexual abuse, date rape, abduction, Internet crime, drugs, and school violence. The Program, which can be taught within the health curriculum annually, consists of a straightforward training video and Presenter's Instruction Guide with easy-to-follow scripted lesson plans, practice scenarios, follow-up activities, comprehensive assessment, and tools for parental involvement. A student video with four realistic dramatizations

allows students to clearly visualize just how easily they may be lured into dangerous situations.

Each Illinois elementary and middle school will receive a package with two videos, one to prepare teachers to present the program, and one to present to children, along with a presenter's handbook and a parent's guide.

This school program is endorsed by the National Associations of Elementary and Secondary School Principals, and is used by the U.S. State Department's Foreign Service Institute. Scientific research conducted by Research and Education Service for the Round Rock.

In addition to the school program, over 500,000 Child Lures Prevention Parent Guides will be available at Chicago CVS Pharmacy locations and auto dealerships that are members of the Chicago Automotive Dealers Association.

IL Treasurer Judy Baar Topinka Provides Resource Guide To Katrina Evacuees

In the wake of Hurricane Katrina, Illinois State Treasurer Judy Baar Topinka is distributing free copies of the office's "Financial Resource Guide for Illinois Women" to Gulf Coast evacuees who have landed in Illinois.

The guide, which was compiled by Topinka and her Advisory Board for Women's Issues, will serve as a supplement to the emergency information currently being provided by shelters, centers and service organizations helping evacuees. In addition to important telephone numbers and web sites, the guide provides information to help families address long term financial issues.

The booklet provides long-term information to help women from all social and economic backgrounds reach their full economic potential. It was designed to help women at any age and in any financial situation.

The guide contains more than 100 websites, agencies, books, articles and other resources where women can find practical help or information related to personal finances. It is divided into four parts: Life Scenarios, Fast Facts on Woman and Finances, Resources, and a Glossary of Financial Terms.

Nearly 15,000 copies have been distributed since it was first published in 2003. Revised last year, the guide is now in its third printing with a fourth printing underway. It is available by calling the Treasurer's Office at (312) 814-1700 or online at www.state.il.us/treas.

New Maps Now Available For Distribution

Illinois Dept. of Transportation (IDOT) Secretary Timothy W. Martin announced the unveiling of the new state highway map at the Illinois State Fair last week. The new map is proving to be a bargain for taxpayers, costing the state about half of what it paid two years ago.

IDOT was able to reduce the cost to taxpayers by teaming with Best Western International as a corporate partner to offset printing costs. Under the deal, Best Western International pays the state \$105,000 and gets to display its logo on the map, as well as map distribution areas throughout Illinois.

After payment for the corporate sponsorship, the total cost to the state for the maps this year will be about \$170,000 for the 2.75 million maps produced, down from \$328,000 when the map was last updated in 2003.

IDOT produces a new state highway map every other year. The maps are distributed to the public free of charge and are available throughout the state at IDOT rest areas, tourism information centers, government facilities, and other areas frequented by motorists. Maps will also be shared through the Illinois Office of Tourism as part of the Illinois Travel kit (available worldwide upon request).

Fall Rummage Sale Planned

The Christian Women's Fellowship of the Hometown Christian Church, 4340 W. 87th St., will hold its Fall Rummage Sale on Friday, Sept. 30th, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and on Saturday, Oct. 1st from 9 a.m. to noon.

Items for sale will include clothing of all kinds, shoes, purses, books, toys, kitchen equipment, and many other household accessories.

All are welcome to come and shop. For more information, or to arrange for donating items, call Sara Shanahan at (708) 599-1310.

Letter To The Editor

Dear Editor:

Sen. Durbin compared our Army guards at Gitmo, Cuba with NAZI SS guards at Hitler's death camps who murdered 6 million people. The SS burned Jews alive in their Synagogues in Poland and buried alive Poles and Gypsies. The SS machine gunned and murdered 86 captured American POWs during the Battle of the Bulge in December 1944. A great comparison, Senator Durbin.

Sen. Durbin avoided military service during the Viet Nam War. He has no military experience and no experience guarding Terrorists who believe if they kill an American guard they will go to heaven as a reward. Sen. Durbin knew when he attacked our guards that Army regulations forbid them from responding to him. He used our guards to take a cheap shot at President Bush and that's a fact.

Democrat Senators Durbin, Kennedy, Clinton, Schumer, Boxer, Dowd, Feinstein, Leahy and others like DNC Chairman, Howard Dean accuse on a daily basis our troops in Iraq of abusing Terrorists. Their every word is reprinted in anti American Muslim newspapers. Their every TV sound bite is rebroadcast many times over anti American Muslim TV stations. Al Qaeda uses our own Senators accusations against our troops to recruit suicide bombers.

Sen. Durbin said we misunderstood him and he's sorry for his poor choice of words in attacking our guards at Gitmo. I didn't misunderstand him. He carefully chose his words for their negative impact on President Bush. Sen. Durbin says that Democrat Mayor Daley was "duped" into criticizing him. Mayor Daley, were you "duped"? Was your son "duped" into joining the Army and serving our country?

I was a Democrat precinct captain for 40 years and am a three time Democrat candidate for the General Assembly. I'm a former Democrat candidate for Congress. I challenge Sen. Durbin to debate me at Chicago's Wright City College. He can defend his extreme, elitist, ultra Liberal, Secularist views and I will defend our traditional American values. A American Legion or VFW Post Commander can serve as moderator and he can choose five weekly newspaper editors to serve as a panel asking questions. Sen. Durbin, do you have the guts to defend your liberal views in person or will you continue to use the liberal press and media to agree with you?

Respectfully,
s/s Thomas W. Flynn
Democrat, ILNG & USMC

Southland Railroad Show

The music department from Richards High School, 10601 S. Central Ave., will host the third annual Southland Railroad Show on Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 24th and 25th.

Richards will host the event both days from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission is \$3, with children under 12 free.

The event will feature clinics, 15 exhibitors, modular railroad displays of assorted sizes, private layouts, Lego trains, and a children's activity area. For more information, people may visit www.hlrtrain-show.com.

For more information, contact Richards band director Charles Martin at (708) 499-2550, ext. 5096. A portion of the proceeds from this event will benefit the music program at Richards.

Arthritis Legislation Signed By Governor

In an effort to improve the lives of millions who suffer from the pain of arthritis, Gov. Rod R. Blagojevich on Aug. 20th signed legislation that will increase awareness and research of this debilitating disease. One in five adults in the United States reports having doctor-diagnosed arthritis. Arthritis is the leading cause of disability in the United States, limiting daily activities for more than 7 million people. In Illinois, it is estimated that 3 million people suffer from arthritis and/or chronic joint symptoms.

"Millions of Illinoisans live with the daily pain and physical limitations caused by arthritis," said Gov. Blagojevich. "This new law will allow for more arthritis research and hopefully lead to new treatments."

House Bill 2380 creates the Arthritis Prevention, Control and Cure Act, which directs the Illinois Dept. of Public Health (IDPH) to establish, promote and maintain an arthritis program to raise public awareness and educate consumers, and to educate and train health professionals, teachers and human service providers.

The law also requires IDPH to establish a pilot program for the study of innovative arthritis public health projects and implementation of community health projects. Under the pilot program, IDPH would grant money to academic and health organizations to study arthritis. Grant applications would be reviewed by IDPH, the Arthritis Foundation and the Illinois Arthritis Partnership. An Advisory Council on Arthritis would be appointed to provide non-governmental input regarding the program.

In Illinois, 22.7 percent (approximately 2.1 million Illinois adults) of the state's citizens reported having doctor-diagnosed arthritis, and another 9.1 percent (more than 850,000 Illinois adults) reported possibly having arthritis, according to data collected from the 2002 Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System. The prevalence of doctor-diagnosed arthritis was higher among persons in rural communities, those with lower income and persons with lower education levels. An estimated 163,000 Illinois adults with doctor-diagnosed arthritis (13 percent) do not have health care coverage.

Research has shown that people who started disease-modifying medications within the first year of being diagnosed with arthritis were less likely to experience disability than people who started treatment five years after the start of the disease. However, of those Illinoisans with possible arthritis, 38 percent had never been seen by a doctor for their joint symptoms, and of those with doctor-diagnosed arthritis, 57 percent were not currently being treated by a doctor for their arthritis.

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Pumpkin Picking At The Children's Farm

The Children's Farm will be open for picking pumpkins and touring the animal barns from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. every Saturday and Sunday in October plus Columbus Day. The pumpkin patch will also be open on October weekday afternoons from 3 to 5 p.m. The Children's Farm is located at 12700 Southwest Highway in Palos Park.

Visitors are given complimentary hayrides to the pumpkin patch. Upon return from the patch, pumpkins are weighed and sold at an old fashioned farm stand which is also stocked with colorful gourds, straw bales, decorative ears of corn, and bundles of cornstalks. Hotdogs are grilled and sold along with soda pop at the refreshment stand.

On weekends, visitors may also choose to tour the barns to see and touch the ponies, donkey, sheep, chickens, pigs, horses, cows, goats, ducks, and rabbits. Admission to the animal barns is \$4 per person.

According to Farm Director Andy Maricle, October is a beautiful time to spend a day in the country. For further information, call The Center at (708) 361-3650.

Consolidated Grace Church's Services

Something new has come to the community! Grace Community Church, a consolidation of three neighborhood Christian Reformed churches, will begin meeting Oct. 2, at 10415 S. Kedvale Ave., Oak Lawn. The traditional service begins at 9 a.m. and the contemporary service at 10:45 a.m. Sunday School will be meeting between the two services.

WOW - Worship on Wednesday - begins Oct. 5 at 3450 Maple (98th and St. Louis), Evergreen Park. This time of sharing the Good News is for all ages. A meal will be served from 6:15 to 6:55 p.m. At 7 p.m., a time of worship, learning, and sharing for all ages begins - Nursery, Kids' Klub (ages 4-1st grade), GEMS (Girls grades 2-8), CADETS (Boys grades 2-8) and Adult Worship including the Alpha material. "This is a new beginning for Grace Church so we welcome you to begin with us," said Carol Breems, contact person. "Call (708) 636-4585 for more information or - better yet - join us for the Good News at Grace Community Church," she concluded.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

SEPTEMBER 30 & OCTOBER 1 - Fall Rummage Sale, Hometown Christian Church, 4340 W. 87th St., Friday, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.; Saturday, 9 a.m. to noon.
OCTOBER 1 - Saturday - District II "Trustee Is In," Municipal Center, 9446 Raymond, 9 a.m. to noon.
OCTOBER 3 - Monday - Fire Department Club Meeting, VFW, 9514 S. 52nd Ave., 8 p.m.
OCTOBER 3 - Monday - Planning & Development Commission Meeting, 9446 S. Raymond, 8 p.m.
OCTOBER 4 - Tuesday - Civil Service Commission, 9446 Raymond, 5:30 p.m.
OCTOBER 5 - Wednesday - Appeals Board, 9446 Raymond, 8 p.m.
OCTOBER 6 - Thursday - Alzheimer Support Group, Christ Hospital, 4440 W. 95th St., 6 p.m.
OCTOBER 6 - Thursday - Historic Preservation Commission, 9446 S. Raymond, 7 p.m.
OCTOBER 6 - Thursday - Athletic Club Meeting, VFW Hall, 9514 S. 52nd Ave., 8 p.m.
OCTOBER 6 - Thursday - Traffic Review Committee Meeting, Municipal Center auditorium, 9446 S. Raymond, 8 p.m.

Residents Address Oak Lawn Village Board Regarding

Rumors Of Drug Trade

Tammy Lagonia, a spokesperson for the residents of Komensky between 103rd and 100th St. spoke in appreciation of all that has been done in the past few weeks, the police presence and the citations issued have improved the area. She reported that there are rumors of drug trade and even drug production in the area. Mayor Heilmann responded that this will not be a quick fix, that the village will continue to monitor the area, police will be present, landlords will be contacted, and a meeting will be set up between the residents, village personnel, and the landlords.

Tom Driscoll questioned the rumors of pumps or a liner for the retention pond in Crawford Gardens area. Trustee Rosenbaum reported that this problem is on the agenda of the Public Works Committee meeting scheduled for September 29th.

Scott Kirk and Steven Pelino were sworn in as police patrol officers. Fire engineers Gary Patrick and Phil Bruzan were promoted to lieutenants. Fire fighter/paramedics Mark Colantone and Michael McMillan were promoted to engineers, and fire fighters Timothy Radtke and Scott Tsilis were also promoted to engineers. Police Officer Joe Garrett, Fire Chief Ed Folliard, Fire Lieutenant Brian Tiernan, and Fire Engineer Scott Ralston received commendations for the work they did in New Orleans, aiding the victims of Hurricane Katrina.

Trustee Olejniczak announced that the owners of the commercial property at 87th and Cicero have told him

they intend to make improvements to the property. Trustee Olejniczak reminded that the village offers free fire wood at the public works site at 98th and Central and that free wood chips are also available.

The ordinance establishing a special service area for the Target Project/Municipal Parking Lot was again tabled amid comments and innuendos from residents and the other trustees about the "secret meeting" held between the Target representative and Trustees, Hurckes, Joy, and Rosenbaum. All three of the trustees denied violating the Open Meetings Act, stating that they met individually with the Target representative. Trustee Rosenbaum stated that to make an informed decision, you must have the facts, and that each of the trustees can hold meetings to ascertain the facts. Mayor Heilmann used his gavel frequently and reminded the trustees of respect. Village resident, Myrna Jurcev, stated that she was very familiar with the Open Meetings act and she believes that the trustees did not violate the act however considering the past election and how the voters reacted to the past board, it just looks bad.

The board approved changes in conference and travel expenses eliminating per diems in favor of documented receipts and suspended all travel and conference expenses. The board then entered executive session. The next meeting will be held on October 11th.

The board moved to executive session at 9:45.

Life Chain 2005 In Orland Park

Life Chain, a visible nationwide expression of support for preborn children and their mothers, will take place on Sunday, Oct. 2, between 2:30 and 3:30 p.m. CDT, in Orland Park, and from coast to coast.

The Orland Park Life Chain will take place on 96th Ave. (LaGrange Road) between 143rd and 153rd streets.

Life Chain is peaceful, prayerful, and truly life-saving. It is the nation's largest Right-to-Life event. Life Chain is an ecumenical action that takes place on Respect Life Sunday to reach out to protect the most vulnerable members of our society: pre-born children.

Standing publicly, Christians will create a silent, loving protest against abortion. More than 90% of women who have had an abortion say they wish they hadn't, and

indicate that they wouldn't have if they had received the right information.

Each person holds a sign with a message for passing motorists such as: "Abortion Hurts Women," "Adoption: the Loving Option," "Abortion Kills Children," and "Jesus Heals and Forgives."

More than 30 churches will have members participating in this 16th annual Orland Park Life Chain. St. George Parish is the sponsoring church for the Orland Park Life Chain. Bill Beckman, Pro-Life Coordinator at St. George, is the coordinator for the Orland Park observance.

Many Life Chains are scheduled in the greater Chicagoland area & more than 900 will take place nationwide. For information on Life Chains scheduled in the Chicago area, contact Illinois Right to Life at (312) 422-9300.

Breast Cancer Awareness

The Village of Oak Lawn and the American Cancer Society are teaming up to promote Breast Cancer Awareness month, which is October. In order to help the cause, the Village will have Breast Cancer educational materials on display in the Village Hall during the month of October.

On Saturday, Oct. 1st, the Village and the American Cancer Society will plant pink tulips at the corner of 95th St. and Raymond Ave., near the Village Hall. The tulips will bloom around Mother's Day of next year. The planting will be at 10 a.m. and all are invited to participate.

Free Blood Pressure Screenings at Library

The Oak Lawn Community Partnership offers free blood pressure screenings at the Oak Lawn Public Library, 5300 W. 95th St., on the second Wednesday of most months from 10 to 11:30 a.m., a new earlier time. The next scheduled screening date is Oct. 12th. Screenings are performed by volunteer nurses from Advocate Christ Medical Center and personnel from the Oak Lawn Fire Dept. For additional information, call the library, (708) 422-4990.

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New Carpenters' Training Center Opens

State, county and local officials were on hand recently as the Chicago Regional Council of Carpenters officially opened its new training center that will allow more than 500 inner-city Chicago residents to pursue a career in the area's largest skilled trade.

Named for Earl J. Oliver, the immediate past president of the Union who broke ground for the building in the Spring of 2004, but died before its completion, the center is the largest union training facility in Chicago, providing an additional 38,000 square feet of classrooms and open space where carpentry skills are learned.

It was President Oliver who first came up with the idea of a Chicago apprenticeship center in the mid-1990s, nearly a decade after the Washburn Trade School had closed, drastically decreasing the presence of union training programs in Chicago. Boldly leading the way for other unions, in 1996 Oliver announced that the carpenters, working together with management, would establish a center at the corner of Union and Cermak to ensure that Chicago residents had access to the trade and that Chicago, with its robust construction market, had a diverse and well-trained cadre of carpenters.

When the center opened in 1998, it was an immediate success. Within a year, the center was graduating more than 250 people from its pre-apprenticeship programs, and demand exceeded capacity. Now with the opening of the 38,000 square-foot addition, the Council doubled the number of apprentices that can be trained each year.

The members of the Chicago Regional Council of

Carpenters earn steady and rewarding wages at all levels. Apprentices are paid while they receive an education, and earn between 40 and 80 percent of the journeymen rate, depending on their year in the program. Journeymen wages are \$35.32 per hour for commercial and residential carpentry. This means even first-year apprentices earn wages of \$14.13 per hour. Pre-apprentices receive benefits that include a stipend for five weeks of their training and money towards the purchase of tools and union dues upon the completion of training.

To apply for the Council's pre-apprenticeship program, a person must be at least 17 years old, reside in the 10-county Chicago area (Cook, DuPage, Grundy, Iroquois, Kane, Kankakee, Kendall, Lake, McHenry or Will counties), have successfully completed two years of required high school (a high school diploma or GED is preferred), have an original Social Security Card and be physically fit to work as a carpenter. Applicants must also pass an aptitude test. For more information, call the Chicago Regional Council of Carpenters at (847) 640-7373.

The Chicago Regional Council of Carpenters represents more than 47,000 men and women working throughout 81 counties in northern Illinois, Southeast Wisconsin and Eastern Iowa. It is one of the largest Regional Council of Carpenters in the United States. Since 1881, the Chicago Regional Council of Carpenters has been a positive force in building communities and improving the lives of its members and their families.

Durbin Proposes Saving On Drug Prices Bill

Pointing to a report by Families USA where seniors using Medicare drug discount cards were found to have paid significantly more for 49 of the 50 most frequently prescribed drugs than Veterans Administration (VA) patients, U.S. Sen. Dick Durbin (D-IL) on Sept. 27th called on Congress to pass his legislation to give Medicare the ability to negotiate on behalf of its beneficiaries.

Durbin said, "The report by Families USA points out a simple truth: there is strength in numbers. The Veterans Administration has a process for negotiating drug prices that is proven and effective and leverages the buying power of millions of veterans. It's time to replicate that success so seniors in Illinois and the nation can experience real savings on their prescription drugs."

The report found that the median price difference for the top 50 drugs was \$220.44. Additionally, for the top 25 most prescribed drugs, Medicare beneficiaries using discount cards paid almost 60% more than the best available VA price. For example, the Medicare discount price for Plavix, a blood-clot reducing agent that is the most heavily prescribed medication for seniors, is \$1,230.36, compared to the best VA price of \$887.16 per year - a difference of \$343.20, or 38.7%. For another drug, Protonix, the fifth most heavily prescribed drug for seniors, the VA best price is \$253.32, compared to \$827.40 under the Medicare discount cards - a difference of \$574.08, or 226.6%.

Durbin said, "Giving Medicare the authority to negotiate on behalf of its beneficiaries is the right prescription for real savings on drug prices. Medicare has 25 times the number of people in its system than the Veterans Administration. My bill is good old-fashioned free market economics: if one buys in bulk, the price will come down."

Cash Donations Are Quickest And Best Way To Help Victims Of Hurricane Rita

Americans who are anxious to help beleaguered hurricane victims are urged by officials of the Dept. of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to consider cash donations as the most efficient way to assist victims.

That sentiment is shared by the National Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster (National VOAD) who listed the following toll-free donation numbers that have been activated by the respective states to receive calls from around the nation and world from persons who wish to contribute money, goods and services.

Alabama - 1(877) 273-5018

Louisiana - 1(866) 334-8305

Mississippi - 1(866) 230-8903

Texas - 1(800) 707-6768

Officials said that cash donations allow voluntary organizations to both obtain goods and services locally and for some to issue direct financial assistance to victims so they can meet their needs. They also allow agencies to avoid the labor-intensive need to clean, sort, package, label and store donated goods. Donated money avoids, too, the expense of air or sea transportation that donated goods require.

Voluntary organizations provide a wide variety of services after disasters, such as clean-up, childcare, housing repair, crisis counseling, sheltering and food.

To find out what voluntary organizations are working in the impacted areas, and how to direct a cash donation to them, donors should go online to www.nvoad.org.

The Medicare Prescription Drugs Savings Act will reverse a provision in the Republican Medicare prescription drug bill signed by the President, which prohibits the Secretary of Health and Human Services from negotiating with drug companies for lower prices. The bill instructs the Secretary of HHS to offer a nationwide Medicare-delivered prescription drug benefit and to negotiate group purchasing agreements on behalf of beneficiaries who choose to receive their drugs through the Medicare-administered benefit.

St. James Trauma Center Reopening

Despite a lack of financial support from the state, St. James Hospital and Health Centers announced on Sept. 27th the reopening of its Level I trauma program on Oct. 1. As one of only two Level I Trauma Centers in the Southland, St. James is renewing this critical community service to protect the region's access to care.

With close to 50 percent of St. James' patients either uninsured or Medicaid-insured, state funding of Level I trauma care is vital to providing this service for the community. Level I trauma is the most intense type of care available, requiring 24-hour coverage of many physician specialties that are in short supply. Hospital leaders were forced to de-designate the trauma program on Sept. 1 due to the program's lack of state funding and physician coverage. Since that time, the Olympia Fields hospital has secured a new physician team.

Renowned trauma surgeon Dr. Gary Merlotti, will lead the team that will support the Level I program. Dr. Merlotti, formerly of Christ Medical Center, will start working immediately to get the Level I trauma team prepared for reopening.

St. James officials are calling on the state to secure regional health care planning in Illinois. The Certificate of Need (CON) approval process for new health care construction and expansion ensures that regional health care resources are not wasted on unneeded facilities and services.

The availability of emergency care and disaster preparedness plans have gained national attention in recent weeks. "The aftermath of Hurricane Katrina and Rita have shown us that community hospitals must be prepared in times of tragedy to quickly respond. In the face of such threats, protecting the state's Level I trauma network becomes more important than ever," said Merlotti. "We hope the state recognizes the importance of our effort to protect this essential service."

Offices To Close For Columbus Day

All Secretary of State offices and facilities will be closed Monday, Oct. 10th for Columbus Day. Secretary of State Jesse White announced recently. They will resume normal business hours Tuesday, Oct. 11th.

Driver Services facilities outside of Cook County, and also the Chicago West, Midlothian, Diversey Express and Niles facilities that are normally closed on Mondays, will be closed on Saturday, Oct. 8th as well as Monday, Oct. 10th. These facilities will resume normal business hours on Tuesday, Oct. 11th.

Moraine Valley Seeks Musicians And Singers

Wanted: Aspiring musicians seeking to enhance their musical skills by playing in Moraine Valley's concert band, jazz band or percussion ensemble. Singers also are needed to fill the community chorus and chamber singers. Students as well as community members are welcome to join as non-credit members or, where applicable, for college credit.

Concert Band: instrumentalists specializing in saxophone, clarinet and low brass are especially needed to join this established community band. Members will learn traditional literature, and perform at least two concerts each semester. Emphasis is placed on group intonation, ensemble blend and musical nuance. MUS 175-178-200 meets Thursdays from 7 to 9:30 p.m. in Room F127. Registration is \$25.

Jazz Big Band: this ensemble is devoted to exploring all styles and idioms of American jazz, including Dixieland, swing, bebop, cool bop, free jazz and fusion. The group performs several on- and off-campus concerts during the year. MUS 151-154-200 meets Tuesdays from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. in Room F127. Registration is \$25.

Jazz Combo: for those looking to develop skills in jazz improvisation. The small-group format of the Jazz Combo class will allow one to explore elements of basic jazz improvisation from blues to bebop and beyond. Instrumentalists specializing in drum set, saxophone and trumpet are especially needed. MUS 161-14-170 meets Tuesdays from 2 to 4:30 p.m. in Room F127. Available for credit or adult only. Registration is \$25.

Percussion Ensemble: dedicated to the exploration of ragtime, classical, popular, Caribbean/Latin, chamber and jazz as transcribed for this unique instrumentation. Members ages 15 to adult do not need to have a percussion background, but they should possess basic to intermediate music reading skills. MU4-309-170 meets Thursdays from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. in Room F127. Registration is \$50.

Moraine Chamber Singers: Madrigal feasts, musical and rock revues, and Chicago-area festival chorus events are just a few of the exciting shows this intimate group of up to 15 singers performs. A wide variety of styles and group opportunities are available as a soloist or member of a small ensemble, as well as chamber singing in five languages. MUS 141-144-001 meets Wednesdays from 4 to 6:30 p.m. in Room F127. Registration is \$25.

Community Chorus: Ever dream of singing Handel's famous "Messiah"? Join this established community chorus, and perform at least one major choral piece such as Mozart's "Requiem" or Haydn's "Creation." Emphasis is placed on language, diction, choral singing techniques and musical nuance. MUS 145-200 meets Mondays from 7 to 9:30 p.m. in Room F127. Registration is \$25.

For more information about the music program at Moraine Valley, call Nick Thomas, assistant professor of music, at (708) 974-5755.

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Smith Village Provides Senior Living

Thanks to suggestions and requests from area seniors, two popular floor plans have now been added to Smith Senior Living's selection of apartments for Smith Village. The two-bedroom Chestnut model and one-bedroom Cypress offer options for seniors seeking a carefree, independent lifestyle. "The new layouts are spacious, sunny and create a lovely and convenient living space," says Smith Village Marketing Director Bunny Sugarman.

In addition to viewing these new floor plans in Smith Village's Information Center at 10400 S. Western Ave., seniors can learn more about a very exceptional offer. The next five residents who reserve an independent living apartment will receive a \$5,000 incentive that can be applied to their entrance fee or used for decorator upgrades. Plus, Smith Village's next five depositors will pay no monthly fee for the first two months after they move into their new home, a value between \$3,600 and \$6,000. With these two discounts, new depositors could save more than \$10,000.

Smith Village in Chicago's Beverly neighborhood offers a peek at the future of senior housing. Each detail of the \$65 million continuing care retirement community (CCRC) is designed to meet the changing lifestyle needs of seniors today and tomorrow.

The Chestnut is ideal for siblings, good friends and overnight guests. Opening the front door of the Chestnut, visitors step into an inviting area including a spacious living room, dining room and kitchen. The easy flow of the rooms allows for maximum living space in the 1,030 square foot home. Two complete bedroom suites make the Chestnut unique.

In the Chestnut, the master bedroom suite includes an 11'6" by 14'4" room, plus an enormous walk-in closet and large bathroom. The second bedroom is 10'6" x 11' and also features a large closet and a nearby bathroom with a bathtub. "The Chestnut has already been very popular because of its size," says Sugarman. "There is ample room for entertaining, storage and overnight visitors. A few who have reserved this apartment have already decided to use the extra bedroom as an office or for space to enjoy hobbies like painting or scrapbooking."

The Cypress offers ample room for a hobby area and storage. This new model is 1,007 square feet and is one of the largest one-bedroom models at Smith

Village. The Cypress includes a master suite with a walk-in closet, a full bath and a handy den. "We've really responded to our depositors' needs with this new model," says Sugarman.

A separate dining area is located between the kitchen and living room, providing ample space for dinner parties. The living room flows into the den, giving the apartment a spacious, open feeling. The Cypress also has a small room off the kitchen that is perfect for shelving, storage, or even as a large extra pantry. Most of the Cypress apartments have windows looking out to the lush green of Kennedy Park right across the street from Smith Village.

The independent living section of Smith Village features 152 gracious one and two-bedroom apartments, all with fully equipped kitchens, washer and dryers, and individual heating and cooling controls.

A sun-filled atrium lights the way to Smith Village Commons, where seniors can enjoy formal dining, a casual café and a private dining room to entertain guests. A day spa and salon, arts and crafts studio, state-of-the-art fitness center, cocktail lounge, computer lab and business suite, theater and library offer great social options. Linen service, housekeeping and maintenance make life easier. A unique healthcare package is also included that will save seniors thousands of dollars as well as give them peace of mind for their future, should a higher level of care ever be needed.

As a continuing care retirement community (CCRC), Smith Village offers a complete continuum of care for seniors. In addition to the independent living apartments, assisted living, memory support and skilled nursing care will be available right on campus.

Slated to open in early 2007, Smith Village is part of the Smith Senior Living family of premier senior living communities in the southwest sector of metropolitan Chicago. The not-for-profit organization established its first community in 1924.

Reservations are currently being accepted for the new independent living apartments on the campus. For more information, call the Information Center for Smith Village, (773) 881-4950, or visit www.SmithVillage.org.

112th Street Improvements

Construction is underway for the rehabilitation of 112th Place from Western to Oakley avenues. An entirely new street is being reset to a 34-foot width. New curbs and gutters will be included, as well as new water, gas and electric lines installed.

Construction of Smith Village, a \$65 million continuing care retirement community (CCRC), is ahead of schedule and moving forward, according to Jim Fitch, special project manager for Smith Senior Living.

Construction of a new assisted living building along 112th Place is the first phase in transforming the highly respected, 80-year-old Washington and Jane Smith Community into Smith Village. The exterior of the building is now nearly complete and landscaping will begin in October. The interior is slated for completion in Dec. 2005.

Upon completion of this building, current Washington and Jane Smith residents will move to the new building. Then, the existing structure will be demolished to make way for the construction of spacious, sunny independent living apartments.

Slated to open in 2007, the independent living residences of Smith Village feature one- and two-bedroom apartments with fully equipped kitchens with fully equipped kitchen, ample closet space and comfortable areas for relaxing and entertaining. Each apartment will have its own heating and cooling controls, as well as a washer and dryer.

A sun-filled atrium will light the way to Smith Village Commons, where seniors can enjoy formal dining, a casual café and a private dining room to entertain guests. A hair salon, convenience store, housekeeping services and linen services all combine to make life easier. Additionally, an arts and crafts studio, business and computer center, library, club and game rooms, gardens and walking paths offer great social options.

Another unique amenity at Smith Village is a comprehensive healthcare benefit that supplements any health insurance plan. If a resident requires additional care, it can be provided right on campus, according to Bunny Sugarman, director of marketing for Smith Village. Residents can accumulate up to 100 free days in either assisted living or skilled nursing. People who enter the Smith Village community by moving into an independent living apartment also receive a 15 percent lifetime discount on assisted living or skilled nursing care, if needed, a benefit that both saves money and offers real peace of mind to residents and their families.

The community is led by Smith Senior Living, a not-for-profit organization dedicated to serving the lifestyle, housing and healthcare needs of seniors for nearly 80 years. The new community will provide independent living, assisted living, memory support and skilled nursing care with large apartments and a host of amenities. For more information, visit www.SmithVillage.org or call (773) 881-4950.

Motorcycle Run

Rev up for the United States Marine Corp Reserve's Annual South Suburban Toys For Tots Motorcycle Run on Sunday, Oct. 2nd.

You are encouraged to donate new toys, games or stuffed toys for needy kids.

Hundreds of motorcycles will line up at 7 a.m. at Roesner Field House at 161st & Richmond in Markham.

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EDITORIAL/OPINION PAGE

Co-Porkers of the Month

Citizens Against Government Waste (CAGW) recently named House Majority Leader Tom DeLay (R-Texas) and Transportation and Infrastructure Committee Chairman Don Young (R-Alaska) Co-Porkers of the Month for their response to requests to offset the costs of Hurricane Katrina relief. According to a Sept. 14th Washington Times article, Rep. DeLay declared an "ongoing victory" in the effort to cut spending, and that the Republicans had "pared [the government] down pretty good." While claiming to be receptive to proposed offsets, Mr. DeLay said that "nobody has been able to come up with any yet." He added that cutting the 6,000 earmarks in the recently-passed \$295 billion Transportation Equity Act - A Legacy for Users (TEA-ELU) would adversely affect "important infrastructure" and the economy, and it would be "right" to borrow the money to pay for Katrina relief.

Rep. Young had a much more curt response when asked by a Fairbanks Daily News-Miner reporter about redirecting the combined \$450 million for the Gravina Island and Knik Arm (renamed Don Young's Way) bridges to hurricane victims: "They can kiss my ear." He then called such a request the "dumbest thing I've ever heard."

Rep. Young added insult to this injury to taxpayers - and common sense - by stating that Louisiana did quite well in the highway bill (failing to note changed circumstances, like the lack of a bridge over Lake Pontchartrain) and that he had helped the seafood industry raise \$50,000 for hurricane victims. The money came from a Sept. 9th charity golf tournament in Roslyn, Washington, yet Young said, "I raised enough money to give back to them voluntarily, and that's it." These comments came several days after a spokesman for Mr. Young called the pork for relief idea "moronic."

Unfortunately, Rep. DeLay's and Rep. Young's comments will confirm what taxpayers already think about the lack of leadership to cut wasteful programs in the Republican-led Congress, which has presided over the largest increase in federal spending since the Great Society.

Both legislators have ignored savings that could come from CAGW's Congressional Pig Book, which identified 13,977 pork projects totaling \$27.3 billion in the fiscal 2005 appropriations bill. Projects included \$6.3 million for wood utilization research, \$2 million for the buy back of the USS Sequoia Presidential Yacht, and \$100,000 for the Tiger Woods Foundation. The highway bill included "important infrastructure" like \$2.3 million for landscaping enhancements along the Ronald Reagan Freeway in Ventura County, \$1.8 million to construct a visitor interpretive center at the Gray Fossil Site in Gray, Tennessee, and \$432,000 to establish a transportation museum on the Navy Pier in Chicago. Rescinding such projects would do nothing to harm the economy or essential transportation priorities.

Reps. DeLay and Young, and their colleagues, have other resources at their disposal for cutting budget fat. CAGW's report Prime Cuts 2005 catalogues 600 recommendations throughout the government that if enacted could save taxpayers \$232 billion in fiscal year 2006 and \$2 trillion over the next five years. Recommendations range from ending corporate welfare to eliminating outdated and expensive agricultural subsidies. President Bush proposed cutting or eliminating 150 programs in fiscal 2006, saving taxpayers about \$15 billion. The web site for the Office of Management and Budget meticulously documents the justifications for each recommendation. These proposals could be brought to the House floor for a vote with Mr. DeLay's help.

FPDCC To Host Volunteer Fair

Cook County Board President John H. Stroger, Jr. has announced that the Forest Preserve District of Cook County (FPDCC) will host its First Annual FPDCC Volunteer Recruitment & Appreciation Day on Saturday, Oct. 1st from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. at Sand Ridge Nature Center, 15891 S. Paxson Ave. in South Holland.

"Our volunteers provide the brightest sparkle of the 'emerald jewel of the County,'" said President Stroger. "Their tireless commitment to our lands, endless hours of volunteering and inimitable spirit drive the District to continue to strive for excellence in conservation, preservation and education. We now invite potential volunteers to join their ranks."

The day will feature the following:

- * Informative displays;
- * An opportunity to talk to FPDCC volunteers and staff;
- * A chance to explore some of Cook County's natural wonders;
- * Guest participation in volunteer work demonstrations;
- * Explanations of various service learning opportunities; and
- * A chance to sign up and volunteer with the FPDCC.

Visitors are encouraged to bring children for special, fun activities. Refreshments will be served.

For more information, contact the Volunteer Resources Team at (773) 631-1790. Current FPDCC volunteers are encouraged to call to reserve a spot at the Appreciation Day Party following the Fair.

SCORE Workshop

Attend a full-day workshop on Tuesday, Oct. 4th from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., offered by SCORE, Counselors to America's Small Business. This practical, low-cost workshop gives the foundation and tools needed to launch and manage a successful business. Instructors are SCORE Counselors, who are joined by working professionals.

This session is an overview of four additional classes related to four basic SCORE Certificate workshops. Including a SCORE Certificate as part of a business plan enhances presentation when seeking a loan. Attendees should be in business or planning to start a business.

Register and pay the \$50 fee on line, www.scorechicago.org. Walk-in same day registration and pay at the door \$60. Space is limited. Call (312) 353-7724 any weekday morning with questions.

SCORE, a resource partner of the U.S. Small Business Administration, is located in the Citicorp Center, Suite 1250, 500 W. Madison St. in downtown Chicago. For more information, call (312) 353-7724 or visit the web site www.scorechicago.org.



All Points Southwest

By THOMAS E. GAVIN

Peoples Energy has recently alerted All Points that the average winter heating season bill (November-March) for a typical residential dwelling is forecast at \$1,475 for utility customers (this notice prior to Hurricane Rita!). This represents a 39% increase over last year. In addition to higher natural gas commodity prices, the increase includes a return to normal weather. Last winter was 7% warmer than normal. Bills may vary depending on actual gas costs and colder weather that could lead to increased customer usage. However, Peoples Energy's price forecast is in contrast to a preliminary estimate released two weeks ago by the U.S. Energy Information Administration (EIA) that says an average national gas home-heat customer in the Midwest could expect to pay as much as 71% more for natural gas service.

There are a number of reasons why natural gas prices have been trending higher. The summer has been hotter than normal through most of the U.S., creating demand for electricity from natural gas fired electric generation facilities. Additionally, production is struggling to keep pace with overall demand. This, along with the as yet unknown long term effects of Hurricanes Katrina and Rita on natural gas production in the Gulf of Mexico, creates concerns in the market and leads to increased prices.

The cost of gas and related taxes make up as much as 80% of a monthly bill. About 20% of the bill is the charge to deliver the natural gas to customers' homes and businesses. The delivery charge is invested into the business to upgrade and maintain a 6,000 mile distribution system and meters and to provide quality customer service. Over the last 10 years, the utilities claim to have invested nearly \$90 million to provide safe, clean and reliable natural gas service to over one million customers in the City of Chicago and its surrounding communities.

In light of the projected energy increases, Gov. Rod Blagojevich has named Ed Hurley, outgoing chairman of the Illinois Commerce Commission (ICC), to serve as the new Special Director of Emergency Energy Assistance this winter. Hurley will be expected to marshal resources from the public and private sectors and to coordinate assistance to vulnerable populations impacted by record-high heating costs.

According to Gov. Blagojevich, "home heating costs are expected to increase by nearly 40% this winter. That's an additional \$500 for the average Illinois family. We all feel the impact of the energy crisis - but for our senior citizens and families living on fixed incomes, the blow will be enormous. People's health and safety will be in serious jeopardy if faced with the choice of heating their homes or buying groceries."

Special Director Hurley will coordinate with state agencies to launch an awareness campaign explaining to the public how to stay warm and healthy during the cold months and steps they can take to improve their homes energy efficiency and reduce heating costs. He will also coordinate with local governments and organizations to identify the most vulnerable residents, register those who qualify for heating assistance and establish monitoring systems to check people's safety during cold periods.

The Special Director will also set up a complaint system that will assist the state in monitoring utility prices and shut-offs, as well as work with utilities, the I.C.C. and other state agencies to ensure the public's best interest is protected.

The Governor has announced that \$4.2 million in grants have been awarded to Illinois by the U.S. Department of Justice for programs to help women who have been victims of sexual assault and domestic violence. The grants will support two centers in Central Illinois and the East St. Louis areas that will house law enforcement officers, prosecutors, judges and service providers, so that victims will not have to go from place to place to get legal assistance and social services they need. The program will also support shelters for

domestic violence victims throughout the state, and training for law enforcement officers and prosecutors so that victims only have to testify once.

The federal funding will also support shelters for domestic violence in Chicago, Tinley Park. The grants will fund training that will help law enforcement officers, prosecutors and victim service advocates to respond more effectively to victims, and reduce the anxiety and humiliation victims often suffer when having to render their testimony more than once, or submit to evidence collection at different places. Police officers will also be able to provide victims at their home with a card to access the assistance centers.

The Governor further noted that a bill has been signed that allows victims of violent crime, including domestic violence victims, who must relocate for safety reasons to qualify for reimbursement for the first month's rent, security deposit and other reasonable relocation expenses.

The Cork and Kerry Tavern Octoberfest will be held this Saturday, Oct. 1st from 3 to 7 p.m. at 10614 S. Western Ave. The Octoberfest features an afternoon of German beer, food and music. Proceeds from this event benefit the Beverly Area Planning Association (BAPA) and the Beverly Arts Center. Both are non-profit organizations.

A \$10 admission includes a German beer tasting featuring Ayinger, Erdinger, Paulaner and Goose Island beers, a free stein, two drink tickets and numerous door prizes. German food may be purchased and a German music band will entertain from 5 to 7 p.m. For tickets call (773) 445-2675.

Moraine Valley Community College tells All Points that Mickey Mouse is searching for a few good college students to join Walt Disney World's Disney College Program during the spring 2006 semester. Informational sessions will be held at 3 and 6 p.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 12th, at Moraine Valley's Fogelson Theater in room T002. Students must attend one of the sessions to be eligible for an interview.

Internships at the Walt Disney World Resort are paid and open to students of all majors at all college levels. Interns choose to work in a position that best suits their career interests such as food and beverage service, hospitality, housekeeping, costuming, a character attendant or performer, and many more.

The Disney College Program gives students a unique, real-world work experience in a fun, yet educational setting. Students have the option of continuing their education by taking a course that focuses on one of Disney's areas of expertise. Those who enroll may gain college credit. Other program benefits for students are housing in a gated community, free admission to all the theme parks, and discounts on food and merchandise.

Over the last four years, 125 of Moraine Valley's students have participated in the Disney College Program. For more information about the Disney internship interviews at Moraine Valley, call Donna Grady, director of Job Placement Services, at (708) 974-5435.

Free Seminar Offers Insights Into The Dollars And "Sense" Of CCRCs



Local seniors can learn about important personal and financial considerations as they consider senior lifestyle and housing options. A free presentation, "The Dollars and Sense of Continuing Care Retirement Communities (CCRC)," will be offered on Wednesday, Oct. 5, beginning at 2 p.m., at the Smith Village Information Center, 10400 S. Western Ave. in Chicago's Beverly neighborhood.

Michael A. Flynn, chief financial officer for Smith Senior Living, which sponsors Smith Village, will discuss the financial facet of living at Smith Village. With 20 plus years experience as an accounting professional, of which 16 years have been in the long-term care profession, Flynn is an expert in the field. "CCRCs offer security on so many levels," says Flynn.

Flynn also will be on hand to show area seniors how to compare their current cost of living with monthly expenses at Smith Village. "It's amazing what people spend on

the maintenance of their home, inside and out, as well as on so many other living expenses that will be covered in the Smith Village monthly fee," says Flynn. "On top of that, the myriad of services and amenities that are included add an exceptional value." The presentation will be followed by a question and answer session for answers to all financial questions from the Smith Village CFO.

In addition to learning more about this important factor in selecting a retirement option, visitors can enjoy light refreshments, view a scale model of the new Smith Village and find out how to reserve an independent living apartment. The new senior living community, now under construction along Western Ave. between 112th and 113 places, offers a peek at the future of senior housing. Each detail of the \$65 million CCRC, the largest real estate development in Beverly's history, is designed to meet the changing lifestyle needs of seniors today and tomorrow.

Seniors are welcomed to reserve their choice of a new independent living apartment at Smith Village. This seminar is free, but reservations are suggested. For more information, phone the Information Center for Smith Village, (773) 881-4950 or visit www.SmithVillage.org.

IDOT Planning And Design Processes Ensure Quality Product For Taxpayers

The Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) announced it has received international recognition of quality excellence in its process management system for the planning and design of road and bridge improvements. The Department was formally presented its ISO 9001:2000 Registration certificate from NSF International Strategic Registrations, Ltd. (NSF-ISR).

The ISO 9001:2000 certification, based on standards developed by the International Organization of Standardization (ISO), recognizes IDOT for the quality of key processes involved in and supporting its road and bridge planning and design work.

"We sought ISO certification to demonstrate that IDOT pays attention to detail and provides Illinois taxpayers a quality product," said Timothy W. Martin, Illinois Secretary of Transportation. "It shows a higher level of accountability, and in order to ensure quality, we bring in outside auditors from the business world to examine our work and certify that we're meeting international business standards on process management. This registration recognizes that IDOT's process management system meets the recognized business test for effectiveness and efficiency, along with excellence in areas such as training, communications, customer satisfaction and document control."

NSF-ISR, an NSF International company, thoroughly assessed the IDOT quality management system and found it to be in compliance with ISO 9001:2000, an international standard that provides a universal baseline for quality process management. This registration will help IDOT maintain quality planning and design throughout the development process and maintain a high level of accountability to the public it serves.

To obtain ISO 9001:2000 certification, the Department has committed to provide the necessary resources to manage and execute its certified processes correctly based on documented customer requirements. IDOT must show evidence during rigorous audits that employees involved in the planning and design of roads and bridges are qualified and proficient in the work they do, that they follow the processes as they are spelled out in IDOT procedural manuals, and

the IDOT staff strives to continually improve process efficiency and effectiveness to ensure a quality end product.

"Not only does ISO 9001:2000 registration confirm that all employees involved in the planning and design of roads and bridges were competent in the work they do, but it shows IDOT's continued commitment as they will be expanding their registration in the future," said Christian Lupo, general manager, NSF-ISR, a global leader in management system registrations.

In order to maintain the ISO certification, IDOT will be audited internally or externally each quarter over the next two years. IDOT will perform internal audits every six months to make sure the quality management system remains effective, and external auditors will come into the Department every six months as well to verify the system's continuing effectiveness. The Department also is working toward expanding its ISO certification in the future to include all aspects of planning, design and construction

along with support services involving purchasing, training, personnel management and facilities maintenance.

"This certification shows that the men and women of IDOT are dedicated to meeting customer requirements and making sure we do it right, and do it right the first time," Secretary Martin said. "We are opening our management processes up to the public for scrutiny to guarantee consistency and quality in our roads and bridges."

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Secretary Of State Jesse White Initiates Sting To Combat Fraudulent Use Of Disability Placards

In an ongoing effort to combat the improper use of disability parking placards, Illinois Secretary of State Jesse White initiated a two-day sting operation which netted 16 citations.

The operation took place recently on and around Post St. between Lake St. and Lower Wacker Drive in Chicago's Loop. White personally noticed a concentration of disability placards in this area and called in the Illinois Secretary of State Police Dept. who executed the operation and served the citations.

Persons who illegally manufacture or alter plates or placards, obtain plates or placards based on fictitious information, or knowingly transfer plates or placards to others so that they may use privileges granted to authorized holders of the plates or placards will face a Class A misdemeanor, which includes a maximum fine of \$1,000, and will be subject to a fine of not less than \$500 for the first offense.

A second or subsequent offense would be a Class 4 felony with a minimum fine of \$2,000 and a maximum fine of \$10,000. Currently, all offenses are Class A misdemeanors.

The Secretary of State may also suspend or revoke the license plates or placards of the persons who violate this provision.

Additionally, White initiated legislation (HB 1316) that created stiffer penalties for those caught improperly parking in a disability parking space. Beginning on Jan. 1st, 2006, violators could face a fine of up to \$500 and a driver's license suspension.

The Secretary of State's office can also administratively suspend or revoke the driver's license of the driver and the license plates or placard. Suspensions and revocations were not allowed previously.

There are currently over 550,000 placards and over 90,000 disability plates in Illinois.

Apply Now for IMSA Saturday Enrichment Program

Registration is now open for ninth graders in the Chicago area to participate in the Early Involvement Program (EIP) sponsored by the Illinois Mathematics and Science Academy (IMSA). The application deadline is Monday, Oct. 17th. Decisions will be made by Oct. 21st.

In its 15th year, EIP is designed to help African-American, Latino and economically disadvantaged students improve their mathematics, science and communication skills as well as increase their competitiveness if they choose to apply to IMSA.

Held at DePaul University's Loop campus, the Saturday sessions (Nov. 5th through Feb. 18th) include discovery-based and collaborative activities, as well as some preparation for the Scholastic Aptitude Test. Students develop research, decision-making and self-motivation skills while studying mathematics, science and English. In addition to the Saturday sessions, students will attend an all-day retreat at IMSA (Dec. 10th).

Ninth grade African-American, Latino and economically disadvantaged students who reside in the Chicago area are eligible for the program. Applications can be downloaded from the IMSA web site at <http://www.imsa.edu/admissions/multicultural/EIPAPP05.pdf>. Students can direct questions to IMSA Admissions at (630) 907-5059.

Reading Program

School District 143 has begun an exciting new reading program which will continue through May 5th. Everyone is invited to join the students as they "take flight on a mile long adventure." School District 143 students, staff, parents and community members will join together to read one mile of books.

For every book you read a section will be added to a caterpillar. The goal is to have the caterpillar grow to one mile long, which is 10,000 books. According to Superintendent Mike Hollingsworth, you can read any type of book you like, then obtain a section (circle) of the caterpillar. You may list the book you have read with the school children or if you have no one in school go to the library, 147th and Kenton, and receive your circle to be added to the caterpillar.

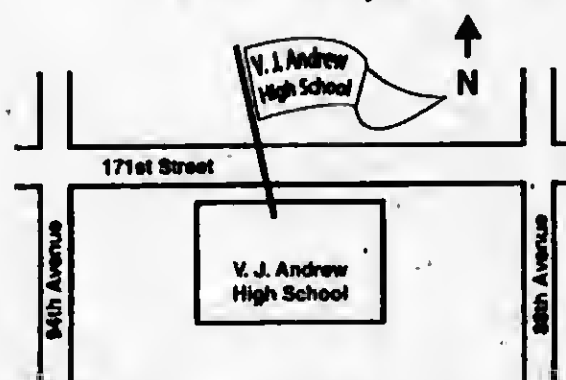
Each book read will earn a raffle ticket for a chance to win prizes. The prizes will be awarded every quarter mile. Watch for the progress in the Midlothian Messenger and the school caterpillar displays. You can turn in any book titles you have read starting with Sept. 15th.

Superintendent Hollingsworth said the program has really caught on and the children have already read many books and the caterpillar is rapidly growing each day.

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- Illinois Environmental Protection Agency
- The South Suburban Mayors and Managers Association
- The Southwest Conference of Mayors

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Fall-O-Ween Rolls Into Illinois

As the crisp and colorful season of Fall-O-Ween rolls into Illinois, take a step back to enjoy the festive activities the state has to offer. Fall-O-Ween Illinois' newest season runs through Oct. 31st and is full of rich seasonal events. From haunted corn mazes and apple picking to fall festivals, Illinois is sure to provide an enjoyable Fall-O-Ween experience.

Among the events highlighted by the Illinois Bureau of Tourism this season are:

The Great Pumpkin Patch, located just west of Arthur, is nestled in the beautiful farmland of east central Illinois and offers more than 400 varieties of pumpkins, squash and gourds on the working farm. The farm also offers corn mazes, a sweet shop, a 1912 one-room schoolhouse and a gift shop showcasing harvest gifts and decorations. Call (217) 543-2394 for additional information.

The Fall "Corn" Festival (Oct. 1st) in Godfrey gives visitors a chance to partake in a corn cook-off, view an antique tractor show and dance to live country music. Attendees also have a chance to see the beautiful fall colors from above in an exciting

helicopter ride or find their way through 2.4 miles of trail in the Great Godfrey Maze. For more information, call (618) 466-1483.

Halloween at Navy Pier (Oct. 7th through 10th, 14th through 16th and 21st through 31st) offers frightful fun and mystery for both young and old. This year, Navy Pier will reveal two new adventures sure to provide some of the most terrifying experiences on the lakefront. The Skyline Stage will feature inflatable Halloween games, children's characters, a haunted maze and more. Dial (312) 595-PIER for more specifics.

Chicagoween, an annual program that includes events around the city from Oct. 14th through 31st, provides plenty of Halloween fun for children of all ages. The Haunted Village, located at Pumpkin Plaza (Daley Plaza), will host pumpkin decorating events, spooky storytellers and daily high-flying aerial performances by the "Midnight Circus" performing company. To find out more, call (312) 744-3315.

For additional seasonal entertainment ideas, visit www.enjoyillinois.com.

CLASS REUNIONS

Bogan High School class of 1970 will hold a reunion on Oct. 8th. Call (815) 838-4520.

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Harper High School classes of January and June 1955 will hold their 50th reunion on Oct. 15th. Call Maryrita (Brown) Boland at (708) 388-6015 or Ray Kozak at (630) 530-5525.

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Mercy High School (Chicago) - Class of 1955, 50th anniversary luncheon, Saturday, Oct. 15th, 12 Noon at the Oak Lawn Hilton Hotel. Also looking for former classmates. Call Mary Ann at (708) 385-3638.

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Englewood High School class of 1955 will hold a reunion on Oct. 14th and 15th. Call (773) 734-0520 or (773) 487-5325.

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Reavis High School class of 1975, 30-year reunion on Oct. 7th at Gaelic Park, 6119 W. 147th St. Call (708) 226-1617, ext. Reavis Reunion.

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Lakeview High School, classes of 1965 and 1966, will celebrate 40 years from 6:30 p.m. to midnight on Oct. 7th at Lido Banquet Hall on Milwaukee Ave. and Chicago Ave. Call Marilyn Boncimino at (262) 728-8713 or Charles Koenig at (708) 452-7305.

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St. Francis High School class of 1965 will hold a reunion on Oct. 7th to 9th. Call (630) 682-9934.

TV Legend Bea Arthur In Concert

TV legend Bea Arthur will be joined by pianist Billy Goldenberg when Bea Arthur in Concert - Just Between Friends comes to The Center for Performing Arts at Governors State University on Saturday, Oct. 15th at 8 p.m. This event takes place during Illinois Arts Week 2005 sponsored by the Illinois Arts Council.

Best known for her starring roles on television's "Maude" and "The Golden Girls," Arthur brings to the stage bits of humor, personal reflections, favorite songs and quirky stories. Composer and co-creator Billy Goldenberg provides piano accompaniment for the show. The New York Times calls "...pure bliss. A great star... unmissable." Arthur and Goldenberg have toured together since 2001 and have played on Broadway, in London, Australia, South Africa and throughout the United States.

Tickets are \$42/\$46/\$51. For tickets or subscription information, call the box office at (708) 235-2222 or visit centertickets.net.

Folk Music

John Dillon is appearing in the Carraig Irish Pub at Gaelic Park, 6119 W. 147th St. in Oak Forest, on Friday, Sept. 30th at 9:30 p.m. There is no cover charge. For further information, call (708) 687-9323.

Field Museum Celebrates Latin Heritage Month

Experience the culture of Spain through song, dance and musical instruments as *Spain's Dancing Rhythms* entice viewers at The Field Museum on Oct. 1st at 1 p.m. and Oct. 13th at 11 a.m. This enchanting performance by members of the Ensemble Espanol Dance Theater in residence at Northeastern Illinois University will introduce the study of Spanish life, arts and culture through dance, song and musical instruments.

As part of the museum's Latin Heritage Month celebration, 40 members of the ensemble will be in authentically costumed clothing as they perform different styles of Spanish dance - providing a glimpse into the dynamic history and traditions of Spain.

Founded in 1976, the Ensemble Espanol Spanish Dance Theater is the first Spanish dance company in the United States to have "In Residence" status at a university. Dancers work in cultural-educational arts programs developed with state, national and international government agencies. The company encourages artistic creativity within the framework of the Ibero-Hispanic culture and shares the Spanish traditions of dance, music and literature with various Chicago communities.

The Oct. 1st performance is geared toward the general public, free with museum admission and pre-registration is not required. The Oct. 13th performance is designed for students. Admission for Chicago students is \$3 and \$4 for non-Chicago students. Pre-registration is required.

For further information, call (312) 922-9410 or visit www.fieldmuseum.org.

"A Season To Remember" Performance Schedule

Moraine Valley invites the community to participate in an array of cultural performances throughout "A Season to Remember" at the college's Fine and Performing Arts Center, 10900 S. 88th Ave. You and your family can enjoy concerts, plays and comedies at the Dorothy Menker Theater - where each of its 600 seats is first-rate - or enjoy a more intimate setting at the college's John and Angeline Oremus Theater. The Fine and Performing Arts Center's Robert F. DeCaprio Art Gallery offers visually stimulating exhibits throughout the year as well.

The Spotlight Series kicks off on Saturday, Oct. 8th with Linda Lavin featuring a jazz trio performing cabaret music, ranging from George Gershwin to Frank Loesser intermitted with biographical narrative of Lavin's life on stage.

The Chicago Children's Choir is America's largest, most comprehensive organization devoted to the musical education of children and is based in Chicago. Performing on Sunday, Oct. 16th, Chicago Children's Top Concert Choir features 90 high school students performing a variety of choral selections.

On Friday, Nov. 18th, experience the music of Gaelic Storm. This ensemble was catapulted into the spotlight when they were cast as the "party band" in the blockbuster film *Titanic*. A six-member-based ensemble will blend Celtic sound with a high-energy show.

Others are a performance by Roekapella on Tuesday, Dec. 13th; the Trinity Irish Dance Company will return to Moraine Valley to perform on Saturday, Jan. 14th; American English will take the stage on Saturday, Feb. 11th; Frula will perform on Saturday, March 11th; Our Sinatra: A Big Band Musical Celebration is scheduled for Friday, March 31st; and performing annually at the Dorothy Menker Theater, The Second City is again scheduled this year for Saturday, April 22nd.

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ENTERTAINMENT NEWS

Exhibit & Children's Interactive Program

In celebration of Chicago Artists Month October 2005, Glessner House Museum will be exhibiting a suite of hand-colored etchings of the historic interiors by featured artist Robert Klunk. On Oct. 1st and 2nd from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. parents and children will be invited to participate in an interactive program where the children will view the exhibit, take a brief tour of the interiors featured and then the children will be given the opportunity to hand color their own copies of the exhibited artwork.

The etchings by Robert Klunk will be exhibited

Late Night Catechism 2

The St. Rita High School Fathers' Club will sponsor "Late Nite Catechism 2" on Saturday, Oct. 1st at St. Rita High School Theatre, 7740 S. Western Ave. in Chicago. Tickets are \$25 per person. Cash bar. Doors open at 6:30 p.m., show begins at 7:30, post-performance party immediately following with cash bar and snacks.

For tickets or more information, call (773) 925-6600, ext. 6649.

Beverly Arts Center Main Stage Features

Live music from gospel to opera highlights, professional dance, theater and comedy - the main stage at the Beverly Arts Center will showcase a variety of entertainment this fall. The state-of-the-art facility is located at 2407 W. 111th St.

Richard Grimes Collective, a contemporary chamber quintet featuring electric six-string cello, vintage keyboard and triple percussion under the direction of world-renowned multi-percussionist, Richard Grimes, will perform Saturday, Oct. 1, 8 p.m.; tickets \$15.

Divas Del Giorno, soprano Ann McMann, whose career has taken her from Chicago concert halls to the Broadway stage to Chicago Opera Theater and across the United States, and mezzo-soprano Susan Hofflander, former Beverly resident who has performed with the Lyric Opera of Chicago, Chicago Symphony and Grant Park Symphony and many other outstanding venues, will perform a variety of songs and personal stories that reflect their journeys of joy, sorrow, discovery and friendship. Performed with pianist Celeste Rue and guest speaker, Sue Delves, Sunday, Oct. 2, 3 p.m.; tickets \$15.

The internationally celebrated Giordano Jazz Dance Chicago take the stage for two stunning performances Friday, Oct. 7, with children's show open to school groups and families at 10 a.m., tickets \$6; and evening dance concert at 8 p.m., tickets \$30.

Leon Redbone The mysterious musician in his signature white suit and sunglasses returns to the BAC on Friday, Oct. 14 at 8 p.m.; tickets are \$25. Redbone brings his mysterious persona, distinctive rumbling voice, and mastery of ragtime, folk jazz and Tin Pan Alley tunes from the 1920s and 30s are right at home on the intimate stage of the Beverly Arts Center. Last year's show sold out.

The 4th annual Beverly Arts Center Gala featuring live comedy by the Chicago Style Stand-Ups, will be held Saturday, Oct. 22 beginning at 6:30 p.m. Enjoy cocktails, hearty hors d'oeuvres, and a show by versatile veteran Chicago comedians following one after another to the microphone to deliver hilarious material on topics from sports to politics to parenting at a fast and furious temp. Tickets are \$75.

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throughout the month of October along with some of the artwork created by the children who attend the program.

The fee for the program on Oct. 1st and 2nd is \$5 per child, adults are free. The exhibit will be open to the public Wednesday through Sunday between the hours of 12 noon and 4 p.m. through Oct. 30th. Admission is \$3 per person, \$2 for students and seniors. Glessner House Museum is located in the South Loop at 1800 S. Prairie Ave. Call (312) 326-1480 for reservations or more information.

Celebrate At "Fido Fall Fest"

The Forest Preserve District of Will County will host "Fido Fall Fest" to celebrate the opening of the Whalon Lake Dog Park, in Naperville, on Saturday, Oct. 1, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. This all-age, family event is free of charge.

The Whalon Lake Dog Park features three fenced, free-run dog parks - two 7-acre parks and a 2.5-acre park for dogs that weigh less than 30 pounds.

"Fido Fall Fest" will feature the following: Halloween Hound Parade and Costume Contest; America's Best Frisbee Dogs with Bill Camp; Search and Rescue Dog Demonstration; and Vesting of Police Dogs.

At the fest, the first 1,000 families will receive a goodie bag, which includes a commemorative T-shirt and other giveaways. Only adults can claim a goodie bag, and only one bag will be given per family.

On-going activities at "Fido Fall Fest" include dog agility demonstrations by Midwest Border Collie Rescue (hourly), dog rescue and adoption agencies, and pet product and information booths. These booths represent pet waste cleaning services; homemade and natural pet food, dog treats, and products; dog toys; leash/collar embroidery; pet clothing and costumes; and dog walking and pet sitting services. Also available will be photos taken with your dog (\$3 per photo). All dogs must be leashed until released into the dog park.

Permits are required for use of the dog park, but no permit will be required at the "Fido Fall Fest." Permits for 2006 will be sold at the event. These permits will be honored for the last three months of 2005 and all of

2006, and will also be good at the Forest Preserve District's other dog park, Hammel Woods in Shorewood. Permits are \$25 per dog for Will County residents, and \$50 per dog for out-of-county residents. Up to three dogs can be registered per owner, and proof of rabies vaccination is required. Sponsors for the fest are Hill's Science Diet, Ty Inc, PetSmart. The Pooper Scoopers, Two Bostons Pet Boutique, The Barn Feed and Garden Center, Tim Wallace Landscaping Supply, and Chew on This Dog Barkery.

The Whalon Lake Dog Park is located on Royce Road, one mile west of Route 53, in Naperville.

For information about the fest call (815) 727-8700, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Jazz Concert

Chicago Jazz Ensemble and Artistic Director Jon Faddis will welcome guests Cedar Walton and Corky Siegel for a Tribute to Bill Russo, 8 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 8th. The concert will be held at Columbia College's Getz Theatre, 72 E. 11th St.

Tickets are \$35 for general admission and \$12 for students. They can be ordered online at www.ticketweb.com or by calling (312) 344-6270.

Hold Music BYTES

Electroacoustic Concert

Lewis University will present the Music BYTES on Friday, Sept. 30th at 2 p.m. Open to the public and free of charge, the concert, which showcases some of the best electroacoustic music in the world, will be held in Ives Hall of the Oremus Fine Arts Center on the Lewis main campus located on Route 53 in Romeoville.

A biannual event, Music BYTES was first held in the fall of 2001 under the direction of Dr. Mike McFerron, Associate Professor and Composer-in-Residence at Lewis. Since its beginning, Music BYTES has presented numerous electroacoustic music compositions, including world premieres, new releases, and works by students.

This fall's concert will consist of music which is part of the "60X60: Midwest Composers" project. Robert Voisey, a composer living in New York, solicited stereo compositions that are one minute or less, and then compiled and ordered 60 of these works into one continuous 60-minute program known as "60X60" - 60 compositions, each under 60 seconds or less, creating a 60-minute concert.

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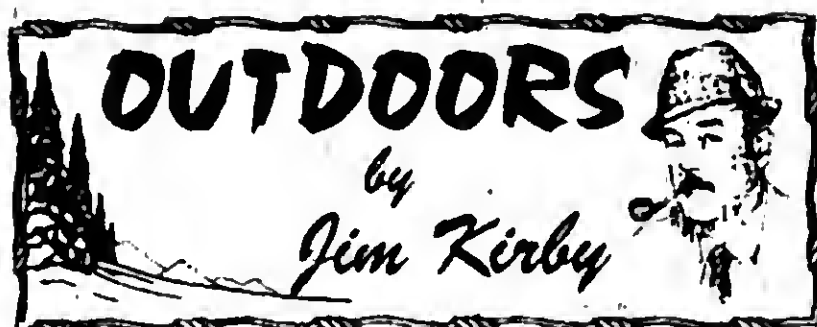
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WISCONSIN DNR NETS AND RELEASES ALBINO MUSKIE, BUT WON'T NAME THE LAKE: This spring, a DNR fisheries crew caught a white muskie in their fyke nets during population surveys. The fish was 32" long and 7.9 lbs., reports John Kubisiak, DNR fish biologist for Onieda County.

DNR crews, after measuring and weighing the fish made a fin clip for future identification and released the muskie. So the ghost fish will continue to haunt Onieda County waters and muskie fishermen, and the legend will grow.

CHICKEN SHOOT: Four times a year, the Palos Sportsmen's Club allows non-members to try out their shotguns, skill and luck in trap or skeet in special shoots. This coming Sunday, Oct. 2nd is one of those times.

The Chicken Shoot allows shotgunners to compete on the trap range against other shooters, of equal skill, to not only dust off their shotguns, and get ready for the hunting season, but possibly walk away with a frozen chicken ready for the oven.

The Chicken Shoot runs from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. The club is located at 24038 S. Harlem Ave. in nearby Franklin, Illinois. Phone: (815) 469-4446. See you there! Due to a shoulder operation, I will not be shooting, but will be on hand to enjoy the festivities, and offer assistance where needed.

ILLINOIS RECOGNIZES ITS RESIDENT ARMED FORCES: The Illinois Department of Natural Resources is offering an Armed Forces Special Pass to military members who live in Illinois and have served abroad, including guard or reserve members called to active duty. The special pass provides camping, fishing and hunting fee exemptions for qualified military members. Guard and reserve can apply if it's within two years of their return from abroad or release from mobilization.

The pass offers a combined Sportsman's License and Habitat Stamp for hunting and fishing, and an archery or firearm deer permit if requested and available. Military members are eligible for free sport fishing, hunting and camping for one year for each year, and portion of one year served.

To receive an Armed Forces Special Pass from the IDNR, qualifying military members must appear in person at the Illinois Department of Natural Resources headquarters in Springfield, within two years of their return from abroad or release from mobilization, provide verification of dates of service, and provide a photo ID. *"Kirby's comment: it seems unreasonable to require these returning heroes to have to travel all the way to Springfield to receive these passes. Why can't this be done at local IDNR regional offices throughout the state?"*

TOP COURT FREES GUNMAKERS OF LIABILITY: A unanimous Illinois Supreme Court rejected the City of Chicago's attempt to blame gun makers for the criminal misuse of firearms within the city. In rejecting Chicago's case the court ruled that gun makers do not owe a "duty to the city of Chicago or its residents to prevent their firearms from ending up in the hands of persons who use and possess them illegally."

"This decision is the latest in a long list of appellate court decisions that have rejected politically motivated 'junk' lawsuits that have tried to blame the makers of lawfully sold firearms for the actions of criminals," said Lawrence G. Keane, senior vice-president and general counsel for the National Shooting Sports Foundation, the firearm industry's trade association. (Source: The Great Lakes Basin Report)

DEER HARVEST REPORTING REMINDER: Deer hunters are reminded that harvest-reporting requirements in Illinois have changed effective with the 2005-06 season. Successful hunters this fall must register their kill by 10 p.m. on the same calendar day the deer is taken by calling a toll-free telephone check-in system at 1(866) IL.CHECK or by accessing online check-in system at <http://dnr.state.il.us/vcheck>. Hunters will be provided with a confirmation number to verify they have checked in their harvest. This number must be written by the hunter onto the temporary harvest tag (leg tag). The deer must remain whole (or field dressed) until it has been checked in through the new check-in system.

Deer pins will be available free of charge. Successful deer hunters interested in obtaining a 2005-06 deer pin will be able to submit an application online and deer pins will be mailed to them. The online deer pin application will be available beginning with the opening of the archery season on Oct. 1st.

The changes are part of the implementation DNR Direct, Illinois' new automated license, permit and registration system.

SALT CREEK PUBLIC FISHING AREA OPENS: The Porter county Salt Creek PFA north of Valparaiso, Indiana is open just in time for the fall-winter run of Skamania, Chinook and Coho salmon in Lake Michigan tributary streams. Winter-run steelhead should be in the stream from November to mid-April.

Deer Hunters To Report Harvest By Telephone Or Web Site

The Illinois Dept. of Natural Resources (IDNR) will require deer hunters, in most Illinois counties, to register their harvest by telephone or by logging onto the IDNR web site. This registration process will begin with the 2005-06 archery deer-hunting season, which starts on Oct. 1st. Harvest reporting through county check stations this fall will be conducted only during the firearm deer season in those counties where the IDNR will be doing surveillance sampling for chronic wasting disease (CWD).

Prior to this year, successful deer hunters were required to register their deer at a county check station by 8 p.m. on the same day it was harvested. Under the new reporting system, the temporary harvest leg tag that is part of the deer permit should be placed on the deer immediately upon retrieval and the deer must remain whole or field dressed until it is registered. Hunters will phone in or go online to report their harvest by 10 p.m. on the same day the deer is taken.

Except in CWD surveillance counties, successful deer hunters will register their harvest via a toll-free call to 1(866) 452-4325 or through the IDNR web site at <http://dnr.state.il.us/vcheck> by 10 p.m. that same day. Hunters either calling in or using the web site to register their harvest will be given a confirmation number to verify that they registered their deer. The number must be written on the temporary harvest leg tag.

Chronic Wasting Disease Sampling Planned For Start Of Archery Deer Hunting

The Illinois Dept. of Natural Resources (IDNR) will continue surveillance for chronic wasting disease (CWD) in wild deer by testing tissue samples taken from adult deer provided by archery hunters who voluntarily participate in the effort by select northern Illinois counties. Tests will be conducted on samples from deer harvested by participating bow hunters in Boone, Cook, DuPage, DeKalb, Kane, Lake, McHenry, Ogle and Winnebago counties from Oct. 1st through Nov. 17th.

Only adult deer will be tested since it is unlikely that CWD would be detectable in deer less than six months old.

The voluntary monitoring program will help track the distribution and number of chronic wasting disease cases in Illinois deer. To date, CWD has been found in Boone, DeKalb, McHenry and Winnebago counties. CWD is a fatal neurological disease, involving deer and elk, which poses a serious threat to deer populations in areas where it occurs. There is no evidence that humans can contract CWD from eating venison and CWD is not considered a threat to human health.

All test results will be posted on the IDNR web site and will be accessible to participating hunters. Hunters submitting a deer that tests positive will be notified by phone as soon as results are available.

For more information, contact IDNR Wildlife Biologist Ray Eisbrener at (815) 675-2386, ext. 316, (Lake, Kane, Cook, DuPage and McHenry counties) or IDNR Wildlife Biologist Doug Dufford at (815) 535-2875 (Boone, DeKalb, Ogle and Winnebago counties).

The IDNR appreciates the assistance of hunters who volunteer to participate in this very important wildlife disease surveillance program. Hunters will also have the opportunity to have deer tested for CWD during the upcoming firearm deer season in Boone, DeKalb, Kane, McHenry, Ogle, Stephenson and Winnebago counties. Firearm season is from Nov. 18th to 20th and Dec. 1st to 4th.

Coaches Clinic

ASEP Coaches Clinic will be held in Naperville on Oct. 15th at Velocity Sports Performance and in Arlington Heights on Oct. 29th at the Holiday Inn Express for anyone interested in becoming certified to coach middle or high school athletics. The successful completion of the ASEP leader level program is required by the Illinois High School Assn. for all non-faculty coaches.

To register or for more information about this or future clinics, contact Jeff Kyle at (217) 586-4799.

Player Of The Week

St. Xavier University senior wide receiver Jarrod Nowman was named the Special Teams Football Player of the Week by the NAIA recently following an impressive outing in the Cougars' 37-14 road win over Malone College (Ohio). Nowman recorded 150 yards on four punt returns, including a 70-yard return for a TD just under a minute before halftime that put SXU ahead 34-0.

In addition to his national recognition, Nowman was named the MSFA Midwest League Special Teams Player of the Week as well. Senior linebacker Rick King also received recognition from the MSFA earning Defensive Player of the Week honors for the Midwest League. King did a little bit of everything, recording three solo tackles, two assists, one and a half tackles for losses totaling five yards, half a sack, an interception and two pass breakups as the SXU defense allowed only one offensive TD in the game.

Hunters should examine closely their deer permits for details on the information they will be asked to provide when phoning in or going online to register their harvest. Hunters will be asked to provide information about the sex and age of the deer they are registering, the number of points on antlered deer and whether they saw any bobcats or wild turkeys while in the field. In some cases, they may be asked for a measurement from the deer's antlers or hoof.

Hunters are reminded that while the way of registering deer is changing, checking in the deer they harvest is still mandatory.

Successful deer hunters will also have an opportunity to obtain a deer pin signifying their taking of a deer during the 2005-06 season. Those successful hunters interested in receiving a free deer pin may submit an application on the IDNR web site and their deer pin will be mailed to them.

The 2005-06 deer hunting seasons are:

- Archery - Oct. 1st to Jan. 12th (closed Nov. 18th to 20th and Dec. 1st to 14th in firearm counties)
- Firearm - Nov. 18th to 20th and Dec. 1st to 4th
- Muzzleloader-only - Dec. 9th to 11th
- Late Winter Firearm (select counties) - Jan. 13th to 15th, 2006

For more information on Illinois deer hunting permits and regulations, check the IDNR web site at <http://dnr.state.il.us/admin/systems/index.htm>.

Moraine Valley Hires Michael Kashirsky As New Baseball Coach

Moraine Valley Community College's baseball team is on deck for continued success after announcing that Michael Kashirsky, Windy City ThunderBolts bench and first base coach, will coach the Cyclones this spring.

"My goal is to reach every player and to have each member of the team reach their potential," Kashirsky said. "I want these guys to excel both on and off the field. I am committed to helping these student athletes reach the next level, both as a team and as individuals."

Kashirsky comes to Moraine Valley with quality experience as a player. He played for Providence Catholic High School from 1992 to 1995, helping the team earn regional and sectional championships, and in his last year as a high school player assisted the team in winning the Summer State Championship and qualifying for the Illinois' Elite Eight while earning Honorable Mention honors from the Chicago Sun-Times, the Chicago Tribune, the Star, and the Herald.

As a scholarship player for St. Joseph's College in Rensselaer, Indiana, Kashirsky spent an additional four years learning the fine points of the game and honing his skills as a team player. During his time at St. Joseph's, the Pumas' accomplishments were many, including 1996 College World Series runners-up and fifth place in 1998, and the 1999 Great Lakes Valley Conference Championship. He also earned individual recognition as a 1997 Academic All-American and the 1999 school record holder for fielding. While playing baseball for St. Joseph's, he earned a bachelor's degree in Science, majoring in Physical Education.

In 1999, Kashirsky signed as a Rookie League free agent with the Chicago White Sox before being called up to the Frontier League as a member of the 2000 Cook County Cheetahs. In 2003, after stretches in the Professional Canadian and Italian Baseball Leagues, Kashirsky signed with the Green Bay Bays in the Northeastern League, where he won Rookie of the Year honors with a batting average of .424.

Kashirsky brings several years of coaching experience to Moraine Valley. He has held a variety of assistant coaching positions for hitting, position and defense, as well as performing the duties of head coach for C.F. Swington's Fall League (a team consisting of players from Providence Catholic and Lincoln-Way Central). He also coached for two years at his alumni, St. Joseph's College, has served as interim manager and hitting coach for the Windy City ThunderBolts, and earned Chicago Pitch and Hit Amateur Coach of the Year honors for winning the national championship as head coach of the Upper Deck Cougars.

"I am extremely excited to face the challenges of coaching this team," Kashirsky said. "I cannot wait for the upcoming season. We have a great group returning and an outstanding freshman class."

"I want to thank Bill Finn, the athletic director, for extending me such a wonderful opportunity," Kashirsky said. "It is really a dream come true to be at Moraine Valley doing something that I truly love and to enjoy the benefits of being so close to home."

Kashirsky will replace former coach Al Budding, who retired after 19 years of coaching the Cyclones.

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MIDLOTHIAN'S ANNUAL SCOTTISH FAIR



Taking a break from their duties at the Scottish Fair are left to right, Midlothian Mayor Thomas Murawski, Gladys Schuller, chairman of the event and administrative director at the village hall, and Mike Wolke, village clerk.



Workers in the Pub Tent are seated left to right, Lu Tryon and Officer Bob Parrillo with little visitor Timmy Colby. In the back row (left to right) are Delaine Lidy and Darice Lugo who were in charge of the children's games.



Mary Queen of Scots toured the grounds and visited with the people throughout the day.



Troubles the clown makes a balloon animal for Noah Wolf.



Performing on stage are the Scottish Dancers.



Manning the table at the entrance are members of the Messenger staff, left to right, Bob Beymer, Carol Beymer, a member of the Midlothian Economic Development Committee, and Lori Taylor, director of the Midlothian Historical Society.

PREP SPORTS ROUND-UP

BOYS FOOTBALL Thursday 9-22

Bowen 12, Calumet 6

BOYS FOOTBALL Friday 9-23

Andrew 47, Thornridge 0
Bradley 28, Oak Lawn 0
Homewood-Flossmoor 20, Sandburg 7
Libertyville 30, North Chicago 6
Lincoln Way Central 45, Bloom 0
Lincoln Way East 38, Bolingbrook 15
Lockport 54, Joliet 8
Mount Carmel 50, Leo 0
Nequa Valley 42, Rockford Boylan 7
North Chicago 30, Libertyville 6
Oak Park 18, Morton 0
T.F. South 43, Gary West 0
Bremen 27, Hillcrest 26
Evergreen Park 28, Kankakee 14
Rich East 36, Rich South 26
Rich Central 46, Tinley Park 27
Oak Forest 28, Reavis 0
Richards 54, Crete-Monee 8
Romeoville 14, T.F. North 13
Driscoll 27, Marian Central 17
Immaculate Conception 34, Aurora Central 22
Montini 61, St. Edward 7
St. Francis 33, Marmion 30
Ridgewood 23, Elmwood Park 12
Lemont 42, Fenton 27
Batavia 33, Geneva 13
Kaneland 34, Sycamore 13
Morris 21, Plainfield South 7
Oswego 56, Oswego East 6
Bartlett 25, East Aurora 7
Elgin 28, Streamwood 7
St. Charles North 32, Lake Park 28
St. Charles East 34, Larkin 25
Waubensie Valley 34, DeKalb 20
Addison Trail 28, Willowbrook 7
Hinsdale South 42, Downers Grove South 28
Proviso East 34, Leyden 16
Lyons 38, Proviso West 6
Alden-Helbron 22, North Shore 0
King 22, Bronzville 0
Marshall 26, South Shore 22
Taft 24, Roosevelt 6
Crane 34, Hope 30
Prosser 22, Kenwood 0
Morgan Park 37, Dunbar 22
Young 22, Mather 7
Collins 20, Payton 14
Kelly 20, Tilden 0
St. Rita 20, Providence 0
Bishop McNamara 48, Guerin 0
St. Laurence 35, Hales Franciscan 6
Deerfield 43, Niles North 21
Glenbrook North 23, Highland Park 22
Maine West 41, Maine East 0
Glenbrook South 42, Niles West 9
Naperville Central 50, Glenbard North 27
Naperville North 38, West Chicago 22
Wheaton North 41, West Aurora 6
Wheaton South 42, Glenbard East 0
Benet 29, Marian Catholic 10
Joliet Catholic 68, St. Joseph 7
Marist 21, Notre Dame 0
St. Viator 35, Carmel 24
Cary-Grove 42, Prairie Ridge 7
Crystal Lake South 21, Dundee-Crown 14, OT
Woodstock 37, Jacobs 8
Coal City 35, Sandwich 7
Lisle 28, Manteno 6
Peotone 25, Dwight 8
Plano 27, Wilmington 24, OT
Reed-Custer 28, Seneca 14
Buffalo Grove 22, Wheeling 7
Prospect 35, Hersey 7
Rolling Meadows 31, Elk Grove 0
Barrington 34, Schaumburg 0
Conant 23, Palatine 17
 Fremd 35, Hoffman Estates 7
Warren 41, Lake Zurich 16
Zion-Benton 35, Mundelein 15
Antioch 18, Wauconda 13
Chicago Christian 49, Luther North 0
Walther Lutheran 41, Rockford Christian Life 6

BOYS FOOTBALL Saturday 9-24

Stagg 36, Thornton 9
Shepard 14, Thornwood 13

BOYS SOCCER Tuesday, 9-20-05

Sandburg 3, Bradley 2
Lincoln Way Central 3, Bolingbrook 0
Andrew 2, Lockport 0
St. Ignatius 4, De LaSalle 1
Mount Carmel 5, Providence Catholic 0
Brother Rice 4, Gordon Tech 1
St. Rita 5, Guerin Prep 0
Wheaton Academy 6, Chicago Christian 4
Lincoln Way East 3, Joliet Township 0

BOYS SOCCER Thursday, 9-22-05

Sandburg 1, Andrew 0 (OT)
Lincoln Way Central 3, Joliet Township 0
Lincoln Way East 1, Lockport 0 (OT)
St. Ignatius 1, Mount Carmel 1
Reavis 4, Bremen 3 (2 OT's)
Providence Catholic 7, Gordon Tech 0
Marist 2, Shepard 0
St. Rita 1, De LaSalle 0
Homewood-Flossmoor 1, Bolingbrook 0
Lemont 5, Morris 0

BOYS SOCCER Monday, 9-26-05

Lincoln Way Central 5, Lockport 1
Lincoln Way East 1, Sandburg 0
Marian Catholic 4, Bloom Township 1
Brooks Prep 4, AG Science 3
Morgan Park Academy 1, University High 1

GIRLS VOLLEYBALL Tuesday 9-20-05

Marist d. Carmel 25-11, 25-13
Mother McAuley d. Lockport 18-25, 25-18, 25-18
Joliet Catholic d. Marian Catholic 25-11, 25-12
Sandburg d. Lincoln Way Cent. 23-25, 25-16, 25-14
Providence Catholic d. Nazareth Academy 26-28, 25-20, 26-24
St. Ignatius d. St. Joseph 25-19, 25-7
Queen of Peace d. Resurrection 25-19, 25-7
Maria d. Seton Academy 15-25, 25-5, 25-21
DeLaSalle d. Josephinum 25-8, 25-11
Tinley Park d. Hillcrest 25-13, 25-13
Oak Forest d. Bremen 25-19, 25-15
Oak Lawn d. Reavis 23-25, 25-11, 25-7
Argo d. Romeoville 25-16, 25-6
Richards d. Shepard 25-17, 25-16
T.F. South d. T.F. North 25-8, 25-21
Thornridge d. Thornwood 27-25, 25-19, 25-222
Chicago Christian d. Timothy Christian 25-20, 25-12
Rockford Christian Life d. Luther South 25-7, 25-10

GIRLS VOLLEYBALL Thursday 9-22-05

Evergreen Park d. Oak Forest 20-25, 25-14, 25-12
Marist d. Mount Assisi 25-17, 25-16
Joliet Catholic d. Joliet Township 25-17, 25-13
T.F. South d. Thornton 25-10, 25-8
St. Ignatius d. Maria 25-11, 25-11
Bremen d. Hillcrest 25-19, 25-14
Bloom Township d. Thornridge, 25-15, 25-21
Oak Lawn d. Shepard 25-19, 25-11
Tinley Park d. Eisenhower 28-26, 25-22
T.F. North d. Thornwood 21-25, 28-26, 25-19
Marian Catholic d. Carmel 25-23, 25-16
De LaSalle d. Gordon Tech 25-13, 25-20

GIRLS VOLLEYBALL Monday 9-26-05

Stagg d. Homewood-Flossmoor 25-12, 25-12
Sandburg d. Bradley 25-12, 25-16
Evergreen Park d. Bremen 25-14, 25-14
Hillcrest d. Eisenhower 21-25, 25-12, 25-16
Thornwood d. Thornton 25-6, 25-8
Crete-Monee d. Rich Central 25-15, 25-9
Argo d. Reavis 25-23, 25-12
Oak Forest d. Tinley Park 25-18, 16-25, 25-20
Rich East d. Kankakee 25-23, 25-23
T.F. South d. Bloom Township 25-11, 25-15
Maria d. St. Francis de Sales 25-9, 25-10
Guerin Prep d. Seton Academy 25-12, 25-22
T.F. North d. Thornridge 25-14, 25-14
Shepard d. Romeoville 25-15, 25-21
Morgan Park Academy d. St. Benedict 25-6, 25-11

BOYS GOLF Monday, 9-19-05

Eisenhower 162, Tinley Park 187
M: Marek Ruper, Eisenhower, 38
Oak Forest 161, Evergreen Park 200
M: Neal Trafficante, Oak Forest, 39
Richards 173, Argo 181
M: Brendan Styler, Richards, 42
T.F. South 173, T.F. North 246
M: Justin Pich, T.F. South, 40
Crete-Monee 180, Rich South 194
M: Lorne Boutte, Rich South, 40
Shepard 164, Oak Lawn 173
M: Gary Valiquet, Shepard, 36
Reavis 163, Romeoville 179
M: Sean Kramer, Reavis, 39
Andrew 160, Stagg 164
M: Mike Mysker, Andrew, 37

Homewood-Flossmoor 148, Lincoln Way East 163
M: Dan Greenebaum, Homewood-Floss., 34
Francis Parker 164, Morgan Park Academy 182
M: Max Scudro, Francis Parker, 38
Chicago Christian 155, Walther Lutheran 210
M: Sam Bettinardi, Chicago Christian, 36
Marist 196, St. Ignatius 198
M: Kenny Eberhardt, Marist, 37
Brother Rice 147, St. Rita 152
M: Cameron Miller, John Best, Bro. Rice, 36

BOYS GOLF Thursday, 9-22-05

Lincoln Way Central 145, Andrew 159
M: Brian Schaper, Lincoln Way Central, 35
Oak Forest 157, Tinley Park 192
M: Neal Trafficante, Oak Forest, 37
Richards 155, Oak Lawn 160
M: C.J. March, Oak Lawn, 37
Sandburg 159, Bradley 180
M: Charlie Hornbach, Sandburg, 37
Shepard 168, Romeoville 189
M: Curt Koopman, Shepard, 40
Reavis 147, Argo 165
M: Phil Swistowicz, Reavis, 35
T.F. South 162, Rich South 198
M: Justin Pich, T.F. South, 37
Marist 163, Nazareth Academy 181
M: E.J. Ilagan, Marist, 40
Lincoln Way East 157, Joliet Township 159
M: Bobby O'Neill, Lincoln Way East, 36
Lockport 156, Homewood-Flossmoor 157, Hinsdale South 166
M: Andrew Godfrey, Homewood-Floss., 36
Stagg 180, Bolingbrook 183
M: Sean McAndrew, Stagg; Jeff Kaitner, Bolingbrook, 42

BOYS GOLF Monday, 9-26-05

Reavis 320, Richards 329, Shepard 350, Argo 355.
Romeoville 358
M: Dave Keate, Reavis, 77
Lemont 147, Westmont 181
M: Scott McAdam, Lemont, 36
St. Rita 155, Quigley Prep 175, St. Laurence 177
M: Vinnie Collaro, St. Rita, 37
Morgan Park Academy 190, University High 191
M: Dan Pruim, Morgan Park Academy, 45
Nazareth Academy 157, Stagg 163
M: John Romanelli, Nazareth Academy, 36

GIRLS GOLF Tuesday 9-20-05

Marist 179, Stagg 196
M: Kelly Cronin and Jenna Sama, Marist, 43
St. Ignatius 156, Riverside-Brookfield 181
M: Bridget Tully, Michelle Taugner, St. Ignatius, 37
Providence Catholic 190, Nazareth Academy 239
M: Sheila Connolly, Providence Catholic, 45
Lockport 195, Joliet Township 206
M: Jessica Styrezula, Lockport; Katie Gulas, Joliet Township, 45
Lincoln Way East 187, Lincoln Way Central 215
M: Lindsey Carr, Lincoln Way East, 38
Mother McAuley 194, Trinity 228
M: Mary Kate Boyce, Mother McAuley, 44
Lemont 155, Kankakee 178, Rich East 212
M: Sarah Pellegrine, Lemont, 47

GIRLS GOLF Thursday 9-22-05

Homewood-Flossmoor 188, Stagg 210

M: Amanda Koenig, Homewood-Floss., 45
Trinity 229, Mount Assisi 233
M: Michelle Macchione, Trinity, 43
Mother McAuley 182, Resurrection 206
M: Mary Kate Boyce, Mother McAuley, 39
Lincoln Way East 168, Andrew 192
M: Stephanie Shoff, Lindsey Carr, Lincoln Way East, 41
Marian Catholic 146, Fenwick 161
M: Samantha Sloan, Marian Catholic, 33

GIRLS GOLF Monday 9-26-05

Batavia won Suburban Prairie Meet
M: Lexie Orr, Geneva
Nequa Valley 171, Lockport 204
M: Veronica Bernier, Ashley Burns, Lockport, 48
Marist 171, Mother McAuley 177
M: Lauren Niemiera, Marist, 40

GIRLS TENNIS Monday, 9-20-05

Lincoln Way Central 7, Bolingbrook 0
Lincoln Way East 6, Stagg 1
Homewood-Flossmoor 7, Andrew 0
Sandburg 7, Lockport 0
Providence Catholic 3, Marian Catholic 2
Carmel 5, Marist 0
Shepard 4, Oak Forest 1
T.F. South 3, Rich South 2
Hillcrest 5, Richards 0
Seton Academy 4, Maria 1
Trinity 4, Queen of Peace 1
Lemont 7, Elmwood Park 0
Morgan Park Academy 4, Francis Parker 1

GIRLS TENNIS Thursday, 9-22-05

Providence Catholic 4, Bishop McNamara 1
Queen of Peace 5, Maria 0
Rich South 5, Thornwood 1
Oak Lawn 5, Bremen 0
Sandburg 7, Andrew 0
T.F. South 3, T.F. North 0
University High 3, Morgan Park Academy 2
Lincoln Way Central 7, Bradley 0
Shepard 3, Tinley Park 2
Benet Academy 5, Marian Catholic 0
Lockport 6, Stagg 1
Seton Academy 5, St. Joseph 0

GIRLS TENNIS Monday, 9-26-05

Chicago Christian 5, Bremen 0
Eisenhower 3, Thornwood 2
Nazareth Academy 5, Marian Catholic 0
Hillcrest 3, Rich Central 2
Morgan Park Academy 3, Elgin Academy 2

BOYS CROSS COUNTRY Tuesday, 9-20-05

Oak Forest 20, Bremen 35
Oak Forest 16, Romeoville 47
Bremen 18, Romeoville 45
Bloom Twnshp 31, Thornton Co-op 39, Rich East 55

GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY Tuesday, 9-20-05

Oak Forest 19, Bremen 42
Oak Forest 19, Romeoville 42
Romeoville 25, Bremen 30
Thornton Co-op 15, Rich East 48, Bloom Township (too few players)

GIRLS SWIMMING Tuesday, 9-20-05

Lincoln Way East 116; Marian Catholic 69
St. Ignatius 134, Marist 36
Evergreen Park 102, Oak Lawn 81
Tinley Park 114, Shepard 61
Argo 115, Bremen 82, Crete-Monee 82

GIRLS SWIMMING Thursday, 9-22-05

Lockport 98, Andrew 88
University High 134, Oak Lawn 128
Lincoln Way East 96.5, Sandburg 89.5
Homewood-Flossmoor 161, Bradley 114

Register Community Computer Courses

School District 218 will offer computer courses for community members in October and November. Registration forms and class lists are available on the district web site at www.chsd218.org, at all public libraries in District 218, and at the following locations: Eisenhower High School, main office, 12700 S. Sacramento, Blue Island; Richards High School, main office, 10601 S. Central Ave., Oak Lawn; Shepard High School, main office, 13049 S. Ridgeland Ave., Palos Heights; and District 218, Administrative Center, 10701 S. Kilpatrick, Oak Lawn.

Those registering must be at least 18 years old. Proof of residency is required at registration. Registration may be done by mail by sending payment and registration form to: District 218, Attention: Judi Keigher, Instructional Services/Adult Education, 10701 S. Kilpatrick, Oak Lawn. Registration also may be completed at the above locations between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. on school days.

No tuition refunds will be issued unless the enrollment limit for a course has been met. Tuition for District 218 residents is \$40 for a 10-hour course; \$30 for senior citizens who live in District 218; \$60 for senior citizens living outside District 218; and, \$80 for others that don't live in District 218.

The courses will be held at Richards in Room 142 and Shepard in Room A121 (in the Learning Resource Center). All courses meet from 6 to 8:30 p.m. on the dates listed.

At Shepard, course offerings will include Introduction to Word (Oct. 18, 20, 25 and 27), Introduction to Scanning/PhotoMontage (Nov. 8, 10, 15, 17), Introduction to Video Editing/Pinnacle Studio 8 (Nov. 29 and Dec. 1, 6, 8) and Introduction to Excel (Dec. 13, 15, 20 and 22).

At Richards, course offerings will include Office 2003 Overview (Oct. 6, 13, 27 and Nov. 3), Intermediate Word (Nov. 16, 21, 28, 30), and Introduction to PowerPoint (Dec. 5, 7, 12 and 14).

POLICE CALLS

On September 9th Lisa Taylor, 19, of Chicago was arrested and charged with retail theft and possession of an anti theft detecting device, after being observed by store security entering a fitting room with merchandise, then exiting the fitting room without the merchandise. The fitting room was checked for merchandise and none was found. Store security then stopped Taylor outside of the store and discovered merchandise valued at \$178 in a back pack. The store sensors were covered in aluminum foil to prevent detection by the alarm system.

On September 11th Margaret Gannon, 54, of Chicago was arrested and charged with retail theft after being observed concealing jewelry, valued at \$230 in a store bag then exiting the store without paying.

On September 12th David Michalski, 29, of Evergreen Park was arrested and charged with criminal trespass to property and theft after police received reports of a suspicious person carrying bundles of wire near 91st and Homan. Michalski had gained entrance to the Commonwealth Edison transformer site and had removed two bundles of wire.

On September 12th Lee Edmonds, 45, of Hazelcrest was arrested and charged with attempted deceptive practice after he attempted to open a checking account with a check drawn on a closed account.

A Run Of A Different Kind

Eight members of the Oak Lawn High School cross country team have gone on a run of a different kind. Already a year in progress, the boys are on a marathon quest to raise \$45,000 for a trip to Kenya in the summer of 2006 where they hope to pitch in and make improvements to impoverished Kenya's Maseno Hospital. Thus far, they have raised an impressive amount of money, but are still \$35,000 short of the finish line.

In 2001, Oak Lawn High School cross country coach Chris Repa, went on a mission trip to Tanzania. One of his runners, 17-year-old Dan Buys, had a similar experience in Nicaragua in 2003. The two got together over a year ago and, under the auspices of Youth Encounter, a Minnesota-based ministry and former connection of Repa, the dream began to formulate and become organized.

In a world where many people feel they have all they can do just to sustain their own lives, these boys are looking well beyond the tips of their own noses and crossing over into other's lives in a positive way.

The team has already jumped several hurdles, not the least of which was selling their respective parents on the idea of journeying to a foreign land. Then, they succeeded in collecting \$10,000 in the past twelve months.

The problem is that their fund raising will need to kick into a higher gear in order to raise the remainder of the money for the proposed month-long trip. One of their strategies locally is selling pumpkins. They will be selling discounted pumpkins at Trinity Lutheran Church, 9701 Brandt in Oak Lawn, every Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. and are attempting to expand to weekend hours at an additional location, the Human Race Store, 15148 LaGrange Road in Orland Park.

Further, they are attempting to secure businesses or individuals to sponsor a run across the width of Illinois, tentatively scheduled for November.

No matter what happens, when it comes to life purpose and golden-heartedness, Dan Buys, Craig Maher, Keith Vandewerken, Will Stanko, Mike Zero, Andy Paluck, Matt Miller and Mark Miller leave most people in a cloud of dust.

BHUC Cabaret

The Beverly Hills University Club Scholarship Foundation will present a cabaret-style musical review, *Through the Years: A Journey Through the BHUC Songbook* on Friday, Oct. 21 at the Butler Formal Reception Room at Saint Xavier University, 3700 W. 103rd St. in Chicago at 8 p.m.

The show will include an evening's worth of entertainment from 80-plus years of BHUC shows performed by some of the top talent in the area. In addition, a silent auction featuring beautifully arranged baskets filled with merchandise, gift certificates, crafts and services will be held, with all proceeds going toward college scholarships for deserving high school seniors in the Beverly, Morgan Park, Mount Greenwood, Evergreen Park and Oak Lawn areas. Wine and cheese will be served.

Tickets are \$20 by calling (773) 802-0631 and seating is limited. The production is directed by Cassie Dawe and musically directed by Peg Mooney. The Beverly Hills University Club Scholarship Foundation is a not-for-profit organization.

Pedro Maya May Be Sent Back To Prison

When police searched the house for suspects in the Frankie's Beef and Pasta double murder, they found more than they were looking for. Authorities found Pedro Maya hiding in the home that they were searching for his brothers, Edan and David. Edan and David were charged with the double murder of Jose Rodriguez, 21, of Worth and Carlos Flores-Lopez, 27 of Alsip. Both victims were shot while working at Frankie's Beef and Pasta on Friday, Sept. 16th.

It was stated that the police interviewed Pedro in connection with the killings since he reportedly worked at Frankie's, but was cleared due to lack of evidence. However, on a background check police reportedly found information that Pedro was deported in 2000 after he had gotten out of jail for the drug trafficking charges of cocaine possession with intent to sell.

According to Immigration and Customs officials, Pedro Maya did not

have permission to return to the United States.

Edan Maya is being held without bond on first-degree murder charges. Allegedly Edan conspired with his 18 year-old brother, David and his friend Flugencio Osorio, 20. Edan, reportedly, was angry about Flores-Lopez getting his job at Frankie's.

Pedro Maya, according to authorities, will probably be sent back to prison for violation of his probation.

Christ Hospital Life Chain

Christ Hospital Life Chain 2005 will take place on Respect Life Sunday, Oct. 2nd, from 2:30 to 3:30 p.m. around the hospital complex located at 4440 W. 95th St.

Life Chain is a national event held annually for the last 14 years with over 950 cities participating. On that day, virtually thousands and thousands of like-minded people across the United States send the message that abortion is NOT a choice at all, but a critical mistake. Life Chain is a prayerful, peaceful way for pro-life people to take the "Choose life" message to the streets. Silently standing side by side, they hold signs that give truthful but loving warnings and exhortations that "Abortion Kills Children," "Abortion Hurts Women" and "Jesus Forgives and Heals."

Last month, Gov. Rod Blagojevich signed the Illinois Born Alive Infants Protection Act, which paves the way for criminal penalties should Illinois hospitals and abortion clinics be found to leave live aborted babies to die without providing appropriate medical assessment and treatment.

Concert and Dinner

Trinity Evangelical Covenant Church, 9230 S. Pulaski, will host a "Pure Entertainment" Concert and Dinner Show on Sunday, Oct. 20, at 5 p.m. The concert will feature Lee Maloney from the Beautiful Sound Company who will present a program of "Pure Entertainment" on the organ. This will be a fun program with a number of surprises, including a sing-a-long. The evening is geared to family and friends who want to laugh and be entertained.

Maloney is the organist at the Chicago Theater and has played for the Ice Capades, Holiday on Ice and Ringling Brothers Circus. He has a wonderful repertoire and spirit of the lighter side of organ music. A free-will offering will be collected and child-care will be provided.

A ham dinner with all the trimmings will be held in Peterson Hall following the concert. Cost for the dinner will be \$5. Reservations are necessary for the dinner. Call the church office at (708) 422-5111.

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Announce Annual Award Winners

The Chicago Southland Convention & Visitors Bureau named its 2005 Tourism and Hospitality Annual Awards winners at its Annual Membership Awards Luncheon on Thursday, Sept. 15th at the Tinley Park Convention Center.

The featured speaker at the luncheon was Patrick E. Rea, Midwest Regional Administrator for the U.S. Small Business Assn. The following award winners were named at the luncheon:

2005 Member of the Year - Irons Oaks Environmental Learning Center in Olympia Fields, a unique meeting place and team-building facility for visiting groups.

Linda Morgan Award for Volunteerism - John Wilson, Director of the Lan-Oak Park District in Lansing. Wilson is active in recreational trail activities in Lansing and the Southland.

Patricia Chase Magon Municipal Leader of the Year Award - Mayor Richard Reinbold, President, Village of Richton Park, for the creation of a new festival, the Richton Park Blues & Bones Fest, and his help in relocating the Grand Prairie Choral Arts group to Rich South High School in Richton Park.

Aldo DeAngelis Leadership Award - State Sen. Maggie Crotty (D-19th) for her work with the Chicago Southland CVB to place hotel and hospitality amenity signs along Southland interstates.

Also, Hospitality Awards of Merit - Chicago Gaelic Park, Oak Forest, for their work with groups staying in the area and for Gaelic Park Irish Fest, a popular annual event in the Southland. Balmoral Park Race Track, Crete, for their consistent work with the Chicago Southland CVB to accommodate groups and their various racing-related events throughout the year.

Hotel Partner of the Year, Limited Service - Baymont Inn Alsip.

Hotel Partner of the Year, Full Service - Hilton Oak Lawn.

Partner Referral Program - Suzie Kinley of the Doubletree Hotel Chicago/Alsip. This program redirects sales leads that cannot be accommodated by a particular hotel property back to the CSCVB to distribute to other hotels in the region.

For additional information, call Bob Lukens at (708) 895-8200.

Harvest Home Festival

Saturday, Oct. 1st, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., families with young children are invited to come and join in the fun at the Children's Museum's 6th Annual Harvest Home Festival at 9600 East Shore Drive in Oak Lawn.

Schools, community organizations and local businesses are sponsoring fun fall crafts, contests and activities, which will take place on the grounds as well as in the parking lot of the museum.

Children can make their own bird feeders, play games, create art projects and meet lots of lovable cats and dogs. Harvest Home also features musicians and storytellers.

Some activities have a nominal fee and all proceeds go toward museum programs and new exhibits. The museum will be open free of charge during the Festival.

For more information, contact Elizabeth Gelman at (708) 423-6709.



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Crime Prevention Program Series

October is Crime Prevention Month. With your safety in mind, the Oak Lawn Public Library, 5300 W. 95th St., will offer a series of free programs for children and adults:

Child I.D. program: Saturday, Oct. 15 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Officers from the Oak Lawn Police Department will create free Child ID cards in the library's lobby. These identification cards include a thumb print, photo and space for personal information that can help authorities locate children in the event of an emergency. No advance registration. Stop in anytime during this four-hour time span to make an appointment.

CSI: Crime Scene Investigation, Tuesday, Oct. 18 at 4 p.m. Students in seventh through tenth grade can meet

with evidence technicians from the Oak Lawn Police Department and learn how they examine a crime scene. Participants must register in advance at the Youth Services Desk.

How to Avoid Identity Theft, Wednesday, Oct. 19 at 7 p.m. A representative from Illinois State Treasurer Judy Baar Topinka's Office will explain how thieves get your personal data, the warning signs that an older adult may be a victim and how to minimize your risk. No registration is required. First-come, first-seated in the lower level meeting room.

For additional information, call (708) 422-4990.

Library Kids Programs

The Oak Lawn Public Library, 5300 W. 95th St., will open registration for the late fall series of children's storytime programs Saturday, Oct. 15. Sign up at the Youth Services Desk. Preference is given to Oak Lawn residents and students. Every child's library card must be presented to enroll. Each series has a class size limit. Meetings will be held Nov. 7 through Dec. 9.

Baby Business for ages 6 to 23 months, meets Mondays, Tuesdays or Fridays from 9:30 to 10 a.m. This is a first-time group experience for babies and their caregivers. Stories, fingerplays, songs, rhymes and puppetry introduce rhythm and language.

Toddler Time for ages 24 to 36 months is on Tuesdays or Fridays from 10:30 to 11 a.m. Stories in books, songs, games, fingerplays, flannel boards and puppets introduce literature to the young child through

interaction with an adult and other children of the same age.

Preschool Storytime for ages 3 to 5 years takes place on Mondays from 10:30 to 11 a.m., Tuesday afternoons from 1:30 to 2 or Tuesday evenings from 7 to 7:30. This is a storytime program for children who are ready for social activity on their own for a short period of time.

After School Storytime for grades kindergarten to second grade, meets on Wednesdays from 4 to 4:45 p.m. There will be storytelling, read-alouds, songs and games for children at the peak learning period of reading readiness.

For additional information, pick up a Fall 2005 program booklet in the Youth Services Department, visit the library's web site www.oaklawnlibrary.org or call (708) 422-4990.

Offer Amish Country Shops Trip

Tickets are still available for a Friends of the Oak Lawn Library trip to Shipshewana, IN on Tuesday, Oct. 11th. An Amish guide will lead an exploration of the cuisine and crafts made at this Amish settlement. Stops include a noodle shop, buggy shop, cheese house, cabinet shop, quilt shop and bakery. Purchase unique items for yourself and prepare for holiday giving. At mid-day, take a buggy ride to an Amish home for a traditional thresher meal. Please note that this trip does not include a visit to the Shipshewana flea market. Participants should wear comfortable shoes, for there is a fair amount of walking required. The cost of this trip, which includes motor

coach transportation and lunch, is \$66 for Friends members and \$71 for others.

The bus will depart at 7 a.m. and return at 7 p.m. Please be advised that this trip is not wheelchair accessible. To purchase tickets, call Joanne Neff at the library, (708) 422-4990.

Preschool Program

Trinity Lutheran Preschool, 9701 S. Brandt Ave., announced the fall term of its new two-year-old preschool program. The fall session of "Two by Two" will begin on Wednesday, Oct. 19th. This will be a time for two-year-olds along with a special adult (mom, dad, grandparent or caregiver) to have fun with story time, crafts, music, movement and more. Babysitting will be available.

The session will be held on Tuesday from 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. Cost of the seven-week session will be \$70.

Register for this session by Oct. 12th. For more information or to register, call Cathy Cepican at (708) 422-0193.

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by
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Guidelines For Handling Animals Displaced By Hurricane Katrina

The Illinois Dept. of Agriculture (IDOA) on Sept. 20th announced guidelines for individuals, animal rescue organizations, humane societies and shelters who are taking in animals displaced by Hurricane Katrina to follow in order to contain or prevent the spread of disease. IDOA also is creating an information database of all individuals and organizations bringing these displaced animals into Illinois.

The IDOA is asking that the following measures be taken to ensure displaced animals are free of disease and receive proper care:

- Animals need to be examined by a licensed veterinarian immediately upon arrival to Illinois.
- Animals should be quarantined until being examined by a veterinarian and treated according to the veterinarian's recommendations.
- Animals are required to either have proof of current rabies vaccination or be re-vaccinated upon arrival to Illinois.

St. Xavier University To Hold Depression Screening Day

Saint Xavier University will be holding a Depression Screening Day on Wednesday, Oct. 5, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. at the university's Chicago campus. Counseling and Career Services at Saint Xavier will be offering free, confidential screenings for depression, bipolar disorder, anxiety and post-traumatic stress disorder.

Screenings are free and open to the public. At the screening, attendees will fill out a questionnaire and have the opportunity to discuss their personal situation with a counselor. Questions that might be asked at a personal screening include: Have you lost pleasure in the things you used to enjoy?; Do you have trouble sleeping or eating?; Does your mood fluctuate between overly "high" to sad and hopeless?; Are you keyed up and anxious all the time?; and Are you having nightmares about something that happened in the past?

In addition to screenings, Counseling and Career Services will also be offering information sessions on mental health services available on campus and in the surrounding community.

The screenings and information sessions will be held in the Butler Reception Room at the Warde Academic Center, 3700 W. 103rd St. For more information contact Counseling and Career Services at (773) 298-3131.

Chicago's "Most Preferred" Hospital

For the 11th consecutive year Chicago consumers have chosen Northwestern Memorial Hospital as their most preferred hospital, according to a survey of people living in the Chicago area conducted by the National Research Corporation (NRC). The NRC also announced that for the seventh straight year Northwestern Memorial is a winner of its Consumer Choice Award as a top hospital in the metropolitan region.

The NRC, a leader in healthcare performance measurement, asked consumers to rate hospitals using four criteria: best doctors, best nurses, best overall quality and best image and reputation. Several cities this year had co-winners, meaning there was a statistical tie between two hospitals; however, Northwestern Memorial is the exclusive winner of the Consumers Choice Award in Chicago. Consumers were also asked for their "most preferred" hospital for all household healthcare needs, and Northwestern Memorial again captured that title.

Of the 3,200 hospitals named by consumers in the study, Northwestern Memorial is one of 206 hospitals in 180 markets nationwide to receive a Consumer Choice Award. NRC CEO Michael Hays said winners are determined by consumer perceptions on multiple quality and image ratings collected in the company's annual Healthcare Market Guide Study (HCMG), the nation's largest and most comprehensive study of its kind. The NRC surveys more than 200,000 households representing 400,000 consumers.

West Nile Virus Update

Dr. Eric E. Whitaker, state public health director, today announced four new West Nile disease cases have been identified in suburban Cook County, bringing to 159 the number of cases reported so far this year in the state.

The new cases are:

- A 75-year-old woman from suburban Cook County and a 78-year-old man from Will County, who are hospitalized with West Nile neuroinvasive disease.
- A 75-year-old man from suburban Cook County who was hospitalized with West Nile neuroinvasive disease and has since been discharged.
- A 39-year-old man from DuPage County and a 17-year-old boy from Lake County, who have West Nile Fever.

The state's other cases of West Nile disease have been from Chicago (25), suburban Cook County (73), and the counties of DuPage (28), Kane (9), Kendall (1), Lake (5),

McHenry (1), Peoria (4), St. Clair (1) and Will (3) and Winnebago (1).

In addition to human cases, a total of 192 birds, 2,000 mosquito samples, two horses and one llama from 39 counties have tested positive for West Nile virus since surveillance for the mosquito-borne disease began on May 1st.

Additional information about West Nile virus can be found on the Department's Web site at www.idph.state.il.us/enyhealth/wnv.htm or people can call the West Nile Virus Hotline at (866) 369-9710 Monday through Friday between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m.

Active Senior Expo

Active Senior Expo, an event "dedicated to inform, educate and entertain senior citizens," will be held on Wednesday, Oct. 5th at the Holiday Inn Select Convention Center, 18501 S. Harlem Ave. in Tinley Park (I-80 and Harlem Ave.). Show hours are 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Active Senior Expo features hundreds of products and services designed specifically for seniors. Offerings include health care, financial, insurance, legal, estate planning, assisted living, retirement communities, home care, travel, vision, hearing, consumer products and government programs. Special attractions include free Krispy Kreme doughnuts, live musical entertainment and door prize drawings.

Advocate South Suburban Hospital will offer the following free health screenings: Cholesterol, Glucose, Blood Pressure and Pulse Oximetry. Maxim Health Systems will be offering flu and pneumonia shots at reasonable prices. Seminars are free to all attendees.

No registration is necessary and regular admission to the event is \$2. However, free admission coupons are widely available and attendees can obtain a free admission coupon by visiting www.activeseniorexpo.net. Parking is free.

For further information, contact Silver Star Expositions at (630) 620-6347, fax (630) 620-7996, e-mail activeseniorexpo@hotmail.com.

Feast On Food Safety

Your family reunion is right around the corner, and there are going to be a lot of hungry mouths to feed. To help you satisfy them all, the Federal Citizen Information Center and the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) have put together a handy, free package of publications full of food preparation and storage tips.

When cooking for a large group, it's especially important that the food is safely prepared, stored, and transported. If it's mishandled, you may have an uninvited guest at your reunion. Although invisible, bacteria can cause serious food-borne illnesses.

However, there are clear cut steps you can take to make your kitchen safe. To stop bacteria from spreading from the cutting boards to utensils, sponges and counter tops, wash your hands and kitchen surfaces often. Avoid cross-contamination by separating raw meat, poultry, and seafood from other foods in the refrigerator.

Just because your burgers look done on the outside, doesn't mean they are. Make it a habit to check all of your favorite foods, not just your holiday turkey, with a food thermometer. The Food Safety package has a handy chart of the USDA's recommended internal temperatures for meat, poultry, and egg dishes, along with guidelines for serving and storage times.

When transporting food, keep your cold foods cold - you don't want Aunt Millie's famous deviled eggs to go bad! For your hot dishes, it's a good idea to wrap and

place them in an insulated container. And as soon as your meal is over, put all remaining leftovers in shallow containers and refrigerate or freeze them immediately.

Be prepared with the free Food Safety package. There are three easy ways to get free publications: visit www.pueblo.gsa.gov/rc/n28foodsafety.htm to place an order online or to read or print this and hundreds of other government publications for free; send one's name and address to Food Safety, Pueblo, Colorado 81009; or call toll-free 1-888-8 PUEBLO. That's 1 (888) 878-3256, weekdays 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Eastern Time and ask for Food Safety.

Get even more information and take advantage of federal resources online at www.FirstGov.gov, one's front door to federal and state government websites.

Y-ME Open Door Meeting

The Northwest Indiana Group of "Y-ME Illinois, an organization dedicated to breast cancer education and support, will hold its next Open Door Meeting on Saturday, Oct. 8th, in the Doctors' Meeting Room on the west side of Community Hospital's cafeteria, 901 MacArthur Blvd., Munster, Indiana, at 10 a.m. This meeting will feature a lecture entitled "What's New in the Diagnosis and Treatment of Breast Cancer" given by Dr. E. Robin, M.D., F.A.C.O. Breast cancer patients, their families and friends and health professionals interested in the topic are welcome at Open Door Meetings. This session is free and reservations are not necessary.

Y-ME offers peer support to breast cancer patients via 24-hour hotlines, (800) 221-2141 (English), (800) 986-9505 (Spanish) and educational Open Door Meetings throughout the Chicago Metropolitan Area, South Central Illinois and Northwestern Indiana. Y-ME also provides information on what to do if a breast lump is detected.

For information about the meeting or Y-ME call Dorothy Gillespie at (219) 838-6111.

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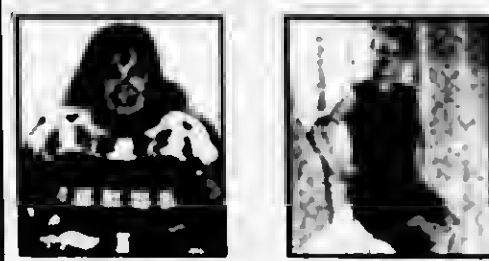
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U.S. Dept. Of Transportation Names Famed Routes "National Scenic Byways"

Gov. Rod R. Blagojevich on Sept. 22nd applauded the "National Scenic Byways" designation by the U.S. Dept. of Transportation for two storied transportation routes in Illinois: Route 66 and the Illinois River Road. The designation means that the routes are added to the national list of Scenic Byways and are eligible to apply for grant funding that can be used for marketing, visitor centers, landscaping and other amenities.

"Route 66 winds more than 2,000 miles from Chicago to LA and is so much more than just a highway. It's a symbol of our love for the open road and that can-do spirit of individualism and adventure that is such a vital part of the American way of life. The Illinois River Road is a window to our rich Native American cultural legacy and the natural splendors of our state. The new designations for these two routes will help us attract even more visitors to Illinois," said Gov. Blagojevich.

The announcement of the designation of two new Scenic Byways in Illinois was made in Washington D.C. on Sept. 22nd by U.S. Secretary of Transportation Norman Mineta, who was acting on applications submitted by two local groups - the Route 66 Heritage Project and the Peoria Area Convention and Visitors Bureau - through IDOT.

To make the Scenic Byways designation a reality, Gov. Blagojevich provided more than \$500,000 in *Opportunity Returns* support through the Illinois Bureau of Tourism, which coordinated the strategic effort to highlight these important historical destinations as part of its efforts to grow tourism in Illinois. Both byways will bring new attention to existing tourism assets and complement the *Mile After Magnificent Mile* marketing campaign that highlights the state's 3-Day Getaway destinations.

The starting point of Route 66 is at the corner of Lake Shore Drive and Jackson Blvd. in Chicago. The route winds through Chicago on various streets to southbound Interstate 55. It travels along much of I-55 and its frontage road, except for a loop from Plainfield to Braceville along Old US 66 and another loop along Route 4 from Springfield to south of Staunton, where it again meets the primary route along I-55. The Illinois portion of Route 66 covers 420 miles and ends in East St. Louis at the Martin Luther King Memorial Bridge.

The Illinois River Road, known as "the Route of the Voyageurs," after the early French explorers, covers 271 miles through the heart of the state and runs from Ottawa to Havana. It includes much of Routes 26 and 29 on each side of the river.

IDOT and DCEO worked closely with the two local groups in applying for the designation. IDOT installed directional signing for both Route 66 and the Illinois River Road in 1996.

Once a road is designated as a National Scenic Byway, they receive national recognition on the www.byways.org web site and they are actively promoted as tourist destinations by the Federal Highway Administration.

Household Hazardous Waste Day

The Commissioners of the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago remind local residents that the popular Household Hazardous Waste Disposal Day will take place this Saturday, Oct. 1st from 8 a.m. until 3 p.m. at Victor J. Andrew High School, 9001 W. 171st St. in Tinley Park.

Residents of the south and southwest suburbs are encouraged to participate and bring household hazardous waste to the collection site. Trained technicians will be on hand to remove the waste material from cars and dispose of it properly. Residents can bring items such as anti-freeze, auto batteries, cell phones, drain cleaners, empty fire extinguishers, empty propane tanks, fluorescent bulbs, fungicides, furniture strippers, household batteries, insecticides, medicines, mercury, metal polishes, paint removers, oil-based paints, pool chemicals, solvents, used oils and weed killers. Old eyeglasses will be donated to a not-for-profit charity.

The Household Hazardous Waste Disposal Day is sponsored by the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency, the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago, the South Suburban Mayors and Managers Assn. and the Southwest Conference of Mayors.

For more information, visit the District's web site at www.mwrd.org or call the District's Public Information Office at (312) 751-6633.

Harris Bank Mobile

Harris Bank's Hubert Mobile will make appearances at several of its branches. Harris will have giveaways, a raffle every hour from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and fun activities for all who attend. In addition, there will be an opportunity for attendees to sign up for a free residential mortgage pre-approval.

The Hubert Mobile will be at the following locations: Oct. 1st, Harris Washington Square, 4959 W. North Ave.; Oct. 8th, Harris Morgan Park, 1701 W. Monterey, #8; Oct. 15th, Harris Wentworth, 5401 S. Wentworth Ave.; Oct. 22nd, Harris Kenwood, 901 E. 47th St.; Oct. 29th, Harris Calumet City, 555 Burnham Ave.

For more information, call 1(877) HUBERT-3 (482-3783) or visit the web site at www.harrisbank.com.

IDOT Reduces Peotone Airport Footprint by 2,350 Acres

Illinois Dept. of Transportation (IDOT) Secretary Timothy W. Martin announced recently IDOT has submitted a revised Concept Alternatives Report to the FAA that includes a reduction of the airport footprint by 2,350 acres and allows for the Peotone-Beecher Road to remain open. The submission also includes the final four chapters of the Concept Alternatives Analysis, the formal plan for the airport that includes the technical layout of the proposed airport.

"We've listened to the community and worked with the FAA, Will County and ALNAC to adjust the footprint of our preferred alternative that will release this area south of the Peotone-Beecher Road," Martin said. "We're resubmitting the Concept Alternatives Analysis with some changes recommended by the FAA in our existing chapters, and we're also including the final four technical chapters."

Late this spring IDOT submitted the first eight chapters of the Concept Alternatives Analysis and identified the preferred alternative, based on the proposal created by the Abraham Lincoln National Airport Commission. The technical layout includes a runway of approximately 10,000 feet in length and reduces the ultimate footprint to less than 20,000 acres.

IDOT was able to reduce the footprint by nearly 2,350 acres by removing a portion south of the Peotone-Beecher Road. This reduction is the result of moving the proposed crosswind runway to another location and the airport services area, which includes wastewater treatment, fuel farm, storm water management ponds and environmental mitigation sites.

The Concept Alternative Analysis is the third of five documents used as "building blocks" for the preparation of the Environmental Impact Statement by the FAA. IDOT will prepare and submit to the FAA a Master Plan and Airport Layout Plan based on the preferred alternative.

LEGAL NOTICE

ANNUAL TREASURER'S REPORT FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF BREMEN FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING MARCH 31, 2005 Summary Statement of Condition (Excerpt from Comptroller Report)

	GENERAL FUND	SPECIAL REVENUE FUND	COMBINED
Beginning Cash Balance	\$669,875	\$578,537	\$1,248,412
Revenues	1,454,708	455,098	1,909,806
Less Expenditures	(901,979)	(477,781)	(1,379,760)
Ending Cash Balance	\$1,222,604	\$555,854	\$1,778,458

CERTIFICATION

I, Leonard J. Hines Clerk of the Township of Bremen, Cook County, Illinois, do hereby certify that the above is a true copy of the Annual Treasurer's Report for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2005. The Special Revenue Funds include The Road & Bridge District and General Assistance.

Leonard J. Hines, Township Clerk

TOWNSHIP REVENUES SUMMARY

Property Taxes - 899,219; Replacement Taxes - 42,159; Interest - 10,874; Miscellaneous - 356; PACE - 7,560; - State of IL 4,995; - Grant 10,000; - Senior Wheels 29,103; Senior Activities 3,310; Building Loan Proceeds 592,000

Township Total Revenues: 1,599,576

TOWNSHIP EXPENDITURES SUMMARY

Vendors (Paid \$2,500 or more)
AT&T 4,292.16; All Cleaning Service 3,408.00; Best Buy 4,114.85; Bremen Youth 275,000.00; Central Management Services/State of Illinois 63,670.32; Com Ed 13,231.79; William Healy, CPA, PC 5,640.00; IMRF 3,431.74; K & K Heating 7,211.00; Robin Jesk 6,720.96; Nicor 5,171.22; PACE 18,000.00; Speedway 7,846.94; Joseph James Smaron 10,350.00; Social Security/Medicare 32,187.93; TOIRMA 16,886.00; Diane Zwiener 3,600.00;

Township Compensation

Under \$25,000 - John Buvelot; Johnnie Coleman-Elliott; Joseph Dempsey; Charles Geeding; Juanita Gulley-Grant; John Horn; Thomas Hubert; Carol Kruzinga; John Lord; Melvin Maurer; Charles Mills; Adrienne Morris; Janet Nagel; Joanne Palermo; Melissa Papineau; Barbara Pickrum; Joyce Poulos; George Pryor; Norbert Roesemier; Donna Schelonk; Kevin Tatum; Mildred Tatum.

\$25,000 - \$49,999 - Barbara Bartolomucci; Judy Filippo; Geraldine Bradley; Patricia Grabs; Richard Kelly; Wayne Ramsey; Gloria Roesner; Shari Smith; Ronald Szabo.

TOWNSHIP TOTAL EXPENDITURES: \$1,112,293

ROAD DISTRICT REVENUES SUMMARY

Property Taxes - 287,384; Replacement Taxes - 15,327; Interest - 4,469; Miscellaneous - 444; Fines - 2,606; -

Road District Total Revenues: 310,230

ROAD DISTRICT EXPENDITURES SUMMARY

Vendors (Paid \$2,500 or more)
Central Management Services/State of Illinois 35,904; ComEd 11,495.90; Green Transfer 5,939.73; Morton Salt 4,020.48; Nextel 3,691.93; Social Security/Medicare 5,378.37; Joseph James Smaron 2,900; Smitty's Tree Service 3,600; Speedway 3,054.01; TOIRMA 14,974; Wally's Paving 47,630;

Road District Compensation

Under \$25,000 - Terry Hartwig; Dennis McGlynn

\$25,000 - \$49,999 - Robert Miller; Robert Szabo

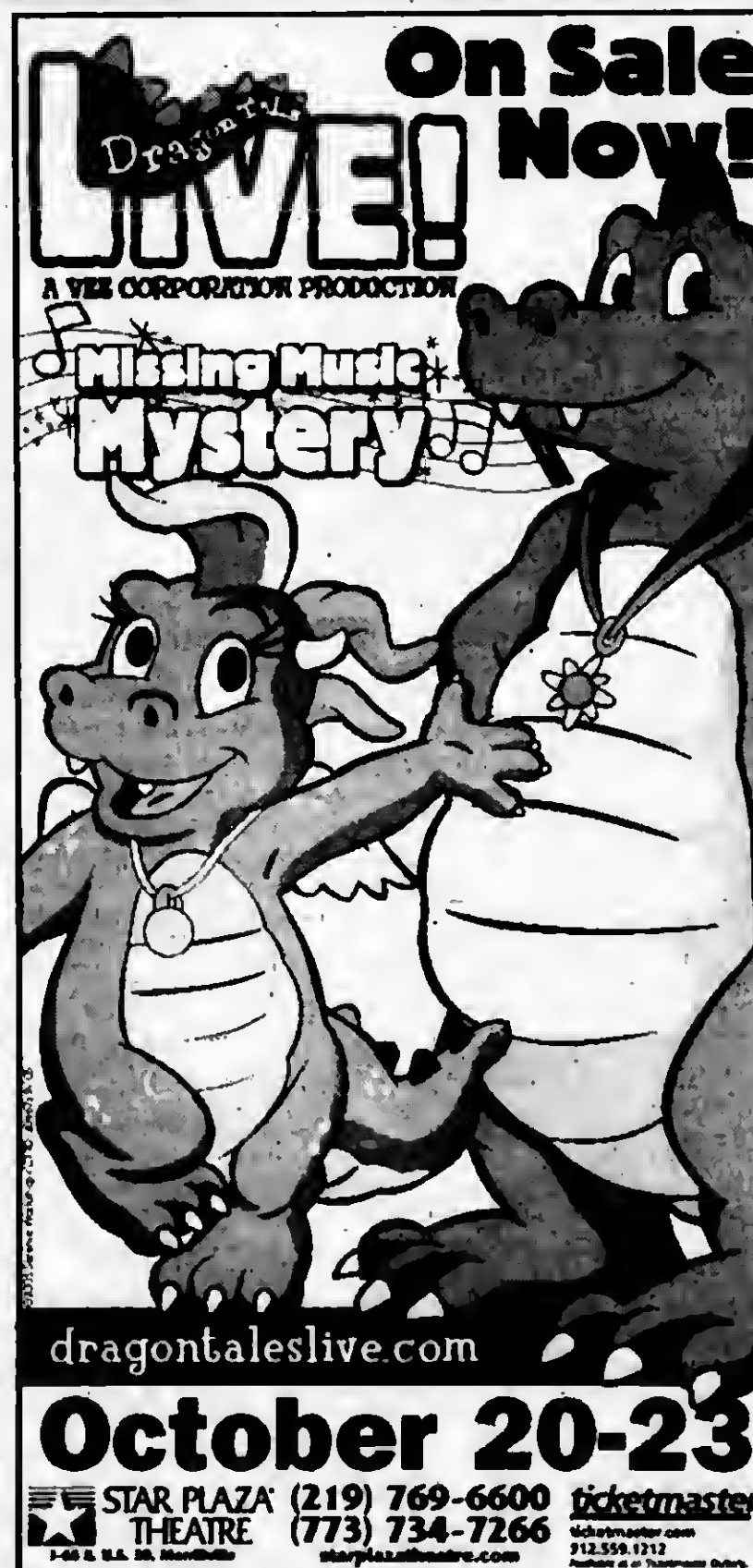
ROAD DISTRICT TOTAL EXPENDITURES: \$267,467

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Veterans And Soldiers News

By Lori Taylor Ph: 708.388.2425

Jenna C. Tabor graduated from the Army ROTC (Reserve Officer Training Corps) Leader Development and Assessment Course, also known as "Operation Warrior Forge," at Fort Lewis, Tacoma, Washington. She is the daughter of Terry and Cheryl Tabor of Burbank. Tabor is a 2002 graduate of Reavis High School in Burbank and is currently attending Eastern Illinois University in Charleston.

Army Pvt. Thomas J. Malloy has graduated from basic combat training at Fort Jackson, Columbia, S.C. He is the son of Thomas and Margaret Malloy of Chicago. Malloy is a 1998 graduate of Mount Greenwood High School in Chicago.

Following a joint effort between the Department of Defense, including the Military Health System (MHS), the Air Force and multiple government contractors, displaced medical providers from Kessler Air Force Base, Biloxi, Miss., received immediate access to medical information of TRICARE beneficiaries who were evacuated by Hurricane Katrina through the military electronic health record (EHR). The EHR, which consolidates the medical records of service members, retirees and their families from military hospitals around the world, gave medical personnel immediate access to essential patient information, including consolidated laboratory data and prescription information. The Program Office coordinated with the medical staff at Wilford Hall Medical Center, San Antonio, Texas, to form an emergency response team. Once established, the team made all necessary adjustments to the system to grant evacuated providers access to the EHR, including secure user accounts. "The Department of Defense has been driving towards better ways to document and protect health care information," said TRICARE Management Activity's Army Col. Vic Eilenfield, program manager for the Clinical Information Technology Program Office. "In the aftermath of Katrina, we are seeing firsthand the power electronic health records have for preservation of and access of information," he said.

Windy City Veterans Association will hold its annual fundraiser to benefit the Manteno Veterans Home on Saturday, Oct. 8th from 6:30 to 11:30 p.m. The event will take place at St. Christina School Hall, 110th and Christiana in Chicago. Tickets are \$20 per person which includes great food, beer, wine, pop and music. There will be \$25 raffle tickets, 50/50 raffles and prize raffles. For tickets call Barney O'Reilly at (773) 238-7015; Mike Graffis at (773) 767-7756; Jim Curtis at (773) 881-4059 or Ed Larsen at (773) 233-6255.

Civilian David F. Steinberger III, son of Maureen Clancy of Tinley Park and David F. Steinberger, Jr. of Aurora, recently participated in the U.S. Naval Academy's week-long summer seminar program in Annapolis, Md. Steinberger is currently attending Victor J. Andrew High School in Orland Hills.

Marine Corps Pfc. Justin D. Martinez, son of Tamara Martinez of Midlothian, recently completed the Personnel Clerk Course at Personnel Administration School, Marine Corps Service Support Schools, Camp Lejeune, N.C. Martinez is a 2001 graduate of Bremen High School in Midlothian. He joined the Marine Corps in January 2005.

Marine Corps Pfc. Younghoan Kong, son of Youngim Kong of Orland Park, recently completed the Personnel Clerk Course at Personnel Administration School, Marine Corps Service Support Schools, Camp Lejeune, N.C. Kong is a 2003 graduate of Carl Sandburg High School in Orland Park. He joined the Marine Corps in January 2005.

Navy Seaman Apprentice Jonathan B. McKinney, son of Andre Bonner of Chicago, and his shipmates returned from a three-month summer underway period while assigned to the aircraft carrier USS Kitty Hawk, forward deployed to Yokosuka, Japan. McKinney joined the Navy in September 2003.

Marine Corps Pvt. Daniel G. Stall, son of Kimberly and Daniel Stall of Chicago, recently completed 12 weeks of basic training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot, San Diego, California, designed to challenge new Marine recruits both physically and mentally.

Navy Petty Officer 3rd Class Mariusz S. Pretnik, son of Maria Pretnik of Prospect Heights and Antoni Pretnik of Worth, and his fellow shipmates completed Maritime Security Operations (MSO) while on a scheduled deployment in support of the Global War on Terrorism while assigned to the guided-missile destroyer USS Gonzalez home-ported in Norfolk, Virginia. Pretnik joined the Navy in August 2001.

Navy Chief Petty Officer Robert A. Hammond, son of Carol and John Hammond of Midlothian, departed on a scheduled deployment in support of the Global War on

Terrorism while assigned to the aircraft carrier USS Theodore Roosevelt, home-ported in Norfolk, Virginia.

Civilian Bennett S. Riley, son of Pauline and James Riley of Hickory Hills, recently participated in the U.S. Naval Academy's week-long summer seminar program in Annapolis, Md. Riley is currently attending Amos Alonzo Staff High School in Palos.

Navy Seaman Jennifer M. Haller, daughter of Sandra and Stanley Haller of Oak Lawn, and her fellow shipmates completed Maritime Security Operations (MSO) while on a scheduled deployment in support of the Global War on Terrorism while assigned to the guided-missile destroyer USS Gonzalez home-ported in Norfolk, Virginia. Haller is a 2002 graduate of Richards High School in Oak Lawn and joined the Navy in May 2004.

Until next week, God bless you and God bless America.

Illinois Stands Ready To Receive Hurricane Rita Evacuees

As Hurricane Rita moved closer to the Gulf Coast, Gov. Rod R. Blagojevich on Sept. 23rd authorized the Illinois National Guard to send aviation assets and personnel to Texas to help with rescue and response. The Illinois Army National Guard will send three UH-60 Black Hawk helicopters and four air crews (approximately 15 people) to Texas.

The UH-60 helicopters and air crew members are from 1st Battalion, 106th Aviation. The Illinois Army National Guard aviation unit is headquartered in Peoria with units in Chicago and Decatur. The UH-60 Black Hawk is a versatile utility transport helicopter able to provide general aviation support, aeromedical evacuation, command and control and special operations support.

Gov. Blagojevich on Sept. 23rd also updated the state's efforts to help those displaced by Hurricane Katrina living in Illinois. It's estimated more than 8,500 displaced victims remain in Illinois, with a large majority of them in the Cook County area, according to numbers reported by the Illinois Dept. of Human Services (DHS). The state has helped more than 4,400 people from the Gulf Coast states with transitional housing, medical care, cash benefits, food stamps, Medicaid and unemployment and veterans' benefits claims.

According to the latest reports provided by DHS, which is leading the state's coordinated effort to make services available to Hurricane Katrina victims in Illinois, a total of 8,638 evacuees were in the state as of Sept. 17th. Of those, 4,455 contacted the State of Illinois for emergency and temporary services.

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF EXAMINATION FOR POSITION OF FIREFIGHTER2/EMT IN THE VILLAGE OF MIDLOTHIAN COUNTY OF COOK, STATE OF ILLINOIS

The Board of Fire and Police Commission will accept applications for the position of Firefighter2/EMT. Applications are available starting September 19, 2005 at the Midlothian Village Hall, 14801 S. Pulaski, Midlothian, Illinois, and should be filled out correctly and completely and returned on or before October 3, 2005 by 5:00pm.

BENEFITS

Competitive salary and benefits include paid vacation, partially paid health insurance, longevity, increases, retirement plan and optional credit union.

The Village of Midlothian reserves the right to alter salaries and benefits and that employment shall confer any vested right except as may be provided by law.

QUALIFICATIONS

The applicant shall be at least twenty-one (21) years of age and not over thirty-five (35) years of age at time of appointment. Must be a U.S. Citizen. Sound physical and mental condition. Must be a High School Graduate or equivalent. Applicants must meet all other eligibility requirements as provided by the State Statute and Village of Midlothian Fire and Police Commission Rules and Regulations. Must possess a current driver's license in good standing. Applicant must pass a physical test, written examination, oral interview and upon offer of employment pass a physical examination by the Fire and Police Commission Physician or a Physician designated by the Fire Department. Mandatory appearance by the applicant at an orientation meeting, which is to be held on Friday, October 07, 2005 at 7:30pm in the Village of Midlothian Council Chambers, is required prior to the physical testing examination. The physical testing will be held on Saturday, October 08, 2005 at 8:00am at the Village of Midlothian Fire Department Fire Station #1.

There will be a non-refundable processing fee of \$25.00 at the time application is picked up to partially cover the cost of the physical and written testing.

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Illinois Drug Conference Grants

The Illinois Drug Education Alliance will be conducting its 23rd Annual Prevention Conference on Nov. 20th and 21st, Sunday and Monday, at the Peoria Civic Center and Hotel Pere Marquette.

The conference is fraught with group sessions, which provide valuable strategies for coping and excelling in life as well as critical instruction on how to function in drug-plagued situations.

Through a special grant from the Illinois Department of Human Services, Division of Community Health and Prevention, IDEA is able to offer financial assistance to youth of minority background, as well as their adult chaperones, to attend the conference.

If you are interested in receiving one of these scholarships, contact Fran Massie, IDEA Conference Coordinator, at (309) 664-1612 or e-mail to fran.massie@verizon.net.

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Hopper a/k/a Gregory Allen Hop-
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al., Defendants. No. 05Ch-54.

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby
given that pursuant to a Judg-
ment of Foreclosure entered in
the above entitled cause on May
19, 2005, Intercounty Judicial
Sales Corporation will on Tues-
day, October 18, 2005 at the
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Madison St., Suite 718A, Chicago, IL, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described mortgaged real estate. Commonly known as 7716 S. Nagle Ave., Burbank, IL 60459. The mortgaged real estate is improved with a single family residence and will NOT be open for inspection. The judgment amount was \$210,555.69. Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance, by certified funds, within 24 hours. The sale shall be subject to general taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and any prior first mortgages. The subject property is offered for sale without any representation as to quality of title or recourse to Plaintiff. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information. For information: Sale Clerk, Shapiro & Kreisman, 4201 Lake Cook Road, 1st Floor, Northbrook, IL 60062. (847) 498-9990, between the hours of 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. only. 137181C	IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A. Successor by Merger with Bank One, N.A., Plaintiff, vs. Mervat Weiss a/k/a Mervat K. Weiss a/k/a Mervat Weiss, et al., Defendant. Case No. 05Ch-3952. PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on April 27, 2005, The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 a.m. on October 18, 2005, in its office at 33 N. Dearborn St., 10th Floor, Chicago, IL 60602-3100, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as: 11440 S. Nashville Ave., Worth, IL 60482. The real estate is improved with a single family residence. The judgment amount was \$33,011.52. 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PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on May 11, 2005, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Tuesday, October 25, 2005, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 W. Madison St., Suite 718A, Chicago, IL, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described mortgaged real estate: Commonly known as: 15217 S. Hamlin, Midlothian, IL 60445. The improvement on the property consists of a single family residence. Sale terms: Bidders must present, at the time of sale, a cashier's or certified check for 10% of the successful bid amount. The balance of the successful bid shall be paid within 24 hours, by similar funds. The property will NOT be open for inspection. For information call Ms. Diane Thomas, at Plaintiff's Attorney, Freedman, Anselmo, Lindberg and Rappe, 1807 W. Diehl Road, Naperville, IL 60566-7107. 630/983-0770. 137197C	IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Wells Fargo Bank, NA as Trustee for First Franklin Mortgage Loan Trust 2004-FFS, By: Saxon Mortgage Services, Inc., as its Attorney-in-Fact, Plaintiff, vs. Edwin E. Cruz, et al., Defendants. No. 05Ch-1079. PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on July 26, 2005, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Thursday, October 27, 2005, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 W. Madison St., Suite 718A, Chicago, IL, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described mortgaged real estate: Commonly known as: 9264 S. 51st Ave., Oak Lawn, IL 60453. The improvement on the property consists of a single family residence. Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, by certified funds. No refunds. The judgment amount was \$209,578.88. The property will NOT be open for inspection. For information call Mr. Ira T. Nevel at Plaintiff's Attorney, Law Offices of Ira T. Nevel, 175 N. Franklin St., Chicago, IL 60606. 312/357-1125. 137175C	IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Argent Mortgage Company, L.L.C., Plaintiff, vs. Clemer Rivera, et al., Defendants. No. 05Ch-6950. PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on August 23, 2005, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Tuesday, October 18, 2005, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 W. Madison St., Suite 718A, Chicago, IL, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described mortgaged real estate: Commonly known as: 5348 W. 87th St., Burbank, IL 60459. The improvement on the property consists of a single family residence. Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, by certified funds. No refunds. 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Spiros P. Arethas

Mass was said on Monday, Sept. 26th, at Saints Helen & Constantine Greek Orthodox Church, Palos Hills, for Spiros P. Arethas, 63.

He is survived by his wife, Karen; and his children, Peter (Lee Ann) Arethas and Nicole (Brad) Caddick.

Santo DiPietro

Mass was said on Tuesday, Sept. 27th, at Our Lady of the Ridge Church, Chicago Ridge, for WWII Army Veteran and 30-year Andrew Corporation accountant, Santo DiPietro, 83.

He is survived by his wife, Frances; his children, David (Jean), Dan (Robbe) Debbie (Kim) Liebendorfer, Denise (Tom) Neubauer, Dennis (Alicia), Darlene (Larry) Londo, Duane (Tricia) and Diane (Rich) Hampton; twenty grandchildren; and his sister, Mary Boyle.

Peter G. Economou

Mass was said on Wednesday, Sept. 28th, at Saints Constantine and Helen Greek Orthodox Church, Palos Hills, for Peter G. Economou, 52, of Orland Park and, formerly, Palos Hills.

He is survived by his wife, Maria; his children, Constance and Gus; his mother, Dina; and siblings, Andy (Kalliope) Economos and Sophia (Dimitri) Economos.

Marilyn Cismoski

Mass was said on Monday, Sept. 26th, at St. Linus Church, Oak Lawn, for Marilyn Cismoski, 58, wife of the late James.

She is survived by her children, Jamie (Doug) McAdams, Matthew and Michael; and siblings, Bette and Ollie Grimm, Jayne Shapiro, Bernadette (Bob) Judd and James Markey.

James J. Colfer

Mass was said on Monday, Sept. 26th, at Our Lady of the Ridge Church, Chicago Ridge, for James J. Colfer, 78.

He is survived by his cousins, Jack (Alicia) Clark and William (Mary) Murphy; and close friends, Kim Brubach, Jan Kribs and Dawn Goss.

Gladys S. Greiman

Services were held on Monday, Sept. 26th, at First United Methodist Church of Oak Lawn, for Gladys S. Greiman, wife of the late Walter.

She is survived by her children, Deborah (Gary) Cremieux and Gregory

(Penny) Greiman; six grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Rose E. Hoitsma

Services were held on Tuesday, Sept. 27th, at Vandenberg Funeral Home, Tinley Park, for Rose E. Hoitsma, 76, wife of the late William J. Hoitsma.

She is survived by her children, William, Jr., Robert (Carol) Hoitsma and Dianne (George) Gustafson; nine grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Patrick Hughes

Mass was said on Tuesday, Sept. 27th, at St. Christopher Church, Midlothian, for Patrick Hughes.

He is survived by his siblings, Mary Alice "Mae" Ryan, Elizabeth "Betty" Grilec, Ann (William) Bellair, and Thomas J. (Dorothy).

Eugene W. Rabbitt

Mass was said on Monday, Sept. 26th, at Church of St. George, Tinley Park, for Korean War Army Veteran Eugene W. Rabbitt, husband of the late Mae.

He is survived by former wife and lifetime friend, Rosemary; and many nieces and nephews.

Deborah Leah Karl

Mass was said on Wednesday, Sept. 28th, at St. Michael Church, Orland Park, for Deborah Leah Karl, 48.

She is survived by her sons, Richard and Zachary; her parents, Robert and Jacqueline; her siblings, Stephen (Kathy), James (Mary Pat) and William (Lorraine) Kull; and grandmother, Marie Kull.

Lorraine G. Lemke

Services were held on Monday, Sept. 26th, at St. Paul Lutheran Church, Oak Lawn, for Lorraine G. Lemke.

She is survived by her children, Henry, Kenneth and Edward Ketter, Katherine (James) Gallagher and Laurie (Charles) Gracey; ten grandchildren; and siblings, William (Marge), Marie (Tony), Carol (Fred) and Victoria.

Rene E. Plikuhn

Mass was said on Sunday, Sept. 25th, at St. Christina Church, Mt. Greenwood, for Rene E. Plikuhn, wife of the late Edward.

She is survived by her children, Rene (Herb) Trajkovich, Jan Nelson, Edward (Sue) Plikuhn and Robert (Linda) Plikuhn, ten grandchildren; and eleven great-grandchildren.

Richard P. Czajkowski

Mass was said on Tuesday, Sept. 27th, at St. Christopher Church, Midlothian, for U.S. Marine Veteran Richard P. Czajkowski, formerly of Blue Island.

He is survived by his siblings, William (Nancy), Len (Barbara); many nephews and nieces; and friend, Donald Koehler.

James Friel

Mass was said on Tuesday, Sept. 27th, at St. Catherine of Alexandria Church, Oak Lawn, for U.S. Navy Veteran, James Friel, 69.

He is survived by his wife, Carolyn; children, Cathy (Kevin) Brogan and Michael (Amy); six grandchildren; and brother, John (Judy).

Edward E. Krajic

Services were held on Tuesday, Sept. 27th, at Lawn Funeral Home, Burbank, for WWII Army Veteran Edward E. Krajic.

He is survived by his wife, Catherine; daughters, Carol (George) Hanion and Nancy (Ted) Andryslak; one grandchild; and two great-grandchildren.

Emil Scrivani

Mass was said on Tuesday, Sept. 27th, at St. Albert the Great Church, Burbank, for Emil Scrivani, husband of the late Margaret.

He is survived by his children, Mary Kay Augle and Kelly (Mike) Potempa; and two grandchildren.

Rose M. Thrumbel

Services were held on Monday, Sept. 26th, at O'Neil Funeral Home, Lockport, for Rose M. Thrumbel, 76.

She is survived by her niece, Denise Thrumbel Polich; and cousin, Lorraine (Ted) Bruni.

Rudolph Trlak

Services were held on Sunday, Sept. 25th at Lawn Funeral Home, Burbank, for Rudolph "Duke" Trlak.

He is survived by his wife, Theresa; his children Angela (Chad) Proper and Matthew; parents, Rudolph, Sr. and Olivia (Ervin) DeWenter; one grandchild; and brothers, Corey, Brian and Brent.

Kenneth S. Waters

Mass was said on Monday, Sept. 26th, at St. Thomas More Church, Chicago, for WWII U.S. Army Veteran, and long-time Coca-Cola accountant, Kenneth S. Waters, 82.

He was a devout member of the Ambassadors of Mary.

Michal Pacek

Mass was said on Monday, Sept. 26th, at St. Fabian Church, Bridgeview, for Michal Pacek, 15, a student at Argo High School.

He is survived by his parents, Renata (Joseph) Germann and Pavol Pacek; grandparents, Amalia Paraikova, Mary Germann and Milan Paraik; and siblings, Joseph and Stephanie Germann.

Rose Marie Catellier

Mass was said on Monday, Sept. 26th at St. Damian Church, Oak Forest, for Rose Marie Catellier, 82, wife of the late Arthur J. Catellier.

She is survived by her children, Larry (Pamela), Dennis, David Catellier, and Cathy (Jerry) Edwards; five grandchildren; and sisters, Ruth Washburn and Jenny Schaner.

Jerry Hrabe

Services were held on Saturday, Sept. 24th, at Colonial chapel, Orland Park, for WWII Veteran Jerry Hrabe, 89, husband of the late Mary.

He is survived by his children, John and Mary (Steven) Janninck.

Patricia M. Smith

Mass was said on Wednesday, September 27th, at St. Louis de Montfort Church, Oak Lawn, for Patricia M. Smith.

She is survived by her husband, Douglas; children, Christopher; and mother, Mary.

Michael J. West

Mass is being said this Thursday, Sept. 29th, at St. Linus Church, Oak Lawn, for Michael J. West, 62.

He is survived by Michael, Jr. (Laura) and Christine West; three grandchildren; and siblings, Marianne (Paul) Douglas, Noreen (Earl) Joyce and Daniel (Shawn).

Mary L. Grafton

Mass was said on Wednesday, Sept. 28th, at St. Gerald Church, Oak Lawn, for Mary L. Grafton.

She is survived by many nieces and nephews.

George J. Kafantaris

Mass was said on Wednesday, Sept. 28th, at Saints Constantine and Helen Greek orthodox Church, Palos Hills, for George J. Kafantaris.

He is survived by his sisters, Mary Eliopoulos and Emily DeMeo.

Dorothy C. Kelly

Mass was said on Wednesday, Sept. 28th, at St. Linus Church, Oak Lawn, for retired 44-year teacher/administrator for Chicago Board of Education, Dorothy C. Kelly.

She is survived by cousins and many friends.

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Plan For Library And Museum's "Front Yard" Revealed

Governor Rod R. Blagojevich and other officials broke ground Sept. 21st on Union Square Park, the fifth and final element of the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum (ALPLM) complex. The complex also includes the Presidential Library, Museum, parking garage and Union Station. The park, which will feature an amphitheater, open lawn seating and a garden honoring the late Mrs. Lincoln, will serve as a gathering place for visitors.

Major elements of Union Square Park's design include a large open-lawn amphitheater and a Victorian-style garden honoring Mary Todd Lincoln. Benches, arbors, plantings and sidewalks provide areas for reflection and relaxation. The park will provide green space in downtown Springfield and act as a staging area for events coordinated by the ALPLM.

"As innovative as the museum it complements, the new Union Square Park will provide Springfield with a front yard - an outdoor performance stage - and a handsome oasis in the middle of an increasingly busy downtown," said ALPLM Director Richard Norton Smith. "It will integrate the ALPLM with the surrounding neighborhood, not just physically but programmatically as well. And it will go a long way toward realizing the full cultural, economic and aesthetic promise of this world class institution."

Union Square Park was designed by White & Borgognoni Architects and has a total budget of \$2,650,000. BRH Builders of Springfield was awarded the contract for general construction and B&B Electric won the contract for electrical work.

Employees Donated \$90,000 To American Red Cross Katrina Fund

Governor Rod R. Blagojevich announced on Sept. 27th that State of Illinois employees have donated more than \$91,000 to the American Red Cross Katrina Fund. In the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina, the Governor encouraged state employees to contribute to the American Red Cross Disaster Relief Fund.

On Friday, Sept. 2nd, the State and University Employees Combined Appeal (SECA) Statewide Coordinator Jodi Schrage sent the Governor's appeal via email to State Ambassadors used in the state's annual SECA campaign - asking all state employees to send in one-time gifts for the Red Cross and to attach a form that identified donor, agency and amount given. Less than three weeks after the initial appeal, employees had sent in personal checks totaling some \$91,092.31.

SECA is a once-a-year workplace giving campaign, administered by the Department of Central Management Services and chaired by First Lady Patti Blagojevich, where state and university employees can donate to the charity of their choice through payroll deduction or a one-time gift. SECA raised nearly \$3 million in 2004 for more than 2,000 charities. The 2005 campaign goal is \$3 million and will run until Nov. 11. The more than \$91,000 raised for Hurricane Katrina puts the state of Illinois on its way toward reaching that \$3 million goal. For more information about SECA and its member charities, log onto the SECA website at www.secaillinois.org.

Donations are still needed to help victims of Hurricane Katrina and Hurricane Rita. Donations to the Disaster Relief Fund can be made by calling 1-800-HELP NOW or 1-800-257-7575 (Spanish). Contributions may also be sent to the local American Red Cross chapter or through a secure internet site at www.redcross.org.

Union Square Park is scheduled to be complete next summer. Meanwhile, renovation of the historic Union Station built in 1898, adjacent to Union Square Park, began in May. Union Station will serve as a gateway to the Lincoln Presidential Museum and Library Complex, as well as other historic sites in and around downtown Springfield. It will be home to a visitors' center, as well as office and meeting space. Interior and exterior renovation of Union Station includes replacing the clay-tile roof, new windows, new plaster, painting, opening up the passenger platforms and replacing the 140-foot clock tower. Recreating the clock tower is the featured aspect of the project. When completed, it will have four working clock faces. The tower was an original element of the station, but was removed in 1946. Approximately 20 percent of the work at Union Station is done and the project is expected to be complete in winter 2007.

The Presidential Museum, which immerses visitors in Lincoln's life and times and showcases the state's world-renowned Lincoln Collection, opened April 19 and has since welcomed nearly 350,000 people. The Presidential Library, the state's top historical and genealogical research facility, opened in October 2004.

Your Disaster Aid Check May Be At The Post Office

Hurricane Katrina disaster recovery officials are reminding evacuees from both Katrina and Hurricane Rita that it's important to notify the U.S. Postal Service of every change of address, so that they can receive vital mail including important documents like disaster assistance checks being mailed by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).

The officials said that staying in touch with FEMA is one of several ways that evacuees can ensure that approved aid reaches them quickly. Evacuees who have registered for assistance with FEMA should report all changes of address by calling 800-621-FEMA (3362), TTY 800-462-7585, or going online to www.fema.gov. FEMA staff at Disaster Recovery Centers can also update disaster contact information.

There are three ways to change one's address - by phone, online, or in person.

Call 800-ASK-USPS (275-8777). Operators are available Monday through Friday from 6:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m., and Saturday from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Visit www.usps.com, 24 hours per day and make the change.

Stop by any U.S. Post Office, and fill out a change of address form.

If a change of address notice has not been completed, the USPS will hold mail for 10 days. If mail is not picked up during that time, it will then be viewed as undeliverable. Undelivered disaster assistance checks that are returned to FEMA will be held by FEMA until the evacuee notifies the agency of his or her new address.

Proper identification is always required to safeguard the checks. The unique control number given to each applicant after registration helps ensure the integrity of the process. When possible, FEMA distributes financial aid through direct-deposit (electronic funds transfer) to avoid the problems of trying to reach displaced victims who make a series of temporary moves following a disaster.

File Lawsuit To Recover Unpaid Wages From Sewing Factory Owner

Attorney General Lisa Madigan and Illinois Department of Labor (IDOL) Director Art Ludwig announced that a lawsuit has been filed against the owner of a Chicago sewing factory for failing to pay more than \$104,000 in wages to 80 employees for work they completed during a 10-month period.

This lawsuit, filed in Cook County Circuit Court on Sept. 21st, charges Jerry Franczak, individually and doing business as Sewing Systems, with violations of the Illinois Minimum Wage Law. Franczak operates the Sewing Systems factory, located in the 4100 block of West Belmont Ave. in Chicago, where employees produce uniforms.

A joint investigation by Madigan's office and the IDOL revealed that Franczak had failed to pay adequate minimum wage and overtime compensation to his workers. According to an IDOL report, between July 1, 2003, and April 30, 2004, Franczak underpaid 80 workers a total of \$104,933.91 in wages. Individual workers are owed as much as \$5,188.85 in wages.

"Illinois law provides protections for workers to ensure they are being paid adequate wages for their services. It is unacceptable for an employer to underpay his workers. My office, working with the Illinois Department of Labor, will continue to enforce Illinois' minimum wage laws by filing lawsuits when necessary to recover unpaid wages," Madigan said.

"The new minimum wage law championed by Governor Blagojevich benefits nearly half a million workers in this state who rely on fair wages to pay their bills and raise their families. Through the joint effort of the Illinois Department of Labor and the Attorney General's office, we will continue to protect underrepresented workers from violators and will strictly enforce this law," said Illinois Department of Labor Director Art Ludwig.

During the time of Sewing System's underpayments, Illinois' minimum wage increased from the federal rate of \$5.15 an hour to \$5.50 an hour as of Jan. 1, 2004 for individuals 18 years and older. As of Jan. 1, 2005, the minimum wage increased to \$6.50 per hour. Employers also are required to pay time and a half for each hour worked in excess of 40 hours per week.

Lawmakers Act To Stop Proposed Privatized Student Loan Scheme Pushed On Illinois Schools

Lenders working behind the scenes to privatize graduate student loan programs at Illinois public universities now face state and federal action against their widely criticized School as Lender proposal. Lawmakers were pleased that University of Illinois officials announced recently they would defer any decisions on School as Lender pending the outcome of legislation.

State Representatives Jack Franks (D-Woodstock), Jim Sacia (R-Pecatonica) and State Senator Martin Sandoval (D-Chicago) on Sept. 21st unveiled a measure to protect Illinois taxpayers and students by preventing the controversial School as Lender contracts. The United States Senate, in budget reconciliation instructions, called for a moratorium on new universities adopting School as Lender effective Aug. 31.

Under the School as Lender model, lenders exploit taxpayer subsidies and outdated government loopholes to win guaranteed profits. Based on the Office of Management Budget's (OMB) current budget analysis, taxpayers would lose approximately \$53 million annually if Illinois public universities which currently provide loans through late Illinois Senator Paul Simon's Direct Lending program switched to the subsidy program which houses School as Lender.

Under School as Lender, a bank agrees to provide money up front to a university which then lends those funds to its students. The school sells the loans back to the lender who uses a federal loophole to charge the government substantially more than what the loans currently cost to provide. Students lose benefits such as an income contingent repayment option and the possibility of loan forgiveness. The program duplicates another source of government loans, the Direct Lending program, which eliminates middlemen and saves taxpayer dollars. Under School as Lender, schools stand to profit from increased student indebtedness, putting students at risk of receiving biased counsel when deciding how much to borrow.

The OMB's current budget analysis shows that School as Lender costs taxpayers \$8.91 for every \$100 loaned. Under Franks and Sandoval's measure, any School as Lender contract at an Illinois public university would trigger an equivalent reduction in state appropriations so that taxpayers are not hit twice.

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Louisiana Rebuilding Funds Potential Waste

The Council for Citizens Against Government Waste (CCAGW) recently criticized the \$250 billion Hurricane Katrina Disaster Relief and Economic Recovery Act proposed by members of Louisiana's congressional delegation. As detailed by The Washington Post, the plan costs more than the Louisiana Purchase on an inflation-adjusted basis. The bill includes \$40 billion for Army Corps of Engineer projects; many are unrelated to flood protection. CCAGW also called for strict oversight of all contracts awarded for hurricane cleanup and relief.

"The Louisiana delegation plan does far more than helping hurricane victims piece their lives back together," CCAGW President Tom Schatz said. "The federal government is being asked to turn over massive sums to a commission run by Louisiana residents to fund a wish list of projects. The potential for waste and abuse is colossal."

The request for \$40 billion is 10 times the Army Corps' annual budget of \$4 billion for the entire nation, or 16 times the amount necessary to protect New Orleans from a category 5 hurricane. The bill would create a "Pelican Commission" controlled by Louisiana residents that would prioritize projects. According to the Post, the legislation is based on a "working group dominated by lobbyists for ports, shipping firms, energy companies, and other corporate interests." The bill waives the normal cost-sharing requirements to shift the entire cost to the federal government. The bill suggests funding for potential boondoggles like the New Orleans Industrial Canal and the Port of Iberia, two projects that have flunked the Corps' cost-benefit analysis. The 440-page bill also includes items such as \$8 million for alligator farms and \$25 million for a sugar-cane research laboratory which has not yet been completed.

"The Louisiana delegation is raising questions about its credibility by including so many unrelated and low-priority projects. That doesn't help Congress decipher victims' real needs. The call for total federal funding is a non-starter given our massive federal deficit and

debt," Schatz continued. "Future generations will inevitably have their disasters to pay for; it is irresponsible to borrow more money than necessary to pay for unnecessary pork projects and corporate welfare."

The \$62.5 billion so far appropriated by Congress has auditors and investigators scrambling. According to The New York Times, the federal government is spending \$263 million per day on the recovery effort. Of the \$15.8 billion that has been allocated from a FEMA-managed disaster relief fund, \$11.6 billion has gone toward contracts, individual aid, and federal agencies. Investigators are looking into \$568 million in contracts for debris removal. Other causes for concern include price disparities, handshake deals made without any documentation, and contracts for politically-connected companies.

"Federal officials must do a much better job of oversight than they have in the past. It is important that no-bid contracts in the short term do not turn into long-term sweetheart deals. Furthermore, agencies need to hold more open competition in advance for products routinely needed in emergencies," Schatz concluded.

Symposium Tackles Emergence Of China As World Economic And Military Power

U.S. Rep. Mark Kirk (R-10th) is the featured speaker discussing "China: Awakening Superpower, Influential Ally, Potential Adversary?" at the sixth Jim Ryan Symposium on Public Affairs at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 13th in Birck Hall Room 112 on the campus of Benedictine University.

China's growing economy and military buildup present opportunities and challenges for the United States in the 21st century. The world's third-largest trading nation behind the United States and Germany, China's economy has doubled in the last decade and is expected to do so

the powerful House Appropriations Committee and serves on several of its subcommittees including Foreign Operations and Science, State, Justice and Commerce. Kirk is a naval reserve intelligence officer who served during conflicts with Iraq, Haiti and Bosnia.

During his presentation, Kirk will make the case for establishing a primary diplomatic relationship with China that will both protect American interests and avoid future conflict.

The symposium, sponsored by the Dept. of Political Science and the College of Business, will be moderated by Ryan, a Distinguished Fellow at Benedictine University and former Illinois Attorney General.

The symposium is open to the public. R.S.V.P. by calling the Dept. of Political Science at (630) 829-6460 or by visiting the Web site at www.ben.edu/ryansymposium.

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A Mimosa and wine cash bar and a daily raffle of participants merchandise is available both days. The event is a boutique-style market featuring the original creations of 27 artisans affiliated with Osmosis, a group of Chicago and suburban women who specialize in various aspects of design. Their diversified creations range from home accessories, jewelry, stationery, handcrafted men's, women's and children's apparel and more. It is an eclectic show styled to satisfy a shopper's every indulgence.

A portion of the proceeds will benefit The Little Black Pearl Art & Design Center, a non-profit organization dedicated to providing access to art and culture in Chicago's Kenwood-Oakland-Woodlawn-Bronzeville communities which also offers educational training in

again in the next 10 years.

An influential ally with the ability to stem North Korea's growing nuclear ambitions, China is also a potential adversary over issues such as the independence of Taiwan.

In addition to analyzing the United States' trade imbalance with China, the outsourcing of American jobs and competition over energy resources, symposium participants will discuss China's threat to the security of the United States.

Kirk, now in his third term in Congress, is a member of the arts for both youth and adults. Art students and instructors from the Little Black Pearl will also present and sell their work at the show. Organized about 18 months ago, members chose the name Osmosis meaning a gradual absorption - in their case of ideas, experience and know how. As a result of networking and peer encouragement, some of the members who are exhibiting at the show have started their own businesses.

For Osmosis show information, contact Joan Maxwell, (773) 635-8351 or maxwell4559@comcast.net.

Film & Book Discussion

The Friends of the Oak Lawn Library will host a movie viewing and book discussion of "A Tale of Two Cities" by Charles Dickens at 1 p.m., Wednesday, Sept. 28 at the Oak Lawn Public Library, 5300 W. 95th St., in the lower level meeting room. To enhance the discussion, participants are urged to read the book before attending this viewing of the 1935 classic film adaptation. Copies of the book are available at the Circulation Desk.

For additional information, call Dorothy Whitney, (708) 422-2390.

Lyric Opera Program

Southwest Chapter of the Lyric Opera of Chicago will present a program by Noel Perlman and a Nicola Ghiaurov Retrospective on Sunday, Oct. 9 at 2 p.m. at Palos United Methodist Church, 121st St. and Harlem Ave.

A presentation of video excerpts from La Boheme, Aida, Faust and more. Refreshments will be served. Special attractions: Operation Trunk Show in Anticipation of the Oct. 15th broadcast. Admission at the door is \$8 for chapter members and \$10 for non-members.

For further information, call Virginia Jach (708) 423-9633 or Vee Minarich (708) 403-4014.

How To Avoid Identity Theft

Identity theft and identity fraud are on the rise. To keep the public informed of this danger, a representative from Illinois State Treasurer Judy Baar Topinka's office will make a presentation at the Oak Lawn Public Library, 5300 W. 95th St., Wednesday, Oct. 19 to explain how thieves get one's personal data, the warning signs that an older adult may be a victim and how to minimize one's risk. Free admission on a first-come, first-seated basis in the lower level meeting room.

For more information about programs sponsored by the Illinois State Treasurer's Office, call (312) 814-3742 or visit its web site www.state.il.us/treas.

A complete schedule of adult programs may be viewed at the library's web site www.oaklawnlibrary.org. For additional information, call (708) 422-4990.

Local Scholars

Oak Lawn residents were among those graduating from Eastern Illinois University, Charleston.

They were Michele Marie Beglin, Michael William Bickham, Colleen F. Henahan, Mark Patrick Leipart, Elyse Marie Lyons, Mark R. Manzke and Amy Marie Zavala.

Beglin received a Bachelor of Science degree. Bickham and Zavala each earned a Bachelor of Science in Business degree.

Henahan, Leipart and Manzke each received a Bachelor of Arts degree.

Lyons earned a Master of Science degree.

Open Mike Readings

Budding wordsmiths and people who enjoy listening to original creative works are invited to attend an Open Mike Short Story and Poetry Reading at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 4th at the Oak Lawn Public Library, 5300 W. 95th St. Admission is free. Lower level meeting room. Bring your best piece and register at the door to read. There is a five-minute time limit for all readers. Coffee and light refreshments.

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Denim Day In Oak Lawn

Oct. 7th won't be just another casual Friday at the Village of Oak Lawn. The denim worn on this date will have significant meaning to the employees electing to join millions of others across the country by participating in Lee National Denim Day. The grassroots event, created to raise funds for breast cancer, will celebrate its 10-year anniversary, and Village of Oak Lawn employees will in turn celebrate their participation.

Each year, Lee Jeans designates one day as Lee National Denim Day and invites people to wear denim to work in exchange for a \$5 donation to the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation. In celebration of the program's 10-year anniversary, this year's fundraising goal is \$10 million, an amount to which the Village of Oak Lawn is working hard to contribute.

One hundred percent of every dollar raised through Lee National Denim Day goes directly to the Komen Foundation to support breast cancer research, education, screening and treatment programs that might otherwise go unfunded.

Seventy percent of donations from Lee National Denim Day help fund the Komen Foundation Award and Research Grant Program, which funds groundbreaking breast cancer research, meritorious awards, and educational and scientific conferences around the world. Fifteen percent of proceeds go toward local education, screening and treatment programs nationwide to fill gaps in communities other programs may overlook. The remaining funds raised on Lee National Denim Day help support educational efforts through the Komen Foundation's award-winning Web site, www.komen.org, which provides the latest breast health and breast cancer information.

Major Disaster Exercise

Sept. 21 at Noon a mock major disaster exercise was held at Miller Meadow Forest Preserve in Maywood.

There were three Packaged Disaster Hospitals that are stored at: one in the north at Lincoln Park Dog & Cat Clinic, one in the center at Pulaski Animal Hospital, 54th and Pulaski and the third stored in the south at the Markham Animal Clinic. Lincoln Park Dog & Cat Clinic is the Lead Veterinary component of the veterinary group. Dr. Susan L. Ferraro, 2665 N. Lincoln Ave. is in charge of the veterinarians. There was also the Cook County Disaster Vehicle (Sprinter) fully equipped with another packaged disaster unit.

Approximately 35 animal control vehicles at the site transported animals after they were triaged and identified to the three sites. Treatment and care by another group of veterinarians and technicians was available and pets were housed and kept until their owners came to retrieve them. Each team for each Packaged Disaster Hospital is staffed by 4-5 veterinarians and technicians at each holding facility, Animal Welfare League, 10305 Southwest Highway, Chicago Ridge, Anti-Cruelty Society, 157 W. Grand Ave., Chicago and the Chicago Animal Care & Control Center, 2741 S. Western Ave., Chicago all have 4-5 veterinarians and technicians continued to give treatment and care.

The Packaged Disaster Hospitals were transported to

the disaster site by Cook County Animal Control however a small start up unit from each stored site was carried by the veterinarians assigned to the disaster site.

Many states have disaster plans for animals but supposedly this is, the only County Major Disaster Plan that is fully functional with the people and the medical supplies on hand and ready to be utilized. The plan is folded into the Cook County Plan under Kevin Phillips of the Cook County Sheriff's Department which supplied the communication equipment.

The City of Chicago also supplied their Spay Mobile which is a fully equipped operating room as well.

Cook County and President John H. Stroger Jr. is proud of the group's capability and is to be commended for his vision that allowed them to be prepared in this manner for the animal citizens of Cook County and their owners.

Dr. Susan Ferraro was in charge of the veterinarians. Dr. Gene Mueller was in charge of setting up the treatment centers after triage at Anti-Cruelty, Animal Welfare (Southwest Highway) and City of Chicago's Department of Animal Control. Dr. Dan G. Parmer, D.V.M. was the Director of the Disaster Program and also in charge of all the animal control trucks. There were 35 cities participating in this exercise with their trucks.

Cook County funded the entire Disaster Program Hospitals.

Master Gardeners

Apply now for Master Gardener training. Do you love gardens and green spaces? Like to find answers to gardening and landscape questions? Want to make a difference in your community? A new University of Illinois Extension volunteer Master Gardener class is forming now for the South Suburbs. Adults are trained by horticulture professionals to answer home garden questions. They often initiate garden projects in their communities with the help of fellow volunteers and the University of Illinois Extension staff. Applications are being accepted until November 7th. Training will be on Wednesdays, January through March. Call (708) 720-7500 for an application or to have your garden questions answered.

Concert And Dinner

On Sunday evening, Oct. 30th, at 5 p.m., Lee Maloney, from the Beautiful Sound Company, will present a program of "Pure Entertainment" on the organ.

The concert will take place at Trinity Evangelical Covenant Church at 9230 S. Pulaski, and will include a sing-along.

Lee is the organist at the Chicago Theater and has played for the Ice Capades, Holiday On Ice and Ringling Brothers Circus. He has a wonderful repertoire and captures the spirit of the lighter side of organ music.

A free-will offering for the concert will be collected. Child care will be provided.

A ham dinner with all the trimmings will be served in Peterson Hall following the concert. The cost for the dinner will be \$5. Reservations are necessary for the dinner and can be made by calling the church office at (708) 422-5111.

Free Child I.D. Program

Officers from the Oak Lawn Police Department will be on hand to create free Child I.D. cards at the Oak Lawn Public Library, 5300 W. 95th St. on Saturday, Oct. 15 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Each identification card includes the child's thumb print, photo, and space for

personal information that might aid authorities in the event of an emergency. No advance registration is required. Stop by anytime during this four-hour time span to make an appointment.

For more information, call the Library's Youth Services Department, (708) 422-4990.

Church's Children Clothing & Toy Sale

The Oak Lawn Community Church, 9000 S. Ridgeland Ave., will hold its Annual Fall and Winter Children's Clothing Resale (toys, equipment, maternity clothes will also be available) on Saturday, Oct. 8th from 8 to 11 a.m. Clothesbaskets are encouraged for shoppers. All Blue Tag items will be half price from 10 to 11 a.m. Absolutely no children/strollers allowed until after 9 a.m.

There is still room for a few more sellers. For more information, you may call the church office at (708) 599-4025.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

OCTOBER 7 - Friday - Worth Township Senior Citizens Org. Meeting, Worth Township Center, 11601 Pulaski Rd., 12:30 p.m.

OCTOBER 8 - Saturday - Children's Clothing Resale, Oak Lawn Community Church, 9000 Ridgeland Ave., 8 to 11 a.m.

OCTOBER 10 - Monday - AARP Meeting, VFW Hall, 9514 52nd Ave., 1 p.m.

OCTOBER 10 - Monday - OL Park Board Meeting, 4625 W. 110th St., 7:30 p.m.

OCTOBER 10 - Monday - Business Development Commission Meeting, 9446 S. Raymond, 7:30 p.m.

OCTOBER 11 - Tuesday - Worth Township Committee Board Meeting, 11601 S. Pulaski, 7:30 p.m.

OCTOBER 11 - Tuesday - OL Village Board Meeting, Municipal Building, 9446 Raymond, 8 p.m.

OCTOBER 11 - Tuesday - Village Hall open to 8 p.m.

OCTOBER 11 - Tuesday - VFW 5220 Meeting, 9514 S. 52nd Ave., 8 p.m.

OCTOBER 12 - Wednesday - Free Blood Pressure Test, Oak Lawn Library, Lower Level, 5300 W. 95th St., 1 to 3 p.m.

OCTOBER 12 - Wednesday - Fire & Police Commission Meeting, 9446 S. Raymond, Conference Room B, 6:30 p.m.

OCTOBER 13 - Thursday - Quality Control Meeting, 9446 S. Raymond, 7:30 p.m.

OCTOBER 13 - Thursday - Athletic Club Auxiliary Meeting, VFW Hall, 9514 S. 52nd Ave., 8 p.m.

Trauma Centers Get Boost To Help Critically Injured

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Make Informed Decision When Choosing Medicare Part D Prescription Drug Plan

Medicare-approved companies began marketing their Medicare Part D prescription drug plans on Oct. 1st. Attorney General Lisa Madigan reminds Medicare beneficiaries not to rush into a decision or feel pressured by a sales pitch for a particular prescription drug plan.

Madigan reminds Medicare recipients that while companies were allowed to begin marketing their plans on Oct. 1st, the enrollment period for Medicare Part D prescription drug plans is from Nov. 15th, 2005 to May 15th, 2006. The coverage will be available beginning Jan. 1st, 2006.

Insurance companies are working with Medicare to offer prescription drug plans. In Illinois, 16 companies have been approved by Medicare to offer stand-alone prescription drug plans. Each company will promote only its own plan, so Medicare beneficiaries must compare the plans to determine which one is best for them based on their own personal needs and circumstances.

Madigan warned Medicare beneficiaries not to rush into a decision or feel pressured by a sales pitch for a particular prescription drug plan. There is time to obtain free, trustworthy help to make a decision about a prescription drug plan.

To help determine which prescription drug plan is best for them, Medicare beneficiaries should make not of any current insurance coverage for prescription drugs, and consider whether the new plan would cover the prescription drugs they currently take and whether the beneficiary's pharmacy is included in the plan's network. In Illinois, personalized, local assistance with comparing prescription drug plans is available by calling the Senior Health Insurance Program at

1(800) 548-9034. Beginning Oct. 13th, prescription drug plans can be compared online at www.medicare.gov. The same comparison information will be available by calling Medicare at 1(800) 633-4227. Medicare customer representatives also will send printed, detailed versions of all the plans available in Illinois.

Madigan reminded Medicare beneficiaries to stay alert for fraud during this time. It is important for Medicare recipients to remember:

- Medicare beneficiaries should never give any caller or door-to-door solicitor their Social Security number, bank account numbers or personal financial information.
- No door-to-door solicitations are permitted unless the Medicare recipient has invited the caller to their home.
- Telemarketers must comply with federal and state Do Not Call laws.
- No payment for any Medicare Part D prescription drug plan should be made before Nov. 15th.
- When Medicare Part D prescription drug plan enrollment begins Nov. 15th, Medicare recipients should make sure they enroll with a Medicare-approved prescription drug plan. Consumers may call Medicare's toll-free number at 1(800) 633-4227 to verify if a plan is approved.

Consumers with concerns or information about people misrepresenting themselves or fraudulently promoting the new Medicare Part D prescription drug benefit should report the situation to Madigan's Consumer Fraud Hotline at 1(800) 243-0618.

Flood Damaged Cars

In the wake of major flooding caused by recent hurricanes, Attorney General Lisa Madigan on Sept. 28th warned that Illinois consumers need to watch out for flood-damaged vehicles that soon may be entering the used car market.

Preliminary industry estimates indicate that Hurricane Katrina has damaged more than 500,000 vehicles in Louisiana, Mississippi and Alabama. That damage includes new and used vehicles on dealership lots, as well as cars and trucks owned by individuals and companies.

Madigan said while most automobile dealers are legitimate, there are some unscrupulous businesses and individuals who may try to sell flood-damaged cars without revealing a vehicle's true history. Scam artists may take these flooded cars and put them through a cleaning process that can make it difficult to tell initially that the car has been damaged by water.

A vehicle's title should, but does not always, reflect whether the vehicle has sustained flood damage or has been salvaged. Due to unscrupulous businesses and individuals, a vehicle's title does not always indicate if a vehicle has been damaged by water.

Each state has its own rules and regulations regarding when a vehicle's title must be branded as a "flood" or "salvage" vehicle. In Illinois, for example, a vehicle's title is branded as a "flood" vehicle if the vehicle has been submerged in water to the point that rising water has reached over the door sill and has entered the passenger or trunk compartment. A flood vehicle is considered a "salvage" vehicle under Illinois law if it has sustained water damage so that the cost of repairing the damage, including labor, would be greater than 33.3 percent of the fair market value of the vehicle without the damage.

In Illinois, a person who possesses or acquires a vehicle fitting either the description of a "flood" or "salvage" vehicle is required to apply for a new title with the Secretary of State's office. Despite these rules and regulations in Illinois and other states regarding when a vehicle's title must be branded, many titles do not reveal a vehicle's damage because some scam artists ignore these laws to make a quick buck.

Another reason a vehicle's title may not indicate flood damage is the practice of "title washing." Scam artists return flooded vehicles to the market by moving the vehicle and its title through several states. Some states do not pick up or recognize title brands from other states that would notify a purchaser of prior damage. Therefore, scam artists or unscrupulous dealers are able to obtain a new title that makes the car look "clean."

Consumers can visit Madigan's Web site for additional consumer protection information at www.IllinoisAttorneyGeneral.gov or call the Consumer Fraud Hotline in Chicago: 1-800-386-5438 and 1-800-964-3013 (TTY); Spanish-language hotline at 1-866-310-8398.

Just Like Humans, Your Pet Needs A Fire Protection Plan

October is National Fire Prevention Month, meaning your furry friends need a game plan when it comes to preventing fires just like you do. And you can "fireproof" your pets in a variety of ways, says Alice Blue-McLendon of Texas A&M University's College of Veterinary Medicine and Biomedical Sciences. She offers some tips to safeguard your pet against fires.

- Make sure appliances are unplugged if not being used. "Many dogs like to chew on electrical cords, and this can either short out and start a fire or injure the dog," says Blue-McLendon. "Rabbits are also fond of chewing on cords. If you have a pet that likes to chew, it's a good idea to store appliances in a safe place when not in use."
- Make sure your pet cannot reach appliances, such as irons or hair dryers when in use. "Cats sometimes like to jump on top of ironing boards and if the iron is on, it can be tipped over and may start a fire," she adds. "Always unplug appliances that produce heat - such as irons or hair dryers - if a pet is in the house."
- Never leave a burning candle unattended in a house with a pet. "This is asking for trouble," Blue-McLendon believes. "Always extinguish a candle if you leave your house with your pet inside."
- Beware of all fireplaces. "Some pets like to get near a fireplace for the warmth, and if the fireplace doors are not closed, it is not uncommon for sparks to harm the pet, even singe the hair or catch the pet's hair on fire," she notes. "You should have some type of barrier between the fire and the pet, just as you would if you had a small child near the fireplace."
- Portable heaters can be deadly. "During cold months, some homeowners use portable heaters in a room to help keep it warm. If tipped over, these can most definitely start a fire," says Blue-McLendon.
- Watch those barbecue grills. "When finished grilling food outside, people will often leave the grill unattended with the

coals still very hot, capable of starting a fire quickly. Either make sure that pets cannot get near the grill or make sure all coals have cooled down," she explains.

- It's a myth that animals don't like fire. "You cannot assume animals don't like fire," Blue-McLendon adds. "In fact, many animals like the warmth, and many domesticated animals such as dogs and cats like to be near heat, such as a fireplace. They are attracted to the flickering light, just as a small child might be."

If your pet does get burned, she recommends putting cool water on the burned area quickly followed by cold compresses until veterinary help is obtained. If necessary, a topical cream that is also vera-based could also be applied to minor burns, but prompt treatment by a veterinarian is usually necessary, she says.

"In general, use the same guidelines for your pets around fire that you would use for small children," Blue-McLendon explains. "You always want to be careful if your kids could face any chance of getting burned, and the same is true for your pets. A lot of common sense goes a long way."

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EDITORIAL/OPINION PAGE

Family Violence Conference

Cook County Chief Judge Timothy C. Evans joined Fifth Municipal District Presiding Judge Anthony S. Montelione and Sixth Municipal District Presiding Judge Ronald C. Riley to announce the hosting of the Sixth Annual Family Violence Conference on Monday, Oct. 17, from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Doubletree Hotel-Alsip, 5000 W. 127th St. Sponsored by the Fifth and Sixth Municipal District's Family Violence Coordinating Council, the free conference is offered to agencies and individuals in south and southwestern suburban Cook County who work with victims of family violence. The conference is also open to the public.

Leslie Brown of Leslie's Place in Chicago, is the conference keynote speaker. A former battered woman, Brown served time at Dwight Correctional Center until former Governor Jim Thompson granted her clemency in 1988. She is the founder of Support Advocated for Women (SAW), an aftercare program for female offenders which also provides free transportation for children to visit their mothers who are incarcerated.

The conference will also feature an original play production that is based on actual accounts of victims and interviews with people who try to stop the horror of domestic violence. The play is part of the conference's morning presentation and will be discussed during the course of the conference.

The theme of the Sixth Annual Family Violence Conference is Women In The System: Creating a Coordinated Community Response. Topics to be covered in conference workshops are the following: Stalking and Harassment: Dynamic Laws and Investigations; Dynamics of Trauma: A Victim-Centered Perspective; Recognizing and Managing the Effects of Vicarious Trauma; Domestic Violence Women's Perpetrator Groups; and Meanings, Effects and Context of Violence for Teen Girls in Dating Relationships.

Registration is now open. Note on-site registration will not be available. Continuing education credits through Oakton Community College and South Suburban Family Shelter are available.

For more information, contact Jean Tobin, Fifth Municipal District FVCC coordinator, at (708) 974-6822.

Approve Miers Nomination

Focus on the Family Action Chairman James C. Dobson, Ph.D., issued the following statement recently regarding President Bush's nomination of Harriet Miers to replace Justice Sandra Day O'Connor on the United States Supreme Court:

"We welcome the president's nomination of Harriet Miers to the U.S. Supreme Court. He pledged emphatically during his campaign to appoint judges who will interpret the law rather than create it. He also promised to select competent judges who will 'not use the bench to write social policy.' To this point, President Bush's appointments to the federal bench appear to have been remarkably consistent with that stated philosophy. Based on the information known generally about Harriet Miers, and President Bush's personal knowledge of her, we believe that she will not prove to be a lone exception.

"On the other hand, one cannot know absolutely about matters of integrity and philosophy until a jurist is given the tremendous power and influence of their position. As Lord Acton said: 'Power corrupts, and absolute power corrupts absolutely.' Sadly, that seems to have happened to Justices Souter and Kennedy. All we can say now is that Harriet Miers appears to be an outstanding nominee for the Supreme Court.

"We look forward to learning more about her at the confirmation hearings."

Durbins Statement

U.S. Sen. Dick Durbin (D-IL) recently made the following statement regarding President Bush's nomination of Harriet Miers to the U.S. Supreme Court:

"Harriet Miers has had an impressive career as an attorney. She has helped break new ground for women attorneys in Texas."

"The Senate will now begin to see if she is worthy of filling Sandra Day O'Connor's seat on the Supreme Court."

"Because Ms. Miers has not taken public positions on many important legal and constitutional issues, the Senate confirmation hearings will be particularly important."

SCORE Workshop

Attend a half-day workshop on Tuesday, Oct. 11th from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., offered by SCORE, Counselors to America's Small Business. Learn how to find your prospects and keep them as customers. This workshop is the second of four required for a SCORE Workshop Completion Certificate, helpful when seeking a loan. Attendees should be in business or planning to start a business.

Register and pay the \$35 fee on line, www.scorechicago.org. Walk-in same day registration and pay at the door \$45. Space is limited. Call (312) 353-7724 any weekday morning with questions.

SCORE, a resource partner of the U.S. Small Business Administration, is located in the Citicorp Center, Suite 1250, 500 W. Madison St. in downtown Chicago. For more information, call (312) 353-7724 or visit the web site www.scorechicago.org.

National Endowment For The Arts

Moraine Valley has received its first \$10,000 grant from the National Endowment for the Arts. The "Challenge America: Reaching Every Community" grant will help underwrite artist expenses for this year's Chicago Artists Series.

The Chicago Artists Series will feature the Chicago Children's Choir on Oct. 16th, an internationally acclaimed group of Chicago singers ages 8 to 18 who perform a wide repertoire of music in its native language; the Trinity Irish Dance Company on Jan. 14th, a unique Irish-American non-profit that invented progressive Irish dance while maintaining a high regard for old traditions; and the famous improvisational comedy troupe, Second City, on April 22nd.



All Points Southwest

By THOMAS E. GAVIN

As is normally the case this time of year the Governor's office inundates our editorial department with a variety of newsworthy stories. Here are a few items that we feel you should know. Initially, we've received word that Governor Blagojevich has answered a request from Louisiana for additional National Guard forces to assist in the ongoing hurricane relief effort. He has authorized another 350 Illinois National Guard soldiers to travel to Louisiana to help provide security and public order in the greater New Orleans area.

The soldiers are from Headquarters Battery, 1st Battalion, 202nd Air Defense Artillery of Kewanee and units of 2nd Battalion, 122nd Field Artillery of Chicago. They will be known in New Orleans and surrounding communities as the Illinois Army National Guard Soldiers of Task Force 2-122.

The governor's office also announced that the dropout rate for Illinois students the past year showed the greatest one-year improvement since 1994, the first year the State began tracking this information. As the dropout rate fell to an all-time low of 4.0 percent, the graduation rate increased to 87.4 percent, the highest rate in the State's history. These improvements follow the implementation of a new Illinois law increasing the dropout age in Illinois from 16 to 17. The law took effect on Jan. 1, 2005.

For comparison the 2000 U.S. Census found more than 200,000 people in Illinois between the ages of 16 and 24, dropped out of high school. The report also found in Illinois, one out of every two Latinos and one out of every five African-Americans in the 16 to 24 age-range is a high school dropout. In the 2001-2002 school year, 17,400 students - more than 17 percent - dropped out of Chicago Public Schools.

The Manhattan Institute's November 2002 study found that, while Illinois' graduation rate of 77 percent was higher than the national average of 69 percent, the state's African-American and Latino students had only a 57 percent graduation rate.

The new law which raised the minimum dropout age from 16 years old to 17 years old - seems to be giving parents, schools and students an additional year and additional opportunities to encourage students to utilize the classroom setting. Let's hope these percentages continue to improve.

On the political front, Illinois state Democratic Party leaders have announced that their 2006 election slate will be comprised of all of its present Democratic office holders plus a newcomer for the present Republican state treasurer's office.

Governor Rod Blagojevich, Lt. Governor Pat Quinn, Attorney General Lisa Madigan, Secretary of State Jesse White and Comptroller Dan Hynes will seek re-election statewide. Joining them will be Knox County State's Attorney Paul Mangieri, a downstate county prosecutor, who will attempt to wrestle the state treasurer's office away from present Republican Judy Baar Topinka.

State Republican leaders have their work cut out for them as former Illinois Governor Jim Edgar announced last Friday (9/30) that "after a lot of thought, a lot of anguish, we have decided I will not be a candidate for governor." The popular former governor, Edgar had been the choice of many movers & shakers in the G.O.P. who felt he gave the state ticket its best chance to unseat Democratic Gov. Rod Blagojevich. A variety of announced contenders for the Republican nomination will now try to earn the public's trust and nomination. They include State Senator Steve Rauschenberger of Elgin; businessman Ronald Gidwitz; businessman James Oberweis; and State Senator Bill Brady of

Bloomington. Other potential candidates include: DuPage County States Attorney Joseph Birkett; former State Senator Patrick O'Malley of Palos Park; and present State Treasurer Judy Baar Topinka, who is being pressed by Gov. Edgar to head the state ticket. The GOP nomination for governor will be decided in the March 21st primary election.

Cook County Board President John Stroger made it official Friday (9/30) when he announced that he will seek a fourth term as the county's chief executive in 2006. President Stroger has been an elected member of the County Board since 1970 and has served as president since 1994. Stroger had been rumored to seek re-election but continually suggested to reporters the past few months he wished to speak with Democratic Party leaders before finalizing his decision.

For the first time in eight years, Stroger is expected to be challenged. At present, County Commissioners Mike Quigley and Forrest Claypool have both indicated that they will oppose President Stroger in the Democratic primary on March 21st. We will keep you posted on any further development or possible candidates.

Cook County property tax bills should be in our mail boxes any day now. For those who want to know sooner, Treasurer Maria Pappas has posted the amounts due on her Web site. Property owners can obtain their information by visiting www.cookcountytreasurer.com and clicking "payment status" under the "payments" heading in the upper left corner.

The property's index number, or PIN, is required to complete the search. The number can be found on old assessment notices, tax bills, or by searching by address or www.cookcountytreasurer.com.

The bills, which show the second installment of the 2004 taxes, are due Nov. 1st. Presently any property owner can pay his bill online from a savings or checking account via the treasurer's site. Credit card payments are not accepted.

Those individuals interested in tax rates can view them online at www.cookctyclerk.com.

Cook County Commissioner Joan Patricia Murphy will be the honored guest Wednesday, Oct. 19th, at the Sabre Room, 8900 W. 95th St., Hickory Hills. The annual "Italian Fiesta" musical comedy review, featuring singer/comedian Freddie Bell, comedian Pat Capuzzi and Chicago troubadour Tino Vivaqua will provide plenty of laughs and memories. Relax or dance to the melodies of the Dick Judson Orchestra. Dinner begins at 7 p.m. Show time is 8 p.m. tickets are \$60 per person and reservations are necessary. For more information call (708) 489-1503.

A "Fall Evening Reception" honoring Cook County Assessor James M. Houlihan will take place Thursday, Oct. 20th from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. in the Walnut Room of the Hotel Allegro, 171 W. Randolph in Chicago. For more information and tickets contact David Rosen at (773) 472-8493.

Illinois Cares Rx Caravan

Because of changes in the federal Medicare prescription drug program, in just more than a month seniors across the state will have to choose from nearly 20 different prescription drug plans. But, the choice for Illinois seniors and persons with disabilities will be clear. Gov. Rod R. Blagojevich today announced that the State of Illinois is partnering with two prescription drug plans, UnitedHealth Group and PacifiCare, to coordinate the new Illinois Cares Rx prescription drug program. Illinois Cares Rx will fill in the gaps created by the new Medicare Part D program. The Governor also announced the second wave of outreach events for his Illinois Cares Rx Caravan to inform seniors and persons with disabilities about upcoming changes to Medicare and updates to the state prescription drug program.

This month the federal government announced the 17 Medicare Prescription Drug Plans that will compete for enrollees in Illinois, many offering multiple plans. The marketing for these plans is set to begin in October. In order to ensure that the combined Illinois Cares Rx and Medicare benefits were administered in a manner that required no extra steps for beneficiaries and pharmacies, the Department of Healthcare and Family (HFS) invited companies sponsoring the Medicare drug benefit to submit proposals for seamlessly coordinating the two benefits. UnitedHealth Group and PacifiCare both submitted proposals that met the needs of HFS and Illinois seniors.

The Governor also announced that the Illinois Cares Rx Caravan would continue to travel statewide making an additional 130 stops to inform seniors and persons with disabilities about upcoming changes to Medicare and updates to the state prescription drug programs. A wide variety of organizations, elected officials, state agencies, areas agencies on aging, senior centers and municipalities will participate in the events to offer area residents one-on-one assistance to educate them about what the plans have to offer and clear up any concerns or confusion about the upcoming changes to Medicare.

The nearly 250,000 SeniorCare and Circuit Breaker beneficiaries in Illinois will be automatically enrolled in Illinois Cares Rx and randomly assigned to one of the two coordinating companies' Medicare plans with the option to switch plans before January. Advocates for seniors and many healthcare professionals feared that the large number of plans would cause widespread confusion among seniors. By narrowing it down to two comprehensive plans and automatically assigning seniors to them, HFS hopes to reassure beneficiaries that with Illinois Cares Rx they will see no disruption in coverage come January. The Governor's goal is to provide a safety net for seniors and persons with disabilities when their out-of-pocket costs for prescription drugs go up under the federal program.

The federal Medicare Modernization Act helps seniors by paying 75 percent of prescription drug costs up to \$2,250 after a \$250 deductible with an average \$32 per month premium. Beneficiaries are responsible for all of their costs between \$2,250 and \$5,100, with the plan paying 95 percent of costs beyond that top threshold. The gap where a beneficiary has to pay all the drug costs between \$2,250 and \$5,100 is commonly referred to as the "donut hole."

The new "wrap around coverage" provided to Illinois seniors and persons with disabilities through Illinois Cares Rx will help cover the increased costs of the Medicare program, including premium costs, coinsurance, coverage during the "donut," and the deductible.

For example, a senior whose income is around \$19,900 for a family of two (160 percent of the federal poverty level) who has annual drug costs of \$5,100 would have to spend over \$4,000 in out of pocket costs if the new Illinois program did not exist, but less than \$1,000 with the new Illinois program. A senior who has \$1,800 worth of drug spending would spend \$120 on average in the new Illinois program but over \$1,000 in Medicare if they did not receive assistance.

Illinois Cares Rx will cover those who were previously enrolled in either the SeniorCare drug program or the Circuit Breaker pharmaceutical assistance program. Through this program, Gov. Blagojevich is ensuring that both groups will receive similar coverage to what they previously received. In addition, those who are not eligible for Medicare will have their current SeniorCare or Circuit Breaker pharmaceutical benefits maintained in the Illinois Cares Rx program. The Illinois Cares Rx program will be administered by HFS and the Illinois Department on Aging.

As many as one-quarter of the 20.3 million seniors in the United States who will be using the federal benefits without low-income assistance are expected to have drug costs high enough to bump them into that coverage gap. Since taking office, Gov. Blagojevich has been a proven leader when it comes to providing access to quality health care for Illinois families from young children to senior citizens, in stark contrast to methods taken by several other states such as Michigan and North Carolina. Both states are eliminating their state prescription drug programs and transferring people completely to the Medicare drug program, which will significantly increase their out-of-pocket expenses.

The Illinois Cares Rx program is part of Gov. Blagojevich's long standing effort to make sure that more people get more health care and better benefits, protect coverage for those who have health care, and help hospitals, doctors and nurses provide better health care. Under the Blagojevich administration, Illinoisans benefit from a wide array of programs designed to assist them with the high cost of prescription drugs: SeniorCare, Circuit Breaker (soon to be Illinois Cares Rx), the Rx Buying Club and the I-SaveRx drug importation program.

Illinois seniors and persons with disabilities who want to find out more about the Illinois Cares Rx program law should call the Department on Aging Help Line at 1-800-252-8966 or the Senior Health Insurance Program at 1-800-548-9034.

Jewish Community Hosts Drive For Toiletries

With an eye to the longer-term needs of hurricane survivors from the Gulf States, the Jewish Federation of Metropolitan Chicago is embarking upon a drive for personal hygiene products.

Held in partnership with Lutheran Social Services of Illinois (LSSI), the drive is focused on a Thanksgiving delivery of food and toiletries for people who were evacuated from their homes. LSSI is collecting nonperishable food, while the Jewish Federation is collecting toiletries.

Community members are asked to donate the following new and unopened toiletries to the lobby of the Jewish Federation building, One S. Franklin St. in Chicago: toothbrushes, toothpaste, dental floss, mouthwash (plastic bottles only); tampons and sanitary napkins; razors, disposable razors, shaving cream; deodorant, soap and moisturizer; baby and adult size diapers and wipes; shampoo, conditioner and moisturizer (especially ethnic brands, such as Optimum, Dark and Lovely, Organic Root Stimulator, and Luster's Pink Lotion).

The Federation also is continuing to accept monetary donations to help hurricane survivors. To date, the Jewish Federation's Katrina Relief Fund has received contributions from more than 4,000 community members totaling some \$1.5 million.

The Federation established the fund on Aug. 30th in the wake of Hurricane Katrina, and now will extend the fund to benefit survivors of Hurricane Rita as well. The Federation is passing on 100% of all funds received to agencies providing human services to both Jewish and non-Jewish residents of the areas affected by the hurricane.

The Federation is collecting funds in conjunction with a national effort coordinated by the United Jewish Communities (UJC). The UJC is working with local Jewish federations in the affected regions to help coordinate relief efforts. Here in Chicago, the Federation's affiliate agencies also are assuming a role in the emergency assistance efforts.

Individuals wishing to make donations to help the hurricane victims should make checks payable to Jewish Federation Katrina Relief and send them to: Jewish Federation Katrina Relief Fund, c/o Jewish Federation of Metropolitan Chicago, One South Franklin Street, Room 625, Chicago, IL 60606.

In addition, contributions can be made by credit card via JUF's secure web site at www.juf.org or by calling (312) 444-2854.



Local Vincentians Meet On Cook County's Health Services

The Southwestern Suburban Parish conferences of the St. Vincent De Paul Society met Sept. 20th for a presentation on how the Cook County Health Services can be used for those in need. Oak Forest Hospital, the local Cook County facility, serves the southwest community for many of the medical services and prescription needs which is based on medical necessity and ability to pay. The hospital and the Robbins Clinic are part of the John H. Stroger Hospital and Cook County Health Services groups. No one should be without medical assistance regardless of their financial condition was the message to the local Vincentians.

The Oak Forest Hospital Vincentians awarded three local benefactors for their services to the needy. Dignity Memorial Providers, the Blake-Lamb and Kenny Bros. Funeral Homes, were honored with the Joseph of Airmathea Medal for their services of providing burial for the unclaimed. Brother Rice Mothers Club was awarded the Spirit of St. Vincent Medal for 25 years of Christmas Parties to the residents of the hospital. EPA Optional of Palos Heights was awarded the Spirit of St. Francis Medal for providing eyeglasses to the residents. The local parish conferences of St. Vincent have supported the works of the hospital since 1912.

St. Vincent DePaul Society is the largest direct charity in the world located in over 100 countries. The southwest suburban parishes are one of the most active in the Midwest with stores in Beverly and Midlothian.

Pictured left to right: Colleen Lamb-Ferrera, Dignity Memorial Provider Blake-Lamb and Kenny Bros. Funeral Homes; Peggy Gannon, Brother Collins, Maureen Rzasa, Brother Rice Mothers Club, and Val Schmidt Parson, EPA Optical, Palos Heights.



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Chicago Halloween Events

The spirit of the Halloween season has struck downtown Chicago. To lend itself to the spooktacular side, Navy Pier will unveil two brand new adventures this Halloween season, offering thrilling adventures of fun and mystery for both young and old. The Skyline Stage will feature inflatable Halloween games, a haunted maze, children's characters and much more. Also, a frightening compound where eerie creatures, terrifying special effects and ghostly visitors will create one of the most terrifying adventures on the Lakefront!

For a small fee Halloween at Navy Pier, 800 E. Grand Ave., is scheduled to open Oct. 7 to the 10th, 14 to the 16th and 21 to the 31st. For more information, call (312) 595-PIER.

Chicagoween at the Daley Plaza, 50 W. Washington St., is an annual program that includes events around the city that provides plenty of Halloween fun for children of all ages. Daley Plaza is transformed into "Pumpkin Plaza" for the Haunted Village. The Haunted Village features pumpkin decorating, spooky storytellers, fortunetellers, a farmers' market and performances by Midnight Circus, including acts of high-flying feats. Admission is Free! For more information, call (312) 744-3315.

BAC Anniversary Gala

Artists and the people who make it possible for them to pursue the creative process will be honored at the Beverly Arts Center 4th Anniversary Gala on Saturday, Oct. 22nd at 7:30 p.m. at the Center, 2407 W. 111th St.

The evening features the presentation of Richard I. Polanek Award to Hetty Ghali of Burr Ridge; the Business Partnership Award to Sally Smith and Roman Strzekczyk of First American Bank, 118th and Western; the Volunteer Partnership Award to Carol and Jim Lett of Chicago (Beverly); the Artistic Partnership Award to comedian Paul Kelly of Chicago (Beverly); and the Teaching Partnership Award to BAC ceramics instructor Tom Hill.

The evening features the debut of an all new show by Chicago Style StandUps, and an arts showcase by BAC School of the Arts students in art, music, theater and dance.

The Gala is chaired by Rita and Ric Swanberg of Chicago (Beverly). Honorary Chairpersons are Sen. Emil Jones and Sen. and Mrs. Edward Maloney.

Tickets to the BAC Anniversary Gala are \$75 per person and include hearty hors d'oeuvres and cocktails. After-five attire requested. For tickets and information, call the Beverly Arts Center at (773) 445-3838 or go online to www.beverlyartscenter.org. The Beverly Arts Center is the not-for-profit regional arts facility serving the south and southwest city neighborhoods and suburbs.

On Oct. 29th, the Chicago Cultural Center, 78 E. Washington, asks that you bring the family to celebrate Halloween this year at the Cultural Center. Halloween related activities include interactive workshops, crafts and performances. It's a free and enjoyable way for children to celebrate Halloween in Chicago. Admission is Free. For more information, call (312) 744-6630.

Call To Illinois Artists

Vortex - noun - 1. A spiral motion of fluid within a limited area, especially a whirling mass of water or air that sucks everything near it toward its center. 2. A place or situation regarded as drawing into its center all that surrounds it.

Inspired by the rich artistic and cultural landscape of the Chicago area, Vortex: A Juried Art Exhibition hosted by Blue Man Group at the Briar Street Theatre seeks submissions from Illinois-based video artists that represent their ideas visually with regard to the theme, "Vortex," as defined above and interpreted by the artist. The jury will consist of notable contributors to the Illinois art world, as well as representatives from Blue Man Group's creative community. Deadline for submissions is Oct. 31st.

Applicants video artwork should demonstrate a sense of visual excitement, exceptional levels of thoughtfulness and development, and be appropriate for viewing by all ages (including children) and all cultures. Blue Man Group will accept artwork in two age divisions: 12-17 years old and 18+ years old. In the 12-17 division, three artists will be selected to receive a \$500 gift card to either Best Buy or the Apple Store. In the 18+ division, three artists will be selected to receive cash prizes of: \$2,500 Grand Prize, \$1,000 Second, \$500 Third. In both divisions, selected artists' work will be exhibited at the Briar Street Theatre lobby for up to one year. Selected artists will be unveiled at a special event currently scheduled for Nov. 17.

Details of the contest are as follows: no entry fee; artists must reside in, or currently attend school in Illinois; artists may submit up to five pieces which are no more than 1-minute in duration; all submissions must be accompanied by a completed official artist entry form; at the end of each 1-minute piece, the piece must loop once entirely; pieces may be submitted in the following formats only, Mini-DV or DVD; and absolutely no sound should be included.

For the purpose of this competition, Blue Man Group defines video art as any type of artistic expression that is specifically designed utilizing video technology with the intent of having the final piece be viewed on a video monitor. Given how and where the winning entries will be displayed, it is request that submitted pieces utilize no sound. Pieces will be juried and winning entries will be displayed on a 7" flat-screen Hi-Def monitor. Before submitting entries, review the complete rules, regulations and recommendations at: www.bluemangroup.com/contest.

All entries should be sent to Vortex Video Art Competition, Briar Street Theatre, 3133 N. Halsted St., Chicago, IL 60657. Entries must be postmarked by Oct. 31st.

Jazz In Sanctuary

On Sunday, Oct. 16th, Morgan Park Presbyterian Church will host "Jazz in the Sanctuary" at 3 p.m. Featured are jazz vocalists Rachel Lee and Everett Greene. Their accompaniment will be Ray Bailey, Sonny Turner, Earma Thompson, John Whitefield and Chante Hamilton. This group is being reunited after playing together for 20 years at the Art Institute of Chicago.

A donation of \$20 includes refreshments between sets and door prizes. All proceeds will go to the outreach programs of Morgan Park Presbyterian Church. All are welcome. For more information, contact the church office, (773) 779-3355.

CLASS REUNIONS

Providence Catholic High School class of 1985 will have a reunion on Oct. 8th at Georgios Banquets & Comfort Inn in Orland Hills. For details, visit www.Provi1985.com or e-mail Provi1985@yahoo.com.

Bogan High School class of 1975 will celebrate its 30-year reunion at The New Martinique in Burbank on Oct. 8th. Go to www.boganhhs.org or e-mail mbtmo@fstwy.com.

Calumet High School class of June 1955 will have its 50-year reunion in October. For more information, call Carol (Mueller) Heywood at (630) 420-1777 or Beverly (Voels) Creger at (708) 301-5550.

Lourdes High School class of 1955 is looking for classmates for an October reunion. Call (708) 448-8874.

Marshall High School, Faculty and Staff - Reunion on Oct. 10th at 1 p.m., Buffet City, 7110 S. Pulaski. Call (773) 736-1702.

Mother of Sorrows High School class of 1980 reunion on Oct. 8th. Call (773) 368-2631 or (708) 334-2868.

Westinghouse High School class of 1985 reunion on Oct. 7th at 7 p.m. at Condesa Del Mar, 12220 Cicero Ave. in Alsip. Call (773) 512-4577.

St. George School (Tinley Park) class of 1980 is looking for classmates for a 25th reunion in October 2005. E-mail Camille (Piazza) Crones at camilleu2@comcast.net with your name, phone number, address, e-mail, etc.

Kelly High School - All classes will hold a reunion dinner/dance on Oct. 8th at 6:30 p.m. at Drury Lane, 100 Oak Brook Terrace. Call (773) 523-3663.

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Bring Radio Documentaries To The Public

The Third Coast International Audio Festival (TCIAF), a project of Chicago Public Radio, is thrilled to celebrate its fifth year of bringing compelling and thought-provoking radio documentaries to audiences in Chicago and around the world. The 2005 TCIAF will feature more public events than ever before, beginning in Sept. and culminating with its fifth annual national broadcast, heard on more than 100 public radio station throughout the country over the Thanksgiving holiday weekend. The TCIAF curates the best audio documentaries produced throughout the world for radio and the Internet.

Radio Across Time Zones will be held Wednesday, Oct. 19 at 7 p.m. at the Chicago Cultural Center, 78 E. Washington St. The TCIAF's Managing Director Julie Shapiro will be joined by esteemed radio professionals from four different countries (Australia, Belgium, Canada and the United States) to discuss how and why radio sounds different throughout the world. The discussion will be followed by cake and refreshments in celebration of TCIAF's fifth anniversary. Reservations are not being taken for this event; seats will be available on a first come/first served basis.

On Friday, Oct. 21st at 8 p.m. in the Harold Washington Public Library, Cindy Pritzker Auditorium, 400 S. State St., a concert will be held featuring One Ring Zero with special guests Rick Moody and Julia Slavin. With a unique blend of obscure instruments such as the claviola, toy piano, theremin and glockenspiel, One Ring Zero creates a musical landscape that is a mix of cartoon, Klezmer and circus.

Fossil, Gem, Mineral & Jewelry Show

The "South Suburban Earth Science Club" presents its 36th Annual Fossil, Gem, Mineral and Jewelry Show. This year's co-sponsor is Prairie State College. It will be held at Prairie State College, 202 Halsted in Chicago Heights.

Show hours are Saturday, Oct. 15th from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday, Oct. 16th from 10:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

There will be displays on minerals, fossils, artifacts and jewelry making, to name just a few. Enjoy the demonstrations on various aspects of the hobby. Purchase items from dealers and tour the science labs. Proceeds from the raffle will be donated to Prairie State Student Science Scholarship Program.

This is a non-profit, family club, organized for the purpose of promoting the interest and education in the Earth Sciences and all Lapidary arts and processes. Everyone is invited to come and learn about this hobby. It is in the college atrium and accessible to the handicapped. There will be something of interest for all age groups. Admission is free.

For additional information, call (708) 747-3536 or email SSESCUS@YAHOO.COM.

Tickets for On Ring Zero's performance are \$15 and can be purchased at thirdcoastfestival.org.

You can "Meet the Makers with Ira Glass" on Sunday, Oct. 23rd at 5 p.m. at the Chicago Cultural Center. Ira Glass of "This American Life" will interview winners of the fifth annual Third Coast Festival/Richard H. Driehaus Foundation Competition and present excerpts from their remarkable documentaries. Reservations will not be taken for this event; it is first come/first served.

The Third Coast Festival National Broadcast, hosted by Barbara Bogaey, will be broadcast on Public Radio over the Thanksgiving Holiday. Documentaries that were chosen the best documentaries for the 2005 Third Coast Festival/Richard H. Driehaus Foundation Competition will be featured in this special two-hour program.

For more information about all facets of the Third Coast International Audio Festival, visit www.thirdcoastfestival.org.

Sounds Of The Chicago Children's Choir To Fill The Air At Moraine Valley

The Concert Choir, the top ensemble of the Chicago Children's Choir, has traveled as far as Russia, Japan and Italy to perform its unique repertoire of music. Fortunately, you won't need a passport to hear the internationally acclaimed group sing at Moraine Valley on Sunday, Oct. 16th, at 3 p.m.

The show will take place in the Dorothy Menker Theater, in the Fine and Performing Arts Center on campus, 10900 S. 88th Ave., Palos Hills. Tickets are \$20 for adults and \$15 for seniors and students.

The 90-voice strong group of kids, many of whom have yet to graduate eighth grade, will display their superior singing ability and discipline while performing classical, folk, international, and South African pieces during the first show in Moraine Valley's Chicago Artist Series. All music will be sung in its original language.

The Concert Choir is led by Josephine Lee, the youngest artistic director in the history of the 49-year-old organization. Under her direction, it recently debuted at Carnegie Hall in New York and played with the Chicago Symphony Orchestra and Chicago Sinfonietta, among many other professional ensembles.

Founded in 1956, the Chicago Children's Choir is America's largest, most comprehensive organization devoted to the music education of children. Nearly 3,400 students, ages nine through 18, at 53 Chicago schools receive classroom training in choral performance, participate in the After-School Program for advanced training or are a member of the Concert Choir or the Choir Academy.

This performance is partially funded by grants from the Illinois Arts Council and the National Endowment for the Arts.

For more information or to order tickets, call the Moraine Valley Box Office at (708) 974-5500. Phone orders are subject to a \$1 per order handling fee.

Scarecrow Festival

During the weekend of Oct. 7 to the 9th, downtown St. Charles, Rte. 64 & Rte 31, will host a Scarecrow Festival with more than 100 handcrafted scarecrows on display. View and vote for your favorites. The festival will also feature a huge craft show, carnival, great food, free live entertainment, free children's activities and much, much more!

Festival hours are Friday and Saturday, 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. and Sunday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more information call (800) 777-4373.

Fall Color Festival

The Morton Arboretum, 4100 Illinois Rte. 53, Lisle, is hosting a month long extravaganza in October to celebrate the beauty of autumn. Enjoy traditional festival favorites and discover new programs. The Festival is open from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Admission is 13 to 64, \$5; 65+, 44; 3 to 12, \$2; discounted prices on Wednesdays. The Arboretum is wheelchair accessible.

For more information, call (630) 968-0074.

Bloomington Christmas

The City of Bloomington celebrates Christmas the old-fashioned way with Once Upon A Holiday on Dec. 3rd. Visitors are invited downtown to do some holiday shopping and to enjoy festivities that include horse-drawn carriage and trolley rides, a Christmas parade and tours of the historic David Davis Mansion built in 1872, which will be adorned with period holiday decorations. Children can enjoy ornament workshops, holiday storybook readings, special visits from Santa and live vignettes in store windows.

For more information, contact Uniquely Bloomington! At (309) 829-9599 or visit www.uniquelybloomington.com.

Robie House Secrets And Shadows

Frank Lloyd Wright's Robie House opens its doors after dark for a unique seasonal tour, Robie House Secrets and Shadows. The Robie House's nearly century-old history will be explored under a veil of darkness as Preservation Trust guides lead the special tours by flashlight. Stories and myths surrounding Robie House and its previous inhabitants will be shared, as well as exclusive access to areas rarely open to the public.

Robie House Secrets and Shadows tours take place on Friday, Oct. 21st and Saturday, Oct. 22nd from 7 to 9 p.m. Tours depart approximately every 20 minutes and are 45 minutes in length. Admission is \$14/adult, \$10/child (12 and under) for Preservation Trust members and \$16/adult and \$12/child for non-members. The ticket price includes refreshments. Robie House is at 5757 S. Woodlawn Ave. Visit www.wrightplus.org for information and advance tickets.

St. Rita of Cascia Parish to Celebrate 100th Anniversary

St. Rita of Cascia Parish will welcome former parishioners, grade school students and current parishioners to the final and most solemn event of its Centennial Year. A Mass of Thanksgiving will be celebrated by Francis Cardinal George, O.M.I., Archbishop of Chicago, at St. Rita Church, 63rd and Fairfield Ave. (one block east of California) on Chicago's Southwest side at 5 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 19.

Immediately following the Mass, a banquet, "Celebrating 100 Years of Faith: 1905-2005" will be held at the Oak Lawn Hilton, 9333 S. Cicero Ave., Oak Lawn, at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$75 per person.

For further information or to purchase banquet tickets, contact Pat Buckley, 100th Anniversary Committee chairperson, at (773) 296-5563; Nancy Barrett at (773) 536-0224; or call the St. Rita Rectory at (773) 434-9600 or (773) 434-6771. St. Rita T-shirts and sweatshirts are for sale at the Parish rectory, 6243 S. Fairfield Ave. Checks for banquet tickets must be sent to the rectory by Nov. 5. Tickets and seating can be picked up at the banquet. To order the St. Rita Centennial Commemorative Book call Pat Buckley at (773) 296-5563.

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Flavor For Fashion features runway presentations of Edible Fashion, garments made from actual food items by top Chicago costume designers; A Moveable Feast, performance art by Lucky Plush Productions that brings food and fashion to life; and Eight on a Plate, a pairing of eight chefs and eight fashion designers with each duo collaborating to create a dish and an outfit. Fashion designers also present selections from their Spring 2006 lines.

In addition to runway presentations, the evening showcases clothing fashioned from cake icing by pastry master Mark Seaman and photographs by food photographer Eric Fultran and fashion photographer David Anthony.

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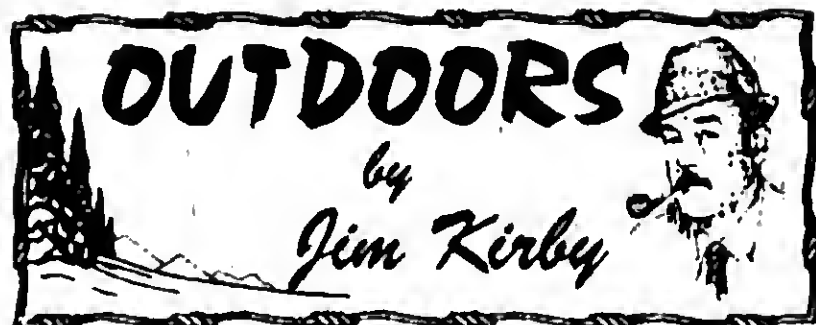
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Hunters may register online through the IDNR web site or by going to www.wetland.net. Hunters may also call 1(800) WETLAND (1-800-938-5263) to register with HIP. Word is out that the IDNR and Federal Wardens will be checking waterfowl hunters for compliance with HIP. All it takes to comply is a phone call and writing down the number given to you in the place provided for your HIP number in the designated place on your hunting license.

POTENTIAL LINE CLASS RECORD WALL-EYE: Scott Ruiter of Muskegon, Michigan, a member of the Michigan Anglers Association, has a walleye record pending with the IGFA. He landed his fish through the ice on Muskegon Lake this past winter using 6-lb. Test line. The fish weighed 15 lbs. 4 oz.

Using live minnows, Ruiter landed a dozen perch on his next hook-set he thought he had snagged a log. The log turned out to be the 15 lb. 4 oz. walleye, which took 30 minutes to land, and is now a pending record on 6-lb. Line class.

MICHIGAN SPORTSMEN IN ANTIS-CROSSHAIRS: Animal rights advocates have turned in a sufficient number of signatures to place Michigan's mourning dove hunt on the 2006 ballot.

On June 2nd, the Michigan Board of State Canvassers certified more than 275,000 signatures to ban dove hunting gathered by the Humane Society of the United States (HSUS) and its 'paid' signature gatherers. Anti's needed only 225,000 valid signatures to place a question before Michigan voters in November.

The HSUS's new legislative arm, HSUS Fund for Animals, announced a campaign last year to raise \$100,000 to put the future of Michigan's dove hunt on the 2006 ballot. In previous anti-hunting campaigns, HSUS used paid signature gatherers to qualify issues for the ballot. The anti's appeared to have employed the same tactic in Michigan. This action contradicts the anti's claim that the Michigan anti-dove campaign is a locally driven grassroots effort. (Source: The U.S. Sportsmen's Alliance)

THINGS TO KNOW BEFORE YOU NEED A TOW: Prudent skippers can prepare for breakdowns, groundings or accidentally running out of fuel long before the need for on-water towing assistance arises. Boat U.S. Towing Services offer these tips:

- * Carry correct type of anchor with enough line to keep you safely in one spot while you try to correct the problem or wait until help arrives.

- * A VHF marine radio is the best way to call for help. While a cell phone is a good backup - especially if your towing service has a 24-hour dispatch service - other vessels won't hear your call for help, and you may be out of range. Hail your towing service over VHF channel 16 or ask the U.S. Coast Guard to help you contact them.

- * Give the tow service position by chart or GPS coordinates, nearby navigation aids or local landmarks. Describe situation clearly, giving the nature of the problem, boat name, size, distinguishing features, number of persons on board and other useful information. If an emergency, contact the Coast Guard immediately.

- * When the towing vessel gets underway, the captain will contact you. Once you request assistance, you're committed to a verbal contract. If you get going again on your own, advise the tow captain immediately or you may have to pay for the cancelled tow.

ROGUES FACE STIFF CHARGES OVER DEER AND TURKEY POACHING: A two-year investigation proved unlucky for 13 men accused of illegally killing deer and wild turkeys in Wisconsin. The DNR issued a total of 106 citations. The investigation was launched due to involved citizens who reported hearing gunshots at night.

The majority of citations involve shooting deer at night with the aid of a spotlight, hunting deer during the closed season, road hunting, and numerous safety violations including loaded and uncased guns in a vehicle and hunting within 50 feet of the road.

Turkey-related charges include hunting turkeys without a valid permit, hunting turkeys with a rifle, road hunting, discharging a firearm from a vehicle, and loaded and uncased guns in a vehicle.

Together, the 106 citations carry a total of \$36,416 in fines and a possible 41 years revocation of hunting privileges.



St. Rita's Donahue Selected As 2006 U.S. Army All-American

Recognized as one of the top football players in the nation, St. Rita Senior Ryan Donahue of Evergreen Park has been named a 2006 US Army All-American. Donahue will join a stand-out list of athletes playing in the US Army All-American Bowl on Saturday, Jan. 7, at the Alamodome in San Antonio, Texas. The classic East vs. West match-up will be played at 12 p.m. (CST) and will feature the top 78 prep football student-athletes in the country.

Donahue is a standout punter at Saint Rita High School and was one of 400 players nominated nationally and one of 78 selected to participate by the U.S. Army All-American Bowl Selection Committee consisting of Scout.com, the web's largest independent sports network and Tom Lemming, one of the nation's most respected recruiting experts.

As a U.S. Army All-American, Donahue is being considered for the PARADE All-America High School Player of the Year honoring the nation's best prep football player at the 2006 U.S. Army All-American Awards Dinner on Jan. 6 in San Antonio. This honor is high school football's equivalent to the Heisman Trophy.

Stock Rainbow Trout At Three District Lakes

The Forest Preserve District of Cook County is pleased to announce that rainbow trout will once again be stocked into Axehead and Belleau Lakes. Additionally, for the first time in District history, an additional 1,000 pounds will be stocked into Horsetail Lake located in the Palos area. The trout being stocked are an average of one-half pound and considered to be at a size proper for catching.

A total of 3,400 pounds will be stocked at the three sites. The breakdown is as follows:

- * Axehead: 1,350 pounds.
- * Belleau: 1,050 pounds.
- * Horsetail: 1,000 pounds.

All three lakes will be closed to all fishing on Monday, Oct. 10th and will reopen at dawn on Saturday, Oct. 15th. Closing the lakes will allow the trout to disperse prior to reopening. There is a five trout per day creel limit with no size restrictions. No more than two lines per person with no more than two hooks per line may be used. A valid Illinois fishing license with an Illinois Inland Trout Stamp is required by anglers 16 years of age or older. An Illinois fishing license is not required for disabled persons with a State of Illinois disabled identification card showing a class 2 or 2A disability, a Veterans Disability Card or active military personnel.

For further information, contact the Forest Preserve District of Cook County's Dept. of Resource Management at (708) 771-1335.

Annual Tip-Off Luncheon

The Chicago Bulls and Pepsi will officially open the 2005-06 basketball season with the team's annual Tip-Off Luncheon on Friday, Oct. 28th at 12 noon at the Hyatt Regency Chicago, 151 E. Wacker, in the Crystal Room.

Longtime Bulls radio broadcaster Neil Funk will emcee the event, sponsored in part by Comcast SportsNet, that will include addresses from Bulls General Manager John Paxson and head coach Scott Skiles. Bulls players will be on hand to comment on their expectations and goals for the new season as guests enjoy lunch and take advantage of the opportunity to purchase pieces of Bulls' history in a silent auction. All proceeds from the event will benefit CharitaBulls and its youth programs.

Individual tickets are \$80 each; tables of 10 are \$750 each. Tickets may be purchased by contacting the Bulls at (312) 455-4122 or CR@bulls.com. More information on the event and a ticket purchase order form are available at www.CharitaBulls.org.

Sports Valve

By Brad Allen

A valve is a device used to control the flow of things. Sports Valve is designed to cutoff the flow of life's trials and tribulations if only for a little while - as we twist open the valve labeled, "World of Sports." Here, we are released from our daily pressures.

It is the entrance into our little fantasy world where we can scream and shout and develop love-hate relationships with strangers who wear our team's colors and whose assignment is to reward our emotional investment in them by triumphing over utterly humiliated rivals.

It's a place where we develop uncanny allegiances to these icons because they happen to represent where we are from even though *they* themselves aren't from here.

No, it doesn't necessarily make any sense. And God knows, when one of our players leaves and puts on another team's uniform, our loyalty terminates in a nanosecond. Jerry Seinfeld put it best when he said, "We root for laundry."

But the point is that we get to blow off steam as we hope for vicarious glory and rant and rave over things that don't really matter. Come the next morning, once back to reality on the other side of the valve, we are more relaxed and better able to cope with the flow of life's trials and tribulations again. We are none the worse for wear from the day before because nothing overly bad ever really happens in the sports valve. Well, maybe just little things.

Like when our football team's coach handicaps his rookie quarterback by masterminding a game plan the oversimplification of which is matched only by its predictability. That's exactly what I'm talking about - it's the perfect opportunity for us to release steam by shouting out something like, "Why don't you just wrap up your young QB in a pretty red apron and drop him in the middle of a ring full of angry charging bulls, for God sake!"

Anyway, my column will always lead off with the professional sports section of the valve where blowing off steam is what it's all about.

Amateur Sports Valve

Then we'll move onto amateur sports where we honor the accomplishments of local college and high school athletes. Given that they play more for the love of the game I treat them in a much warmer and fuzzier manner. In fact, this is the portion of the sports valve where we sort of decompress and detoxify and celebrate sports in a purer, more innocent context.

It is such a pure and honest form of athletics that I'll go so far as to say that there is usually more passion and living-of-life packed into two or three short hours of an amateur sporting event than there is in a month of ordinary living. In my twelve years of coaching, win or lose, that was always true.

In any event, I will need your help for the amateur sports valve! If you know of any outstanding sporting feats or sports-related human interest stories, I urge you to write or type something out and submit it to me via Fax at (708) 385-7811, attention Brad Allen, Sport Valve. Make certain it is either a) Statistically eyebrow-raising, i.e. three home runs in a game, five touchdown passes, a hole-in-one, a long winning streak, etc; b) A touching story where an athlete has had to overcome some sort of adversity or handicap in order to compete; or c) Extremely funny. For instance, many years ago, I delivered a pitch in a high school game to a hitter that weighed over 300 lbs. He swung! Everybody heard the resounding crack of the bat, but it was such an overcast early Spring type of day that nobody saw where the ball went, including me! After a few seconds, I felt a numbness in my left armpit. When I glanced down at it, I noticed that there was a baseball stuck there.

Tip of The Week

Finally, before departing the sports valve each week, I will leave you with a sports tip like the one below. Having coached and trained young athletes, I have a pretty good supply of tips. A lot of them, you probably never heard before. Coaches and ex-athletes, you are also welcome to fax in some of your old secrets as well.

Have you ever seen a kid swing so late that he actually hit the ball - as the catcher was throwing it back to the pitcher?

Well, if you know anyone that has a problem with bat speed, here is the tip of the week.

When you stride, pay attention to how your front foot is landing! If it lands with toes pointing too much toward foul territory and not enough toward fair territory, bad things will happen.

Your foot will restrict your ankle from turning. Your ankle will restrict your knee from turning. Your knee will restrict your hip from turning. Your hip will restrict your torso from turning, thereby robbing you of the rotary force needed to swing fast and fluently.

So, if you have a problem getting around on fastballs, make sure you land on the ball of your foot with your front-foot toes pointed out toward the field. Your swing will gain speed and power and, suddenly, that aspirin-sized fastball will start looking more like a big, slow beach ball. Now you know the trick! Baseball is probably the most notorious sport when it comes to cleverness and tricks triumphing over athleticism.

MVCC New Coach

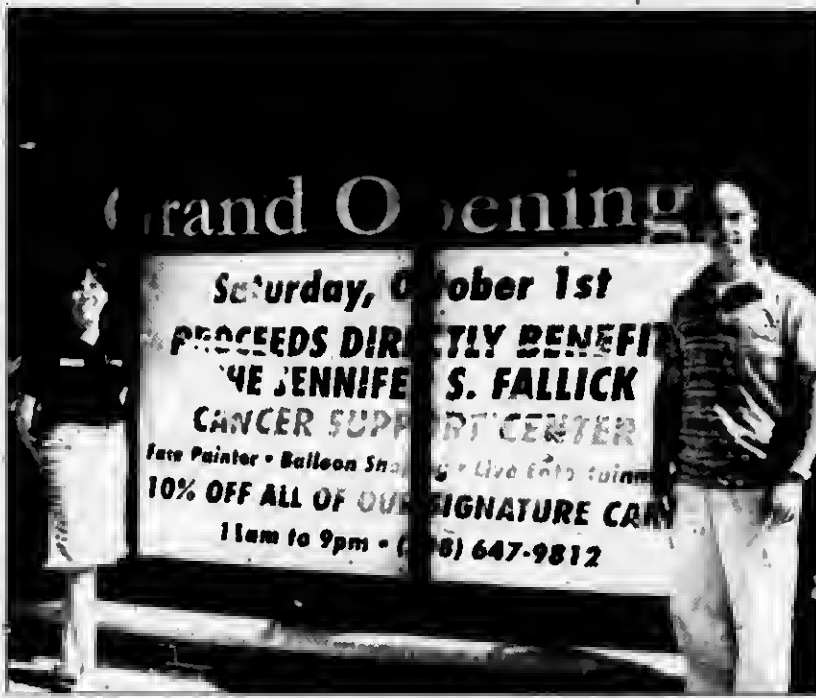
Moraine Valley Community College in Palos Hills hired Michael Kashirsky as the new head baseball coach. Kashirsky will replace Al Budding, who is retiring after coaching the Cyclones for 19 years.

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COLD STONE CREAMERY GRAND OPENING



Cold Stone Creamery in Homewood held its grand opening celebration on Saturday, Oct. 1st from 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. They featured face painters, balloon shaping and a D.J. Pictured at the ribbon cutting are: (left to right) staff members Alyzza Dill, Richard Perkins, Jasmine Easton and Jordan Hendricks; Gail Bibb, Homewood Village Trustee; State Senator Maggie Crotty; Homewood Mayor Richard Hofeld; Sultan Issa, store owner; Chuck Gruberman, owner of the House of Magic; Al Huff and Will Martin, staff members.



A portion of the proceeds from the Oct. 1st grand opening sales at Cold Stone Creamery will be given to the Jennifer S. Fallick Cancer Support Center. Attending the celebration from the Cancer Support Center is Melissa Barrett (left) with store owner Sultan Issa (right).



Enjoying the celebration and eagerly serving the public is the owner of Cold Stone Creamery, Sultan Issa (right) with his partner Abe Rabah (left).

Moraine Valley's Job Placement Center Offers Resume, Job Search, Interview Workshops

Moraine Valley Community College's Job Placement Center will offer a series of workshops to assist in resume writing and revision, fine-tuning your job search, and preparing and practicing interview techniques. Job Placement workshops will take place in the college's Center for Contemporary Technology (Building T) on campus at 10900 S. 88th Ave. in Palos Hills.

Workshops are scheduled for the following dates and times:

Developing a High Impact Resume and Cover Letter
JP3-844-002; Thursday, Oct. 13th from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.
JP3-855-002; Tuesday, Oct. 25th from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.
Successful Interviewing Strategies
JP3-858-002; Thursday, Nov. 3rd from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.
To register for any of these workshops, call (708) 974-2110 or visit the College Center to register in person. The registration fee for the workshops is \$10.



George O'Mally is enjoying his visit with Happy the Clown

PREP SPORTS ROUND-UP

BOYS FOOTBALL

Saturday, 10-1-05
Ag Science 37, DuSable 6
Barrington 12, Conant 3
Brooks 30, Manley 14
Clemente 28, Bogan 16
Crane 32, Carver 21
Fenwick 28, De LaSalle 17
Grant 28, Round Lake 18
Imm. Conception 38, St. Francis 34
Kelly 20, Kennedy 14, OT
Kelvyn Park 42, Farragut 0
King 29, Dyett 14
Lake View 38, Bowen 34
Libertyville 19, Lake Zurich 7
Lincoln Park 42, Schurz 6
Maine South 36, Glenbrook South 13
Mount Carmel 21, Loyola 3
North Shore 22, Wheaton-Academy 14
Notre Dame 21, Benet 14
Oak Lawn 20, Thornridge 0
Oak Park 27, Proviso West 14
Orr 22, Payton 6
Plano 56, Dwight 15
Polo 44, CICS-Longwood 26
Rich East 40, Kankakee 34
Richmond-Burton 48, Harvard 0
Robeson 40, Corliss 32
St. Ignatius 13, Hales Franciscan 6
St. Laurence 29, Guerin 14
St. Viator 35, Nazareth 27
South Shore 12, Sullivan 6, 2 OT
Stevenson 55, Mundelein 7
Thornton 42, Thornwood 12
Walther Lutheran Lake Forest Academy 14
Warren 41, Lake Forest 0
Washington 28, Roosevelt 0
Westinghouse 22, Austin 8
Westmont 20, Ridgewood 16
Wilmington 41, Reed-Custer 7

BOYS SOCCER

Tuesday, 9-27-05
St. Ignatius 6, St. Laurence 1
Mount Carmel 2, Fenwick 0
Providence Catholic 4, St. Rita 1
Eisenhower 2, Reavis 0
Argo 6, Tinley Park 1
Oak Lawn 3, Bremen 2
Bloom Township 4, Rich East 2
Morgan Park Academy 9, Elgin Academy 0
De LaSalle 7, Guerin Prep 0

BOYS SOCCER

Wednesday, 9-28-05
Andrew 8, Bradley 0
Marian Catholic 3, Oak Forest 1
Carmel 4, Marist 1

BOYS SOCCER

Thursday, 9-29-05
Stagg 3, Sandburg 2
St. Ignatius 3, Whitney Young 1
Reavis 5, Bogan 4
Providence Catholic 4, St. Laurence 0
Eisenhower 1, Bremen 0
Argo 4, Oak Lawn 1
Lemont 2, Fenton 1
St. Rita 5, Gordon Tech 0

BOYS SOCCER

Saturday, 10-1-05
Lincoln Way Central 3, Eisenhower 0
St. Ignatius 1, Providence Catholic 1
Mount Carmel 1, Loyola 0
Joliet Township 3, Lockport 1
Oak Lawn 2, St. Rita 2
Lincoln Way East 1, Homewood-Flossmoor 0
Oak Park-River Forest 3, Argo 1
Marian Catholic 4, Marist 0

BOYS SOCCER

Monday, 10-3-05
Lincoln Way Central 3, Andrew 0
Sandburg 0, Lyons Township 0

Eisenhower 3, Tinley Park 0
Reavis 3, Richards 1
Bolingbrook 3, Argo 1
Lockport 4, Plainfield 4
Shepard 5, Oak Forest 3
Rich South 3, Bloom Township 0
Rich East 3, T.F. North 2
Marist 2, St. Patrick 1
De LaSalle 6, Quigley 2

GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

Tuesday 9-27-05
Marist d. Bishop McNamara 25-7, 25-10
Mother McAuley d. Loyola Academy 25-16, 25-8
Joliet Catholic Academy d. Carmel 25-22, 25-20
Lincoln Way East d. Joliet Township 27-25, 25-17
Providence Catholic d. Benet Academy 25-18, 25-22
Morgan Park d. Kennedy 27-25, 25-20
Aurora Christian d. Luther South 25-9, 25-12
Lincoln Way Central d. Bolingbrook 25-13, 25-22
Morgan Park Academy d. Willows Academy 25-11, 25-17
Mount Assisi d. Queen of Peace 25-17, 29-27
Illiana Christian d. Chicago Christian 25-14, 25-11
De LaSalle d. Regina Dominican 27-25, 19-25, 25-20

GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

Wednesday 9-28-05
Marist d. Seton Academy 25-12, 25-14
Stagg d. Bradley 25-11, 25-19
St. Ignatius d. Providence Catholic 25-19, 27-25
Richards d. Hillcrest 25-15, 25-14
Shepard d. Tinley Park 25-15, 25-16
Evergreen Park d. Reavis 25-7, 25-19
Oak Lawn d. Eisenhower 25-18, 25-18
Oak Forest d. Romeoville 23-25, 25-19, 25-16
T.F. North d. Kankakee 25-18, 25-18
Rich East d. Thornridge 22-25, 25-18, 25-19
Chicago Christian d. Westmont 25-15, 25-14

GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

Thursday 9-29-05
Sandburg d. Andrew 25-15, 25-23
Assumption (KY) d. Mother McAuley 25-14, 25-16
Lockport d. Lincoln Way East 19-25, 27-25, 25-21
Mobile (AL) McGill-Toolen d. Marian Catholic 25-14, 25-14
Joliet Township d. Lincoln Way Central 10-25, 26-24, 25-20
St. Ignatius d. De LaSalle 25-17, 25-11
Morgan Park d. Curie 25-16, 25-19
Rich South d. Hillcrest 25-17, 25-21
Chicago Christian d. Rockford Christian Life 25-21, 18-25, 25-21
Leyden d. Argo 29-27, 25-23

GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

Saturday 10-1-05
Morgan Park Academy d. Illinois Lutheran 25-7, 25-8
Whitney d. De LaSalle 25-19, 25-21
Argo d. Maria 23-25, 25-16, 15-12
Oak Lawn d. Tinley Park 26-24, 25-19
Evergreen Park d. Illiana Christian 25-23, 21-25, 25-22
Mount Assisi d. Stewardson-Strasburg 25-13, 25-14

GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

Monday 10-3-05
Andrew d. Stagg 25-23, 11-25, 25-20
Lincoln Way East d. Sandburg 25-20, 25-19
Lockport d. Lincoln Way Central 23-25, 25-20, 26-24
Providence Catholic d. Queen of Peace 25-20, 25-17
Homewood-Flossmoor d. Joliet Township 25-19, 19-25, 25-18
Richards d. Oak Forest 20-25, 25-16, 26-24
Trinity d. De LaSalle 14-25, 25-19, 25-18

BOYS GOLF

Tuesday 9-27-05
Marian Catholic 152, Providence Catholic 152
M: Pete Korhakes, Providence Catholic, 35
Chicago Christian 158, Illiana Christian 170
M: Sam Bettinardi, Chicago Christian, 37
Lincoln Way Central 308, Homewood-Flossmoor 312,
Lincoln Way East 325, Andrew 327, Bradley 337
M: Matt Guth, Andrew, 72
Oak Forest 315, Eisenhower 339, Evergreen Park 370,
Bremen 371, Tinley Park 383
M: Paul Dagys, Oak Forest, 73
Lockport 288, Sandburg 298, Joliet Township 329, Stagg

330, Bolingbrook 362
M: Ed Kennedy, Sandburg, 70 (Sudden Death)

BOYS GOLF

Wednesday 9-28-05
T.F. South 333, Crete-Monee 362, Kankakee 363, Bloom
township 370, Rich East 418, Rich Central 423, Rich South
429, T.F. North 433
M: Justin Pich, T.F. South, 78

BOYS GOLF

Thursday 9-29-05
Chicago Christian 161, Wheaton Academy 164
M: Sam Bettinardi, Chicago Christian, 33
Lockport 147, Lyons Township 161, Plainfield Central 185
M: Tony Ross, 35
Fenwick 299, Loyola 311, Bishop McNamara 313, Brother
Rice 316, St. Ignatius 320
M: Gavin Green, Loyola, 73
Marian Catholic 12, St. Viator 10, St. Patrick 9 (Point
System)
M: Joe Barker, Marian, 74

GIRLS GOLF

Tuesday 9-27-05
St. Ignatius 191, Trinity 211
M: Michelle Macchione, Trinity, 41

GIRLS GOLF

Wednesday 9-28-05
Homewood-Flossmoor 362, Lincoln Way Central 372,
Lincoln Way East 377, Lockport 387, Sandburg 392, Stagg
394, Joliet Township 416, Andrew 446
M: Halli Wexler, Lincoln Way Central, 84

GIRLS GOLF

Thursday 9-29-05
Marian Catholic 22, Fenwick 19, St. Viator 17
Point System
M: Samantha Sloan, Marian, 77

GIRLS GOLF

Monday, 10-3-05
Marian Catholic 338, Homewood-Flossmoor 371, Marist 379
M: Samantha Sloan, Marian, 76

GIRLS TENNIS

Tuesday, 9-27-05
Lockport 6, Bolingbrook 0
Romeoville 5, Oak Forest 0
T.F. South 4, Kankakee 1
Lincoln Way East 6, Bradley 1
Oak Lawn 5, Eisenhower 0
Lemont 5, Plainfield South 2
Queen of Peace 4, Mount Assisi 1
Marian Catholic 3, Bishop McNamara 2
Andrew 5, Joliet Township 2
Rich Central 3, T.F. North 2
Shepard 4, Hillcrest 1
Sandburg 7, Stagg 0

GIRLS TENNIS

Wednesday, 9-28-05
Morgan Park Academy 5, Illiana Christian 0

GIRLS TENNIS

Thursday, 9-29-05
Lincoln Way Central 6, Joliet Township 1
Rich South 3, Rich Central 2
Sandburg 6, Bolingbrook 1
Chicago Christian 3, Illiana Christian 2
Andrew 6, Stagg 1
Hillcrest 4, Bremen 1
Homewood-Flossmoor 5, Lincoln Way East 2
Joliet Catholic Academy 4, Marian Catholic 1

GIRLS TENNIS

Saturday, 10-1-05
Morgan Park Academy 4, Marist 1
Lockport 5, Oswego East 0
Lockport 6, Plainfield South 1
Lincoln Way Central 4, Providence 1
Lincoln Way Central 5, Thornwood 0
Lincoln Way Central 5, Tinley Park 0

Lincoln Way East 5, Shepard 0
Lincoln Way East 4, Illiana Christian 1
Lincoln Way East 3, Reavis 2
Reavis 3, Illiana 2
Shepard 3, Reavis 2
Illiana 3, Shepard 2
Oak Lawn Invitational:
Oak Lawn 30, T.F. South 15, Bremen 13,
Eisenhower 11, Richards 6, T.F. North 0

GIRLS TENNIS

Monday, 10-3-05
Andrew 5, Tinley Park 2
Homewood-Flossmoor 5, Lockport 2
Minooka 3, Rich South 2
Mother McAuley 3, Morgan Park Academy 2

BOYS CROSS COUNTRY

Tuesday, 9-27-05
Andrew 25, Lincoln Way Central 34
T.F. South 15, Thornton Township Co-op 46
Tinley Park 20, Hillcrest 35
Tinley Park 27, Bremen 30
Bremen 22, Hillcrest 39
Oak Forest 17, Argo 40
Oak Forest 19, Shepard 44
Argo 20, Shepard 43

BOYS CROSS COUNTRY

Wednesday, 9-28-05
Rich East 20, Crete-Monee 39

BOYS CROSS COUNTRY

Thursday, 9-29-05
Benet 28, Marist 76, Marian Catholic 88

BOYS CROSS COUNTRY

Saturday, 10-1-05
40-Team Crete-Monee Invitational:
Palatine 13, Sandburg 24, Waubensie Valley 25

GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY

Tuesday, 9-27-05
Andrew 25, Lincoln Way Central 36
Thornton Township Co-op 18, T.F. South 41
Tinley Park 15, Hillcrest 50
Tinley Park 22, Bremen 38
Bremen 21, Hillcrest 35
Oak Forest 15, Argo 69
Oak Forest 23, Shepard 34

GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY

Wednesday, 9-28-05
Crete-Monee 18, De LaSalle 38, Rich East 50

GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY

Thursday, 9-29-05
Stagg 53, Marist 90, Plainfield Central 108

GIRLS SWIMMING

Tuesday, 9-27-05
Oak Lawn 131, Bremen 91
Thornton Fractional 57, Tinley Park 37
St. Ignatius 117, Marian Catholic 66
Hinsdale south 114, Lockport 69
Evergreen Park 149, Reavis 126, Maria 18

GIRLS SWIMMING

Thursday, 9-29-05
St. Ignatius 103, Mother McAuley 82
Homewood-Flossmoor 131, Andrew 55
Sandburg 143, Lockport 42

GIRLS SWIMMING

Saturday 10-1-05
Neuqua Valley 335, Rosary 322 1/2, Sandburg 179 1/2

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Free Independent Schools Fair

The Independent Schools Fair, an event to introduce families to the programs of top schools on the South Side and elsewhere in the Chicago area, will be Sunday, Oct. 23, from noon to 3 p.m. at the Chicago Historical Society Museum, Clark St. and North Ave.

The Independent Schools Fair is free and open to the public. Admissions representatives will be available to discuss opportunities at the schools. Families visiting the Fair will also be able to visit the museum for free. There will be special entertainment for children. The Fair, which is being held for the 15th year, has become a popular event for families looking for excellent schools for their children.

"This Fair is a wonderful opportunity for families to become acquainted with individual independent schools, to learn more about the rich variety of programs they offer," said Carol Parham, Admissions Director of Chicago's Ancona School and coordinator of the Fair.

"Some independent schools use traditional, classical curricula, some are specialized for gifted students or those interested in the arts, and others offer nontraditional programs. By visiting with individual admissions directors, parents can identify the schools that are best for their children," she added.

These South Side schools will be represented at the Fair: Ancona School,

Morgan Park Academy, and University of Chicago Laboratory Schools. Other schools at the Fair will include these from Chicago: Bernard Zell Anshe Emet Day School, Catherine Cook School, Chicago Academy for the Arts, Chicago Waldorf School, Francis W. Parker School, Latin School, Lycée Francais de Chicago, North Park Elementary School, and Sacred Heart Academy for Girls/Harvey Prep for Boys. Suburban schools present will include Avery Coonley School, Downers Grove; Countryside Montessori School, Northbrook; North Shore Country Day School, Winnetka; Quest Academy, Palatine; and Roycemore School, Evanston.

These board schools will be represented: Conserve School, Land O' Lakes, Wisconsin; Fox River Country Day School, Elgin; Howe Military Academy, Howe, Indiana; La Lumiere School, La Porte, Indiana; St. John's Military Academy, Delafield, Wisconsin; Wayland Academy, Beaver Dam, Wisconsin; and Woodlands Academy of the Sacred Heart, Lake Forest.

The Independent Schools Fair is organized by the Lake Michigan Association of Independent School, which represents schools in Illinois, Wisconsin, and Indiana. For more information, call (773) 924-2456 or visit <http://www.independent-schools.net>.

The Dixie Dogs Jazz Concert

The Dixie Dogs will serve up a heaping helping of New Orleans jazz at 2 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 16 at the Oak Lawn Public Library, 5300 W. 95th St. Admission is free on a first-come, first-seated basis in the lower level meeting room.

The Dixie Dogs are a seven-piece traditional jazz band. Their repertoire includes standard Dixieland favorites, such as "Bill Bailey" and "When the Saints Go Marching In," along with unique interpretations of other popular swing and blues tunes. This concert is sponsored by the Friends of the Oak Lawn Library. A complete schedule of adult programs may be viewed at the library's web site www.oaklawnlibrary.org. For additional information, call (708) 422-4990.



Overpass Project

Congressman Dan Lipinski (IL-3rd) (left) meets with Ald. Michael Zalewski (23rd) and Illinois Department of Transportation Secretary Tim Martin to discuss the Central Avenue overpass project. Secretary Martin committed to supporting the thoroughfare project, which would alleviate congestion on the southwest side and provide a better transportation link with south suburbs like Oak Lawn, Burbank and Chicago Ridge.

AARP Chapter 3558

The AARP Oak Lawn Chapter 3558 will meet on Monday, Oct. 10, 1 p.m. at the Johnson Phelps VFW Hall, 9514 S. 52nd Ave. Paid up members of AARP are invited to join the Chapter. One does not have to live in Oak Lawn. The Chapter has members from Chicago and other suburbs. Dues for the year are \$5. The speaker for Oct. 10th will be Dr. John Kratochvil, senior advisor for the Louis Legacy Asset Control Planning Group. He will discuss estate needs and other money topics for seniors. For more information, call Felix Waitches at (708) 422-4121.

Senior's Meeting

The Worth Township Senior's next General Meeting will be Friday, Oct. 7th. The meeting will start at 12:30 p.m. Tickets will be sold for the Christmas Luncheon. The cost will be \$8 and sold to members only. The luncheon will be served by Mrs. Pitlock. This meeting is held in the gym of the Worth Township Center, 11601 S. Pulaski, Alsip. For more information call, (708) 371-2900, Ext. 28.

Cities Of The Dead

History enthusiast Bill Hinchliff will present a slide show and lecture exploring Chicago's great Victorian cemeteries at 7 p.m. on Monday, Oct. 10th at the Oak Lawn Public Library, 5300 W. 95th St., in the lower level meeting room. Graceland, Rosehill and Oak Woods are among the cemeteries to be explored at this free program. Hinchliff has been a docent with the Chicago Architecture Foundation since 1976. For additional information, call (708) 422-4990.

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- Beginners #2 Class 10/13
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VFW
Scholarship
Winners

At a presentation ceremony Hometown-Murray VFW 9773 awarded \$500 scholarships to Hometown students Shannon Murphy and Amy Johnson of Our Lady of Loretto School; Britney Musial and Jillian Postregna, both of Oak Lawn Hometown Middle School (McGugan Jr. High) and Shannon Madden of Oak Lawn Community H. S.



Two of Hometown-Murray VFW scholarship winners are (left to right) Shannon Murphy and Britney Musial.



Jillian Postregna was one of the five Hometown-Murray VFW 9773 scholarship winners.

\$1 Per Person

Only \$1 per person is being asked of Oak Lawn residents for Hurricane Katrina relief. Village President David Heilmann reported that if every resident would give just \$1, the village could raise as much as \$57,000.

Heilmann also put the call out to village business to make donations and,

perhaps, set up matching grants. Any donations collected will go to the American Red Cross.

Checks may be made payable to the Village of Oak Lawn. They can either be mailed or dropped off at Village Hall, 9446 Raymond Ave. or the Oak Lawn Bank at 5665 W. 95th St.

Illinois State University
Degree Recipients

A total of 508 students at Illinois State University completed requirements for a bachelor's degree at the end of the summer 2005 term.

Illinois State University, the oldest public university in Illinois, delays the announcement of graduates until the Office of the University Registrar can verify the completion of academic requirements for graduation.

Local Illinois State University bachelor's degree recipients include Oak Lawn's Michael Dixon, Jr. and Ted John Jarzabek, both of whom earned Bachelor of Science degrees.

Letter To The Editor

Letter to Taxpayers:

Homeowners in south suburban Cook County will soon be receiving their second half 2004 real estate tax bills. That tax bill will reflect the increase in your taxes from 2003. Double check your bill to ensure you are receiving the exemptions to which you are entitled. If your assessment was increased more than seven percent last year, then the exemption you are entitled to under the new seven percent tax cap should be reflected in an increase in your homeowners exemption over and above the \$5,000 you are automatically entitled to by state statute. Seniors should also make sure they are receiving the \$3,000 exemption they are entitled to. If either exemption is not reflected on your tax bill you should immediately contact the Cook County Assessors office at (312) 443-7500 or (312) 603-5300 to tell them about the mistake. They will then help you get a new tax bill that takes your exemptions into account. You can also request help from your local township Assessor's office.

South suburban property owners will also soon receive or have recently received their triennial notice of reassessment which will affect tax bills they receive in 2006. Now is the time to appeal your assessment at the Cook County Board of Review. Contact my office at (312) 603-3644 to request a complaint form. We're here to help.

Sincerely,

s/s Maureen Murphy

Commissioner, Cook County Board of Review

Home Party
& Craft Show

This is an open invitation to a Home Party and Craft Show on Saturday, Oct. 8th from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at St. Paul Lutheran Church & School, 4660 W. 94th St. (one block east of the Hilton Hotel). There is something for everybody. Thirty-five exhibitors will be under one roof. Some of your favorite companies will be represented, as well as a display of handcrafted items. Come for a worthwhile show and a fun day of shopping. Admission is free.

Library Offers Free Movie

Tom Hanks is the star of a 3 p.m. in the lower level feature film on space exploration that will be shown at the Oak Lawn Public Youth Services Desk. Library, 5300 W. 95th St., on Monday, Oct. 10th from 1 to 2 p.m. in the lower level meeting room. Pick up free tickets in advance at the Oak Lawn Public Youth Services Desk. For more information, call (708) 422-4990.

Free Blood Pressure
Screenings Offered

The Oak Lawn Community Partnership offers free blood pressure screenings at the Oak Lawn Public Library, 5300 W. 95th St., on the second Wednesday of most months from 10 to 11:30 a.m., a new earlier time. The next scheduled screening date is Oct. 12th. Screenings are performed by volunteer nurses from Advocate Christ Medical Center and personnel from the Oak Lawn Fire Dept.

For additional information, call the library, (708) 422-4990.

Cum Laude Graduate

Sarah Dwyer of Hometown graduated cum laude between 3.5 and 3.74 on a 4.0 scale. Dwyer is the daughter of Donald and Martha Swyer student must earn a cumulative grade point average of 3.5 or higher.

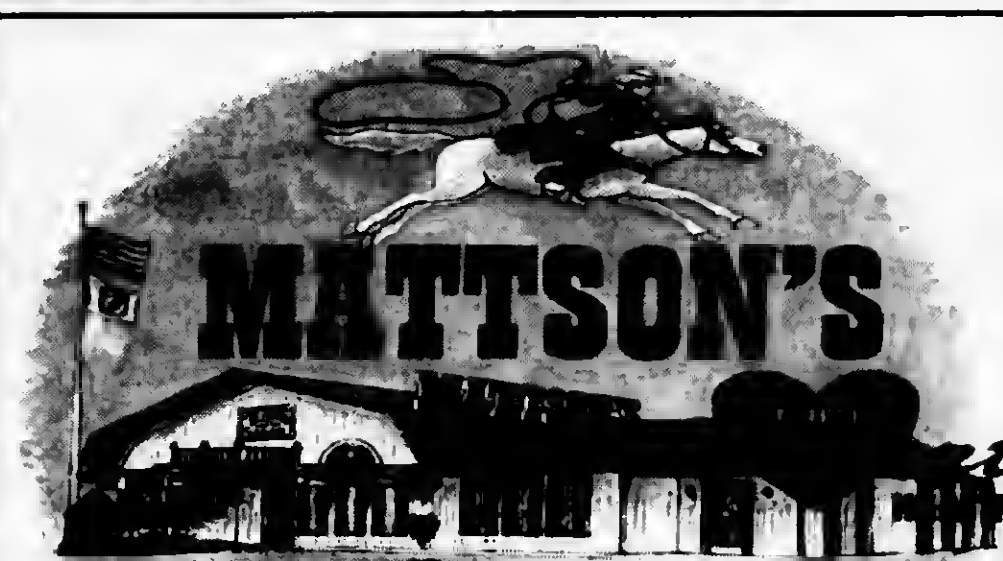
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Fashionable Lunch

Whitney's Bar & Grille Oct. 12 and 26, Nov. 8 and 30 and Dec. 14 from 12 noon to 1:30 p.m. The latest fashions will be presented by Bellissimo of Oak Lawn on Wednesdays: winter fashions.

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Thoughts On Health & Nutrition

by
Lucinda K. Lysen, RD, RN, BSN

FRUITS, VEGETABLES MAY PROTECT AGAINST LUNG CANCER

According to a report released several weeks ago from the University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center in Houston, a diet rich in fruits and vegetables appears to provide protection against lung cancer. The agents believed responsible are plant-derived compounds known as phytoestrogens - found in soy, grains, carrots, spinach, and broccoli to name a few.

The compounds have demonstrated a protective effect against some solid tumors in the past, but until now little research focused on dietary intake and lung cancer. "Our main findings were that patients with lung cancer tended to consume lower amounts of phytoestrogens than the healthy people without the disease," the report revealed.

The apparent benefits were discovered in both people who never smoked and those who were still smoking—but it was less evident in people who had quit smoking, for reasons that weren't clear. According to US government statistics, smokers are 20 to 30 times more likely than nonsmokers to contract lung cancer, one of the deadliest types of cancer.

The findings were based on a look at over 1600 lung cancer patients and over 1700 matched healthy people with similar backgrounds who were interviewed 1995 through October 2003. The study was published in the *Journal of the American Medical Association*, September 2005.

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Cooking Classes For The Bereaved

Horizon Hospice and Palliative Care, Chicago's first hospice service, was established in 1978 to provide compassionate comfort care to the dying. Horizon cares for about 700 terminally ill patients and their families throughout the Chicago area annually. Visiting physicians, nurses, chaplains, social workers and volunteers deliver home-based care focused on relieving the pain and respecting the dignity of each patient.

There are free cooking classes for the bereaved in the community sponsored by Horizon Hospice and Palliative Care, hosted by Whole Foods in Lincoln Park and taught by Chef Michael Grantner at Whole Foods' fabulous new teaching kitchen.

"OK, I Found the Stove, Now What?" will be on Wednesday evening, Oct. 26th from 6:30 to 8:30 at Whole Foods, 1000 W. North Ave. in Chicago. This is a free cooking class for men only. If you've suffered a loss and want to learn how to eat better, cook better and have more fun in the kitchen, this one is for you. Taught with "guy to guy" humor!

A "Holiday Cooking Class" will be held on Wednesday evening, Nov. 2nd from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at Whole Foods, 1000 W. North Ave. in Chicago. This is a free co-ed cooking class for anyone who has suffered a loss and wants to explore holiday fare. This program will help you try new recipes, eat well and enjoy!

Space is limited and pre-registration is required. Call Horizon's Bereavement Dept. at (312) 733-8900 to sign up.

First Step To Good Health

The American Academy of Pediatrics Committee on School Health (AAPCOSH) considers school the second most important environment for child development. Thus, the availability of soft drinks at all school levels is believed to have a great impact on child health. In an editorial in the *Journal of Pediatrics*, Robert Murray, Director of the Borden Center for Nutrition and Wellness at the Ohio State University Children's Hospital contends that children who choose soft drinks in place of milk take in less protein, calcium, zinc, vitamins A and C. In addition, he notes research that shows that for each soft drink consumed daily, a child's risk of obesity increases by 60 percent. Although experts agree that obesity is a multi-factorial problem, curbing the availability of soft drinks in schools is a simple change to make to improve the health of students everywhere. As children return to school, parents and community health professionals are encouraged to work with school officials to make healthy beverages, like water and low fat milk, more available for students.

Traffic Fines Give Illinois Trauma Centers A Boost To Help Critically Injured

Gov. Rod R. Blagojevich announced on Sept. 30th that by the end of the month, Illinois trauma centers will receive almost \$5 million in new funding to help care for the critically injured. The money from the Illinois Dept. of Public Health's (IDPH) share of the Trauma Center Fund builds on funding trauma centers already received from the Illinois Dept. of Healthcare and Family Services (HFS). In fiscal year 2005, HFS distributed a total of \$9.1 million to trauma centers. The funds for the trauma centers are generated by an additional \$5 fee that is imposed on traffic fines of \$55 or higher and a \$100 surcharge that is imposed on convictions or orders of supervision for driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs.

IDPH and HFS distributed \$14 million in total to more than one hundred trauma centers around the state. The money generated by traffic fines, convictions and orders is deposited into the Trauma Center Fund and each Department awards the trauma centers in different ways. DPH awards half of the receipts to hospital trauma centers in the geographic region where the traffic violation occurred. The amount each hospital receives from the regional share is based on the total number of trauma patients for whom the hospital provides care. HFS, however, distributes the funding to trauma centers based on the number of trauma patients cared for by the hospital who are covered by Medicaid. HFS also receives federal Medicaid matching funds.

To be eligible for the funds, a hospital must be designated a Level I or Level II trauma center by the DPH. A Level I trauma center has trauma surgeons in-house 24 hours a day and offers other surgical specialties. A

Level II trauma center has trauma surgeons available to respond to the hospital within 30 minutes and other surgical specialties are made available or by transfer agreements with other facilities.

Since fiscal year 1994, the DPH has distributed approximately \$42.7 million and HFS has distributed approximately \$84.2 million to the state's trauma centers from the Trauma Center Fund.

Local recipients of DPH funds are: Children's Memorial Hospital, Chicago, \$19,322.18; Christ Hospital, Oak Lawn, \$279,652.13; Cook County Hospital, Chicago, \$162,581.63; Cook County Hospital-Pediatric, Chicago, \$22,231.57; Illinois Masonic Medical Center, Chicago, \$96,407.01; Mt. Sinai Hospital Medical Center, Chicago, \$137,425.38; Northwestern Memorial Hospital, Chicago, \$81,616.40; St. James Hospital & Health Center, Olympia Fields, \$84,091.11; University of Chicago Hospital, Chicago, \$26,675.11.

Receiving HFS funds are: Children's Hospital of Illinois, \$154,253.68; Children's Memorial Hospital, \$315,415.39; Christ Hospital & Medical Center, \$616,738.37; Foster G. McGaw of Loyola University, \$193,185.03; Good Samaritan Hospital, Downers Grove, \$90,207.06; Hope Children's Hospital, \$402,312.63; J.H. Stroger Hospital of Cook County, \$791,463.91; MacNeal Memorial Hospital Assn., \$83,701.50; Mt. Sinai Hospital Medical Center, \$753,980.24; Northwestern Memorial Hospital, \$239,012.39; University of Chicago Children's Hospital, \$192,782.56; University of Chicago Hospital, \$74,402.67.



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Northwestern Memorial Participates In Global Trial To Test Effectiveness Of Heat Therapy On Cervical Cancer

Doctors at Northwestern Memorial Hospital and the Robert H. Lurie Comprehensive Cancer Center of Northwestern University are testing the effectiveness of an investigational device that delivers hyperthermia, or heat therapy, to persons with locally advanced cervical cancer. Hyperthermia is a non-invasive method of increasing tumor temperature to make radiation therapy and/or chemotherapy more effective in destroying cancer cells. The American Cancer Society estimates that in 2005 about 10,370 cases of advanced cervical cancer will be diagnosed in the United States.

The research study is a two-arm phase III prospective randomized trial. Participants with invasive cervical cancer will receive either treatment with chemotherapy and radiation or treatment with chemotherapy, radiation and hyperthermia. Additional clinical trial sites are located in Holland, Norway, Italy, Germany, and elsewhere in the United States.

"Various radiation and chemotherapy treatments have made a real impact in the fight against cervical cancer. Just as encouraging is prior published research, conducted over the past several years, which has demonstrated that combining existing radiation and chemotherapy programs with hyperthermia may further increase response rates and overall survival," said Dr. William Small, Jr., radiation oncologist, Northwestern Memorial Hospital and the Robert H. Lurie Comprehensive Cancer Center; assistant professor of Radiation Oncology, Northwestern University's Feinberg School of Medicine; and the principal investigator on the arm of the study being conducted

at Northwestern. "Hyperthermia is a non-invasive regimen that has possible serious side effects, but is generally well-tolerated."

Hyperthermia sensitizes tumor cells to the effects of radiation and chemotherapy, offering improved outcomes in selected patients, compared with results in those being treated with radiation and/or chemotherapy without hyperthermia.

Various hyperthermia systems have been approved by the Food and Drug Administration to treat superficial tumors, or those within 3 centimeters of the skin (such as breast cancer). The benefits of "deep" hyperthermia as an anti-cancer modality have been documented by published research. An important study published in the April 1st, 2000 issue of *The Lancet* demonstrated that the addition of hyperthermia to standard radiation treatment significantly increased response rates for a number of advanced tumors of the cervix, bladder and rectum. In that study, the most significant findings pertained to cervical cancer, as 83 percent of participants experienced a complete response with hyperthermia plus radiation, compared to 57 percent with radiation alone. Three-year overall survival was 51 percent in the group receiving hyperthermia and radiation, compared to 27 percent in the group receiving radiation alone.

Participants must be at least 18 years of age and have histologically confirmed carcinoma of the cervix. Those interested in participating in this clinical trial should call (312) 926-8400 for more information.

Food Allergy Education

First Lady Patti Blagojevich on Sept. 29th announced that Illinois schools will now be better equipped to prevent potentially life-threatening food allergy reactions in children. The First Lady launched a new awareness campaign targeted at educating school personnel and students on the dangers of food allergies. Working with The Food Allergy & Anaphylaxis Network (FAAN), the state will offer food allergy educational kits to the approximately 5,000 K-12 schools and licensed child-care centers in Illinois. The kits will help schools keep kids with food allergies safe from reactions. Illinois becomes the first state in the nation to offer a statewide food allergy educational program.

According to FAAN, peanut allergy in children has doubled in the past five years, and the estimated number of Americans with food allergy has increased from 6 million to approximately 11 million. With reports of increased food allergy issues, the First Lady urged parents and school personnel to become better educated on how to identify and avoid the potentially life-threatening effects of food allergies.

According to FAAN, more than 11 million Americans have food allergies and approximately three million children under the age of 18 years old, or 1-in-25 American children, have a food allergy. There is no cure for food allergies, so individuals must be mindful and avoid foods that pose a health risk. Although an individual can be allergic to any type of food, eight foods account for 90 percent of all food-allergic reactions: milk, eggs, peanuts, tree nuts (walnut, cashew, etc.), fish, shellfish, soy and wheat.

The kits distributed to schools will include "The School Food Allergy Program," a multi-media training guide created by FAAN which will help school personnel develop a comprehensive plan specifically geared towards successful management of food allergies in their schools.

Letters will be mailed to Illinois schools encouraging school personnel to order their educational kit. The distribution of the kits will come at no cost to the state or local schools, and has been underwritten by a generous private donation. Schools that are interested in obtaining the free training guide should contact FAAN at 1(800) 929-4040 or via the web at www.foodallergy.org.

National Family Caregivers Month Honors And Celebrates Family Caregivers

This November, organizations across the United States will celebrate and recognize family caregivers during the annual National Family Caregiver Month. With over 50 million family caregivers across the U.S., the number of people who chose to care for their loved ones themselves, versus placing them in a nursing or care facility, is growing rapidly.

This year NFC Month has adopted the theme "The Caring Every Day Campaign" and offers three steps family caregivers can take every day to make their lives better and improve the care they give their loved ones: Believe in Yourself; Protect Your Health and Reach Out for Help.

To help family caregivers reach out for help and in support of patient and caregiver health and safety, the National Private Duty Association (NPDA) - an endorsing organization of NFC Month - is providing support and resources to assist family caregivers with providing quality and educated care.

In order to avoid caregiver burnout and provide quality care, it sometimes becomes necessary for family caregivers to seek out respite or supplemental care from a professional caregiver. Unfortunately, because the private duty home care industry remains unregulated in most states, the quality of care between professional providers can vary greatly. This leaves patients and family caregivers vulnerable to fraud, abuse or financial pitfalls. With a little knowledge about the differences in models of home care and what that means for the client, family caregivers who need extra support can rest assured that they are choosing safe, reliable and trustworthy help.

Most private duty providers fall into one of two categories: a registry that uses independent contractors (also known as a referral service or a nursing registry) or a private duty agency. The differences in these two models of home care can have important consequences for the consumer legally, financially and even physically. The key difference comes down to the issue of who employs the caregiver.

Registries act as "matchmaker" services, assigning independent contractors to clients who need home care by matching the client with a care worker from the list of workers registered with them. The worker is never hired by the registry as an employee; instead the registry serves as a middle man to match an independent worker to a person who is seeking home care services.

Since registries and companies who place private personnel do not actually employ their care providers, they don't assume the same responsibility for the worker as someone employing a caregiver. Instead, when a client hires an independent home care provider, the client becomes the legal employer of the caregiver. This means that the client is liable for things such as workers compensation, unemployment taxes and social security. Additionally, since the home care worker is a contract worker, the company who helped place them cannot manage them and in some cases does not perform background checks on the worker. This puts the consumer at risk for abuse and fraud without any legal protection from an agency.

Private duty agencies, however, employ their workers and take full responsibility for the supervision and training of those workers. Agency caregivers are bonded, insured and if need be, licensed. The agency also does the accounting and bookwork, provides the supervision and discipline, carries the insurance and tries to ensure that all shifts are covered.

For more information about National Family Caregivers month visit the National Family Caregivers Association Web site: www.thefamilycaregiver.org or call (800) 896-3650.

To learn more about the differences between the types of professional caregivers and finding respite or supplemental care in your area, visit the National Private Duty Association Web site: www.private-duty-homecare.org.

What To Do About Osteoarthritis?

Osteoarthritis of the hands affects millions of Americans. For many patients, pain and immobility render their hands almost useless. In addition, increasing deformation can change one's appearance forever.

What can you do yourself to support the treatment of your doctor? In their new magazine "Arthritis Info," the American Arthritis Society has compiled practical tips for osteoarthritis of the hands from some of the country's leading experts. Written in everyday English and clearly illustrated, the new issue of "Arthritis Info" contains interesting information for everyone who has osteoarthritis.

For a free sample issue of "Arthritis Info," write: American Arthritis Society, 28 State Street, Suite 1100, Boston, MA 02109 (please enclose one 37-cent stamp for return postage).

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Most Important Meal Of The Day

"Breakfast is the most important meal of the day." Researchers reviewed 47 studies to determine if there is any truth to the saying. The research review revealed that breakfast consumers are more likely to have better overall diet quality. Breakfast provides a number of nutrients essential to children's growth and development that were not provided at other meals throughout the day. For instance, a breakfast of cereal with milk provided more fiber and calcium than other meals. Although children who ate breakfast

consumed more calories, they were less likely to be overweight than children who didn't eat breakfast. In addition, children who ate breakfast had better academic performance and school attendance and less tardiness. As for parents, the research showed that those who ate breakfast had children who ate breakfast, emphasizing the influence parents have on their children's eating behaviors. The researchers advocate a healthful breakfast for all children consisting of high-fiber whole grains, fruit and dairy foods.



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Veterans And Soldiers

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The Patriotic Pillow Project presents Make A Difference Day on Saturday, Oct. 22nd, at Hannum School gym, 98th and Tripp in Oak Lawn from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. This open house sewing event is being held to make Patriotic Pillows to comfort our healing heroes, along with heartfelt hand written messages of support, gratitude, respect, and concern.

Christina Finn and her husband Daniel Finn, a disabled veteran of the Vietnam War, started this project to make pillows for wounded G.I.'s back home from overseas. They acquired pillows from the airlines and have had volunteers sew the covers nationwide. "Each individual pillow was created to thank a very special recipient for their sacrifice and service to our nation. Each pillow contains a thank you greeting for our healing hero so they may be reminded of how much we care and appreciate all that they have done to spread democracy and freedom to suppressed peoples who would otherwise not have such opportunities," said Christina and Daniel Finn. A lot of time is spent doing research trying to find recipients but the Finn's goal is to deliver a pillow to each and every wounded G.I.

The pillow covers are handcrafted quilted replicas of our Nation's flag. At this time the Finn's have received over 1,000 pillows and have delivered over 500 finished gifts. The pillowcases need not be perfect, they will not be judged, just loved, they said. If you would like to help make the pillowcases come to Hannum School on Oct. 22nd or contact Christina at The Patriotic Pillow Project, 3400 W. 111th St, PMB # 494, Chicago, IL 60655, or call her cell phone at (708) 837-4510 or email Christina@patrioticpillowproject.com.

Navy Seaman Apprentice David K. Akwaboah, son of Peter Akwaboah of Robbins, was recently promoted to his current rank upon graduation from recruit training at Recruit Training Command, Great Lakes, IL. Akwaboah received the early promotion for outstanding performance during all phases of the training cycle, which included classroom study and practical instruction on naval customs, first aid, firefighting, water safety and survival, and shipboard and aircraft safety. An emphasis was also placed on physical fitness. Akwaboah is a 2001 graduate of Dwight D. Eisenhower High School in Blue Island.

Navy Chief Petty Officer Robert A. Hammond, son of Carol and John Hammond of Midlothian, departed on a scheduled deployment in support of the Global War on Terrorism while assigned to Strike Fighter Squadron 87 embarked aboard the aircraft carrier USS Theodore Roosevelt, homeported in Norfolk, Virginia. Hammond is a 1990 graduate of Bremen High School in Midlothian. He joined the Navy in July 1990.

Civilian Patrick F. Sullivan, son of Patrick and Dr. Mary Sullivan of Chicago, recently participated in the U.S. Naval Academy's weeklong summer seminar program in Annapolis, Md. Sullivan is currently attending Marist High School in Chicago.

J.J. Konstant, 2nd Lieutenant U.S. Marine Corps was deployed on June 1st and is serving in Afghanistan. He is currently a platoon commander. He is the son of Jim and Kathy Konstant of Evergreen Park and a graduate of St. Bernadette grade school class of 1995.

LCPL Anthony K. Collins, U.S. Marine Corps, son of Tony and Jane Collins of Evergreen Park, was deployed on August 30th and is serving with the 1/11 Bravo Battery out of Camp Fallujah in Iraq. He is a graduate of St. Bernadette grade school class of 1999.

Windy City Veterans Association will hold a fundraiser Saturday, Oct. 8th from 6:30 to 11:30 p.m. to benefit the veterans at the Manteno Veterans Home. The event will take place at St. Christina School Hall, 110th and Christiana in Mt. Greenwood. The cost is \$20 per person, which includes great food, beer, wine, pop and music. There will be 50/50 raffles and prize raffles. For tickets call, Barney O'Reilly at (773) 238-7015; Mike Graffis at (773) 767-7756; Jim Curtis at (773) 881-4059; Ed Larsen at (773) 233-6255.

Good-bye for this week and God bless you and God bless America.

Discovering The Days Of Awe

"May you be inscribed in the book of life!"

At this time of year, Jews around the world greet each other with this blessing. It's Rosh Hashanah or the New Year, a time for family celebration. It's also the beginning of what's often called the High Holy Days, but more properly referred to as the Days of Awe. These culminate ten days later with Yom Kippur, or the Day of Atonement. This is a solemn day of fasting, prayer and reflection on how one has lived in the past year - for better or for worse - as well as an opportunity to resolve to improve in the year to come.

I started thinking about these holidays recently, when I was reviewing a "Christopher Closeup" program I taped with Dr. Marc Gopin. He's the director of the Center for World Religions, Diplomacy and Conflict Resolution at George Mason University in Virginia. He is also a rabbi and the author of *Healing the Heart of Conflict*. He is a man who has traveled the globe helping people deal with the anger and grief that come with the disputes and disagreements that plague families, communities, and nations.

Our conversation centered on how we can make peace with ourselves and one another. Since reflection, reconciliation and forgiveness are so much a part of the Days of Awe, it occurred to me that, whatever our religious beliefs, we all need to spend time looking at ourselves and at our relationships with others in order to nurture our relationship with God.

I was struck by Dr. Gopin's assertion that no conflict or resolution can take place - or even begin - unless we start with ourselves. "If you don't examine yourself and your own side, then you continue to obsess about the subject of the fight rather than seeing your contribution to the fight or your potential contribution to the healing," he continued. "I think self-examination is an old moral and spiritual principle from the world's great religions. A basic ancient phrase says, 'Who is respected?' A person who respects all human beings. That's self-examination. That's what I need and it's probably what they need, too. It's the Golden Rule. It's Leviticus 9:19: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' But you can't express all that love for neighbor unless you're

working on what you need for yourself."

Loving and forgiving those who have caused us harm is difficult, even painful. Asking for forgiveness, is perhaps even more so, since it means admitting our own mistakes - sometimes, major ones. Yet, I think forgiving ourselves may be harder than either.

Of course we should do the best we can with our lives. But, that's not the same as demanding a perfection that belongs to God alone. We all fail. We all fall. Yet the God who created us out of love offers us forgiveness, just as surely, if we ask for it with a sincere heart.

Another Christopher friend, Rabbi Harold Kushner, has written many thought-provoking books which address various aspects of the human condition. In *How Good Do We Have to Be?* He writes: "Life is not a trap set for us by God, so that He can condemn us for failing ... At the end, if we are brave enough to love, if we are strong enough to forgive, if we are generous enough to rejoice in another's happiness, and if we are wise enough to know that there is enough love to go around for us all, then we can achieve a fulfillment that no other living creature will ever know."

Plan To Make Illinois Schools Better

The Illinois State Board of Education has submitted its Comprehensive Strategic Plan for Elementary and Secondary Education in Illinois to Gov. Rod R. Blagojevich and members of the Illinois General Assembly. The plan, a five-year road map for the State Board of Education, focuses on helping schools meet the needs of their students to prepare them for long-term success after high school. The Board developed the plan with input from education constituents in open forums held around the state in May, June and July. The plan was required for the first time this year as part of the governor's sweeping education reform law that he signed in September 2004.

With the goal of helping schools and districts improve the way they teach children, the State Board focused on three primary goal areas for the plan. While the goals in the plan are not intended to cover all the functions and priorities of the Board, they represent those areas that will have the greatest impact on children in Illinois schools. The three goals in the plan are:

- Enhancing literacy, which includes fluency in reading, math, science and global awareness.
- Improving educator quality for all children, spanning teacher preparation, recruitment, retention & professional development.
- Expanding data-driven management and school support practices, for example, providing schools access to online educational research to help them develop school improvement plans, building on success achieved in other schools, districts and states.

Within these goal areas, specific objectives address areas from early childhood and teacher recruitment to best teaching practices and shared service initiatives for schools. Each strategic objective directly relates to the topic areas set forth in Public Act 93-1036.

Progress on meeting each initiative in the Strategic Plan will be tracked through a template throughout the Agency and reported to the State Board of Education on a quarterly basis. The State Board will evaluate the overall appropriateness of the plan on an annual basis, making needed changes & additions to ensure that it remains a compelling document to lead educational change in Illinois.

Property Tax Bills On Website

Cook County homeowners can see their property tax bill amount on the Cook County Treasurer's website and pay the bills on-line almost five days before they arrive in the mail, Cook County Treasurer Maria Pappas said.

More than 1.6 million bills for the 2nd installment of tax year 2004 have been mailed. The due date is Nov. 1, Pappas said.

Property owners can visit www.cookcountytreasurer.com to obtain the amount of the bill and pay on-line from a checking or savings account, Pappas said.

"Now that our website accepts payments year-round, property owners have greater flexibility and convenience in paying property taxes on-line," Pappas said, advising owners to have their Property Index Number (PIN) ready.

Pappas said taxpayers also can call (312) 443-5100 and use English, Polish or Spanish to obtain the amount of the bill for financial-planning purposes.

Website visitors who still have not paid the first-installment bill from earlier this year will see how much is owed for both that bill and the new bill. Payments for both installments can be made on-line and in any amount (overpayments are rejected), Pappas said.

Besides on-line, bills can be paid: at more than 250 Bank One (Chase) locations; by direct debit from some 250 community banks; or by mail (return envelope comes with the bill).

Pappas urged homeowners to make timely payment to avoid state-imposed delinquency penalties of 1.5% per month.

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Eighth grade boys are invited to visit St. Rita High School, 7740 S. Western Ave., on Monday, Oct. 10th. Guests will tour the campus, attend a selection of classes, have lunch, and enjoy St. Rita's pool, gymnasium and game room. Boys are asked to arrive at 7:45 a.m. and enter the school's main entrance. Dismissal will be at 2:20 p.m. Call John Quinn at (773) 925-RITA to register.

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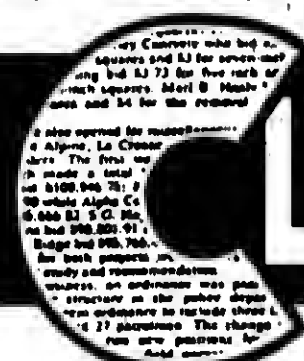
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America, or its successors or assigns,
Plaintiff, vs. Gregory A.
Hopper a/k/a Gregory Allen Hopper
a/k/a Greg Allen Hopper, et al.,
Defendants. No. 05Ch-54.
PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby
given that pursuant to a Judgment
of Foreclosure entered in the
above entitled cause on May 19,
2005, Intercounty Judicial
Sales Corporation will on Tuesday,
October 18, 2005 at the hour of 11 a.m., in their office at 120 W. Madison St., Suite 718A, Chicago, IL, sell to the
highest bidder for cash, the following
described property:
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W. 110th St., Unit 9, Worth, IL
60482.
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. National City Mortgage Company d/b/a Commonwealth United Mortgage Company, Plaintiff, vs. Gerber Suarez, et al., Defendants. No. 04Ch-18638. PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on January 13, 2005, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Monday, October 24, 2005, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 W. Madison St., Suite 718A, Chicago, IL, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described property: Commonly known as: 4020 W. 100th St., Oak Lawn, IL 60453. The improvement on the property consists of a single family residence. Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, by certified funds. No refunds. The judgment amount was \$191,307.71. The property will NOT be open for inspection. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale which will entitle the purchaser in a Deed to the premises after confirmation of the sale. For information: Visit our website at http://service.atty.pierce.com, between 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. only. Pierce & Associates, Plaintiff's Attorneys, One N. Dearborn St., Ste. 1300, Chicago, IL 60602. Tel. No. (312) 476-5500. PIERCE & ASSOCIATES File No. PA0408615. 137270C	IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. LaSalle Bank National Association, Trustee, Plaintiff, vs. Vidal Lozada, et al., Defendants. No. 05Ch-2030. PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above entitled cause on July 25, 2005, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Wednesday, October 26, 2005 at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 W. Madison St., Suite 718A, Chicago, IL, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described mortgaged real estate: Commonly known as 7716 S. Nagle Ave., Burbank, IL 60459. The mortgaged real estate is improved with a single family residence and will NOT be open for inspection. The judgment amount was \$210,555.69. Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance, by certified funds, within 24 hours. The sale shall be subject to general taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and any prior first mortgages. The subject property is offered for sale without any representation as to quality of title or recourse to Plaintiff. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information. For information: Sale Clerk, Shapiro & Kreisman, 4201 Lake Cook Road, 1st Floor, Northbrook, IL 60062. (847) 498-9990, between the hours of 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. only. 137181C	IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A. Successor by Merger with Bank One, N.A., Plaintiff, vs. Mervat Swiss a/k/a Mervat K. Swiss a/k/a Mervat 'Swiss', et al., Defendant. Case No. 05Ch-3952. PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on April 27, 2005, The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 a.m. on October 18, 2005, in its office at 33 N. Dearborn St., 10th Floor, Chicago, IL 60602-3100, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as: 11440 S. Nashville Ave., Worth, IL 60482. The real estate is improved with a single family residence. The judgment amount was \$33,011.52. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; the balance, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale. The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information. For information contact Plaintiff's Attorney: The Sale Clerk, COOLIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 N. Frontage Road, Suite 100, Burr Ridge, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876 Ext. 1320. Please refer to file number 14-05-2271. NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act you are advised that Plaintiff's Attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. 137800C	IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Regency Savings Bank, a United States Corporation, Plaintiff, vs. Robert R. Watkins, et al., Defendants. No. 05Ch-2916. PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on May 25, 2005, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Tuesday, October 25, 2005, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 W. Madison St., Suite 718A, Chicago, IL, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described mortgaged real estate: Commonly known as: 4432 W. 81st Pl., Chicago, IL 60652. The improvement on the property consists of a single family residence consisting of a living room, kitchen, four bedrooms and two bathrooms along with an attached two car garage. Sale terms: Bidders must present, at the time of sale, a cashier's or certified check for 10% of the successful bid amount. The balance of the successful bid shall be paid within 24 hours, by similar funds. The property will NOT be open for inspection. For information Call: Mr. Francis J. Pendergast III at Plaintiff's Attorney, Law Offices of Crowley & Lamb, P.C., 350 North LaSalle Street, Chicago, IL 60610. (312) 670-6900. 137196C	IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. U.S. Bank N.A. as Trustee for the registered holders of Structured Asset Securities Corporation, Mortgage Pass Through Certificates, Series 2004 GEL1, Plaintiff, vs. Christopher D. Barnett, et al., Defendants. No. 04Ch-11803. PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above entitled cause on January 20, 2005, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Monday, October 31, 2005 at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 W. Madison St., Suite 718A, Chicago, IL, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described mortgaged real estate: Commonly known as: 7755 S. St. Louis, Chicago, IL 60652. The mortgaged real estate is improved with a single family residence and will NOT be open for inspection. The judgment amount was \$130,369.84. Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance, by certified funds, within 24 hours. The sale shall be subject to general taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and any prior first mortgages. The subject property is offered for sale without any representation as to quality of title or recourse to Plaintiff. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information. For information: Sale Clerk, Shapiro & Kreisman, 4201 Lake Cook Road, 1st Floor, Northbrook, IL 60062. (847) 498-9990, between the hours of 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. only. 136495C	IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Bank Financial, formerly known as Financial Federal Trust & Savings Bank, Plaintiff, vs. Clifford J. Doise, et al., Defendants. No. 05Ch-3895. PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on May 9, 2005, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Friday, October 21, 2005, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 W. Madison St., Suite 718A, Chicago, IL, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described mortgaged real estate: Commonly known as 15325 S. Millard Ave., Midlothian, IL 60445. The improvement on the property consists of a single family residence. Sale terms: Bidders must present, at the time of sale, a cashier's or certified check for 10% of the successful bid amount. The balance of the successful bid shall be paid within 24 hours, by similar funds. The property will NOT be open for inspection. For information call Mr. Patrick I. Hartnett at Plaintiff's Attorney, Hartnett and Hartnett, 79 W. Monroe St., Chicago, IL 60602. 312/332-4590. 137755C
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for First Financial Mortgage Group, Inc., or its successors or assigns, Plaintiff, vs. Abdelnaser Hamdan a/k/a Abdel N. Hamden, et al., Defendants. Case No. 05Ch-6837. PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on June 22, 2005, The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 a.m. on October 28, 2005, in its office at 33 N. Dearborn St., 10th Floor, Chicago, IL 60602-3100, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as: 8421 S. Mansfield Ave., Burbank, IL 60459. The real estate is improved with a white brick quad level house with attached 2 car garage. The judgment amount was \$343,054.00. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; the balance, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale. The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information. For information: Visit our website at http://service.atty.pierce.com, between the hours of 3 and 5 p.m. only. PIERCE & ASSOCIATES, Plaintiff's Attorneys, One N. Dearborn St., Ste. 1300, Chicago, IL 60602, (312) 476-5500. Please refer to file number PA0503239. NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act you are advised that Plaintiff's Attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. 135882C	IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Flagstar Bank, FSB, Plaintiff, vs. Craig Chietto, et al., Defendants. No. 04Ch-12691. PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on August 2, 2005, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Friday, November 4, 2005, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 W. Madison St., Suite 718A, Chicago, IL, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described property: Commonly known as: 7941 S. Artesian Ave., Chicago, IL 60652. The improvement on the property consists of a single family residence with a detached two car garage. Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, by certified funds. No refunds. The judgment amount was \$161,283.12. The property will NOT be open for inspection. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the premises after confirmation of the sale. For information: Visit our website at http://service.atty.pierce.com, between 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. only. Pierce & Associates, Plaintiff's Attorneys, One N. Dearborn St., Ste. 1300, Chicago, IL 60602. Tel. No. (312) 476-5500. PIERCE & ASSOCIATES File No. PA0405310. 136396C	IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Bank of America, N.A., successor to Nationsbank Corporation Assignee of GN Mortgage Corporation, Plaintiff, vs. Brian J. Coleman, et al., Defendants. No. 04Ch-4616. PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on 5/19/05, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Tuesday, October 25, 2005, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 W. Madison St., Suite 718A, Chicago, IL, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described property: Commonly known as: 14938 San Francisco Ave., Posen, IL 60469. The improvement on the property consists of a single family residence with separate 2 car garage. Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, by certified funds. No refunds. The judgment amount was \$75,451.63. The property will NOT be open for inspection. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the premises after confirmation of the sale. For information: Visit our website at http://service.atty.pierce.com, between 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. only. Pierce & Associates, Plaintiff's Attorneys, One N. Dearborn St., Ste. 1300, Chicago, IL 60602. Tel. No. (312) 476-5500. PIERCE & ASSOCIATES File No. PA0408138. 137152C	IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. JP Morgan Chase Bank, N.A. Successor by Merger with BankOne, NA, Plaintiff, vs. Stuart Subject, et al., Defendant. No. 05Ch-5020. PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on May 11, 2005, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Tuesday, October 25, 2005, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 W. Madison St., Suite 718A, Chicago, IL, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described mortgaged real estate: Commonly known as: 15217 S. Hamlin, Midlothian, IL 60445. The improvement on the property consists of a single family residence. Sale terms: Bidders must present, at the time of sale, a cashier's or certified check for 10% of the successful bid amount. The balance of the successful bid shall be paid within 24 hours, by similar funds. The property will NOT be open for inspection. For information call Ms. Oiane Thomas, at Plaintiff's Attorney, Freedman, Anselmo, Lindberg and Rappe, 1807 W. Diehl Road, Naperville, IL 60566-7107. 630/983-0770. 137197C	IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Wells Fargo Bank, NA as Trustee for First Franklin Mortgage Loan Trust 2004-FFS, By: Saxon Mortgage Services, Inc., as its Attorney-in-Fact, Plaintiff, vs. Edwin E. Cruz, et al., Defendants. No. 05Ch-1079. PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on July 26, 2005, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Thursday, October 27, 2005, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 W. Madison St., Suite 718A, Chicago, IL, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described mortgaged real estate: Commonly known as: 9264 S. 51st Ave., Oak Lawn, IL 60453. The improvement on the property consists of a single family residence. Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, by certified funds. No refunds. The judgment amount was \$209,578.88. The property will NOT be open for inspection. For information call Mr. Ira T. Nevel at Plaintiff's Attorney, Law Offices of Ira T. Nevel, 175 N. Franklin St., Chicago, IL 60606. 312/357-1125. 137175C	IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Agent Mortgage Company, L.L.C., Plaintiff, vs. Cleimer Rivera, et al., Defendants. No. 05Ch-6950. PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on August 23, 2005, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Tuesday, October 18, 2005, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 W. Madison St., Suite 718A, Chicago, IL, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described mortgaged real estate: Commonly known as: 5348 W. 87th St., Burbank, IL 60459. The improvement on the property consists of a single family residence. Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, by certified funds. No refunds. The judgment amount was \$228,369.84. The property will NOT be open for inspection. For information call Mr. Ira T. Nevel at Plaintiff's Attorney, Law Offices of Ira T. Nevel, 175 N. Franklin St., Chicago, IL 60606. 312/357-1125. 137806C
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NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE Fisher & Fisher file #62009 (It is advised that interested parties consult with their own attorneys before bidding at mortgage foreclosure sales.) PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered on April 11, 2005 in the amount of \$145,014.10, Kallen Financial & Capital Services, Inc. as Selling Official will at 11:30 a.m. on October 27, 2005 at 175 W. Washington Street, Chicago, IL, sell the following described real property to the highest bidder at auction for cash: C/K/A: 2711 W. 98th Pl., Evergreen Park, IL 60805. The improvements on the property consist of a wood-frame two-story single-family dwelling with separate garage. The property will NOT be open for inspection. Sale terms: property offered "as is," with no express or implied warranties; sale subject to general real estate taxes, special taxes, special assessments, and superior liens, if any; 10% of successful bid to be paid at conclusion of auction and balance by noon the next business day, both by cashier's checks; and no refunds. After confirmation of the sale by the court, the successful bidder will receive a Selling Official's Deed. For information, contact the Sales Officer at the office of the Plaintiff's attorneys, Fisher & Fisher, 120 N. LaSalle Street, Chicago, IL, (312) 372-4784, between 1:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. Monday through Friday; however, under Illinois law the Sales Officer is not required to provide information in addition to that contained in this notice. 135870C					

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department - Chancery Division, Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., Plaintiff, vs. Roberta Wilmet, et al., Defendants, No. 05Ch4763.

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on June 1, 2005, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Tuesday, November 1, 2005, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 W. Madison St., Suite 718A, Chicago, IL, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described property:

Commonly known as: 3637 W. Berck Dr., Alsip, IL 60803. The improvement on the property consists of a single family residence with above ground pool.

Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, by certified funds. No refunds. The judgment amount was \$149,279.02. The property will NOT be open for inspection.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the premises after confirmation of the sale.

For information: Visit our website at <http://service.atty.pierce.com>, between 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. only. Pierce & Associates, Plaintiff's Attorneys, One N. Dearborn St., Ste. 1300, Chicago, IL 60602. Tel. No. (312) 476-5500.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department - Chancery Division, Countrywide Home Loans, Inc. f/k/a Countrywide Funding Corporation, Plaintiff, vs. Roosevelt Johnson, et al., Defendants, No. 05Ch4763.

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on June 1, 2005, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Tuesday, November 1, 2005, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 W. Madison St., Suite 718A, Chicago, IL, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described property:

Commonly known as: 8008 S. Trumbull Ave., Chicago, IL 60652.

The improvement on the property consists of a single family residence with an attached one and one half car garage.

Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, by certified funds. No refunds.

The judgment amount was \$124,222.73. The property will NOT be open for inspection.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the premises after confirmation of the sale.

For information: Visit our website at <http://service.atty.pierce.com>, between 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. only. Pierce & Associates, Plaintiff's Attorneys, One N. Dearborn St., Ste. 1300, Chicago, IL 60602. Tel. No. (312) 476-5500.

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Find Jobs For Hurricane Victims In Illinois

Governor Rod R. Blagojevich announced that a partnership between state government and the private sector is helping find jobs for people displaced by two major Gulf hurricanes who are now living in Illinois. The Illinois Department of Employment Security (IDES) contacted the Illinois Chamber of Commerce and Illinois employers with 250 or more employees to ask them to identify job openings for hurricane evacuees living in Illinois. More than 70 companies responded to the call and have identified hundreds of jobs.

"When we opened our doors to thousands of people displaced by Hurricane Katrina - and now victims of Hurricane Rita as well - 23 took on the responsibility of helping them get back on their feet. We're providing housing, health care, food, clothing and we're helping to find them jobs. By working with our friends in the private sector, we're matching job skills to jobs available. I'm proud of the way this state responded to the wide range of needs hurricane victims are facing after the disaster on the Gulf Coast," said Gov. Blagojevich.

Major corporations like General Electric, Harris Bank, Aon Corporation and Caterpillar are among the more than 70 companies that responded to the state's request. IDES is using its free online job matching service, Illinois Skills Match to help match people to potential jobs.

"IDES was asked by our affected sister states to identify jobs that may suit those who had to evacuate their communities. Our goal is to use Illinois Skills Match to quickly match Katrina evacuees with suitable employment and help them recover from this disaster as quickly as possible," said IDES Director Brenda A. Russell.

Russell also notes that jobs listed at IllinoisSkillsMatch.com are open to all Illinois residents. IDES uses Illinois Skills Match to help employers find qualified employees with the right skills. Only a few of the jobs listed with ISM are restricted to hurricane evacuees; the vast majority are available to the general public. IDES will also work with employers who are targeting jobs for hurricane evacuees to identify qualified Illinois residents for these jobs if a qualified hurricane victim is not found.

The state is working to ensure evacuees are aware of the job assistance created to help them. IDES staff is providing direct assistance to the evacuees in IDES local offices and at emergency sites throughout the state. The IDES website, www.ides.state.il.us, is set up with a number of links to maximize the possibilities of matching available jobs with the appropriate candidates.

In addition to the Illinois Skills Match, links from the IDES homepage include other Katrina-related employment sites. The U.S. Department of Labor's America's Job Bank has a special site, Katrina Recovery Jobs Connection (www.jobsearch.org/katrinajobs). CareerBuilder, a website affiliated with the Chicago Tribune and other national newspapers, has a section set up for Katrina victims at www.katrina.jobs. Chicagojobs.com, associated with 19 newspaper publishers in the greater Chicago area, is a website devoted exclusively to Chicago area jobs, has a special site at www.Chicagojobs.com/Katrina. All the Katrina-related sites are free to employers and evacuees.

NAMI Meeting

The NAMI support group for relatives and friends of persons with mental illnesses (brain disorders) will meet at 7 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 13th in the Church of Christ, 206th & Crawford in Matteson.

This self-help support group, sponsored by the south suburban affiliate of the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI), provides participants with an opportunity to meet others in similar circumstances and to discuss concerns, share insights and information, as well as messages of comfort and hope. This group is for people whose loved ones have been recently diagnosed or have long-standing illnesses.

Led by experienced volunteers, the group meets on the second Thursday of each month throughout the year at the same time and location. There is no charge to attend. Anyone seeking additional information about this meeting, or about NAMI, can call John Rowley at (708) 798-3862.

West Nile Virus Latest

Dr. Eric E. Whitaker, state public health director, today announced the death of a suburban Cook County woman, who was previously reported as being hospitalized with West Nile neuroinvasive disease. The 86-year-old woman died on Sept. 29th.

In addition, two new West Nile disease cases have been identified in the state, bringing to 199 the number of cases reported so far this year. The new cases are:

An 81-year-old woman from suburban Cook County who was hospitalized with West Nile neuroinvasive disease and has since been discharged.

A 71-year-old man from Marshall County who was hospitalized with West Nile fever and has since been discharged.

The state's other cases of West Nile disease have been from Chicago (33), suburban Cook County (86), and the counties of DuPage (37), Kane (12), Kendall (1), Lake (10), LaSalle (1), McHenry (1), Peoria (6), Schuyler (1), St. Clair (1) and Will (5) and Winnebago (2). Five West

Nile patients have died this year: a 92-year-old woman from suburban Cook County who died on Aug. 2nd, an 85-year-old man from Lake County who died on Sept. 5th, a 92-year-old woman from suburban Cook County who died on Sept. 6th, a 78-year-old man from Will County who died on Sept. 27th, and a 70-year-old woman from suburban Cook County who died on Sept. 26th.

In addition to human cases, a total of 221 birds, 2,332 mosquito samples, three horses and one llama from 41 counties have tested positive for West Nile virus since surveillance for the mosquito-borne disease began on May 1st.

Additional information about West Nile virus can be found on the Department's Web site at www.idph.state.il.us/envhealth/wnv.htm or people can call the West Nile Virus Hotline at (866) 369-9710 Monday through Friday between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m.

Acute Scrapbook Bringing Villages Together

Acute Scrapbook located at 11642 S. Pulaski in Alsip will be sponsoring a fundraiser for victims of Hurricane Katrina who have been relocated to Tinley Park. In an effort to help with the New Beginnings of these displaced families and individuals, Acute Scrapbook will be having a Free Crop to raise donations on Sunday, Oct. 9th from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. at the VFW Hall, 119th and Cicero Ave. in Alsip (donated for the event).

Susan Swanson, owner of Acute Scrapbook, is encouraging the community to welcome these survivors with open arms and hearts. For the first hour of the crop, there will be a "Make-n-Give" instead of a "Make-n-Take." With the help and support of Alsip's Mayor Patrick Kitching, attendees will be making accordion-style albums to deliver to the Village of Tinley Park along with other donations. The Village of Tinley Park states that gift cards and

cash donations are most needed. For your protection, all checks should be made payable to The Village of Alsip, New Beginnings Relief Fund. "We are looking for all of our community's seasoned croppers, as well as those just starting out, to come help our fundraising effort. Also, we are looking for area businesses to donate items which can be raffled for further donations," said Swanson.

There will be food donated from the area's restaurants, along with contests and raffles to keep the croppers cropping! If you choose not to attend, donations will also be accepted directly at Acute Scrapbook. A list of contributors will also be published. For more in-depth details, or to make a pledge and reserve your seat to crop, contact Susan Swanson of Acute Scrapbook at (708) 59-SCRAP. Thank you one and all for your support.

Oktoberfest And Sing-Along

St. Stephen Lutheran Church, 14700 Kildare Ave. in Midlothian, will hold its 2nd annual Oktoberfest and Sing-Along on Saturday, Oct. 15th at 7:30 p.m. There will be no charge but a free will donation will be greatly appreciated.

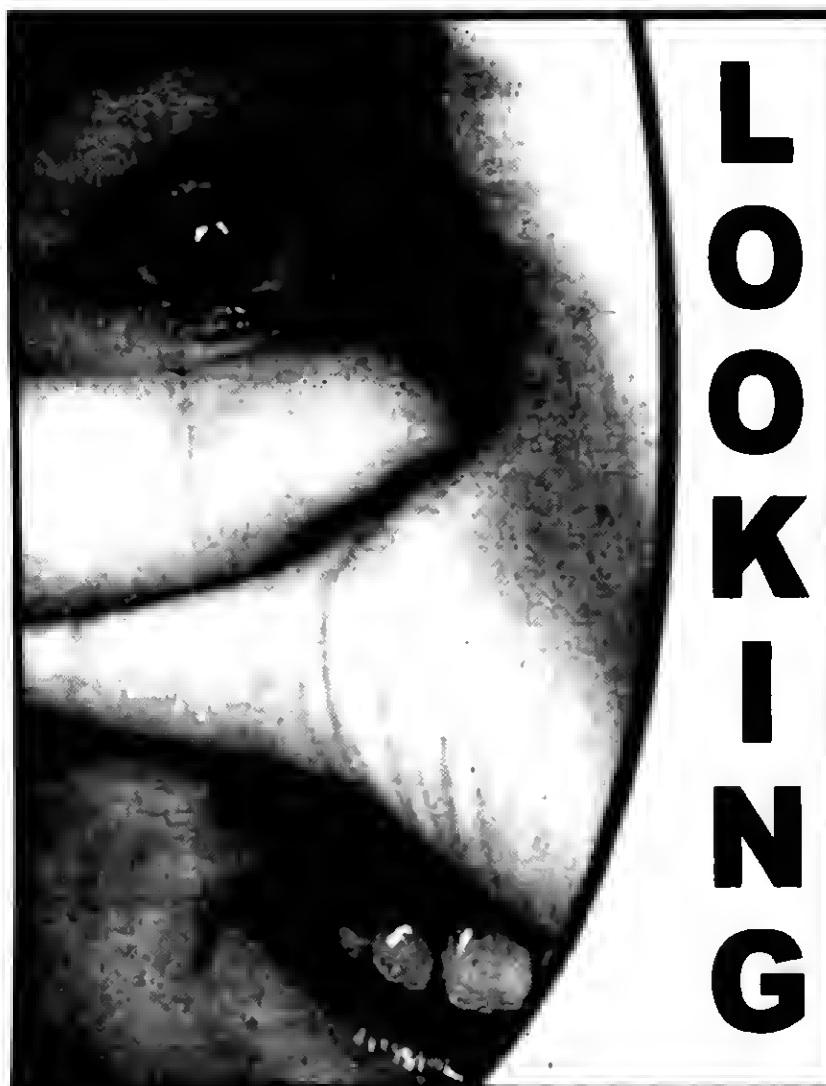
Brats, kraut, hot dogs, drinks, etc. will be served. Anyone wishing to donate side dishes and bakery goods will be greatly appreciated.

For more information, call the church at (708) 388-4289.



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Southwest Area Obituaries

Thomas L. Guhr

Mass was said on Tuesday, Oct. 4th, at Incarnation Church, Palos Heights, for Thomas L. Guhr, 57, husband of the late Linda L. Guhr.

He is survived by his children, Tommy and Sara.

William J. Lenard

Mass was said on Wednesday, Oct. 5th, at St. Damian Church, for Bronze Star Recipient, Viet Nam War Veteran, William J. Lenard.

He is survived by his wife, Deborah A. Lenard; his children, Steven (Tara) Lenard and Joseph (Cristina) Lenard; two grandchildren; and siblings, Jack (Karen) Lenard and Linda (George) Bauer.

Adrienne Vogel

Services were held on Tuesday, Oct. 4th, at Savior Divine Evangelical Lutheran Church, Palos Hills, for Adrienne "Lil" Voegal, 69.

She is survived by her husband, Richard Sr.; her children, Richard Jr. (Jennifer), Michael (Donna) and Rev. Robert (Linda); and six grandchildren.

Victoria V. Mroz

Mass was said on Tuesday, Oct. 4th, at St. Albert The Great Church, Burbank, for Victoria V. Mroz, wife of the late Louis M. Mroz.

She is survived by her children, Gene, Anna, Harriet, Rich and Jerry; fourteen grandchildren; and many great-grandchildren.

Lorraine C. Sharko

Mass was said on Monday, Oct. 3rd, at St. Linus Church, Oak Lawn, for Lorraine C. Sharko.

She is survived by her husband, Donald T. Sharko; her children Paul (Janet) Sharko, Donald (Susan) Sharko, Stephen Sharko & Madeleine Sharko; & four grandchildren.

Elizabeth Bruno

Mass was said on Tuesday, Oct. 4th, at St. Cajetan Church, Chicago, for Elizabeth "Betty" Bruno, 76, wife of the late Emil.

She is survived by her children, Bruno, O.S.F., Betty Lou (Jerry) Richard, Lee (Ann), Louis Ret. CPD Gaal and Mary Theresa (Thomas) Schwarz; nine grandchildren; one great-grandchild; and siblings, Edwin (Karol) Walter and Patricia Bruno.

Dorothy G. Svetec

Mass was said on Monday, Oct. 3rd, at St. Michael Church, Orland Park, for Dorothy G. Svetec.

She is survived by her husband, Joseph Svetec; her daughter, Christine Bresnahan; two grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Jewel Tarsitano

Mass was said on Wednesday Oct. 5th, at St. George Church, Tinley Park, for Jewel Tarsitano.

She is survived by her husband, Leo P. Tarsitano.

Jennie Cimoli

Mass was said on Wednesday, Oct. 5th, at St. Damian Church, Oak Forest, for

Jennie Cimoli, 93, wife of the late Arthur.

She is survived by her children, Paul (Rita) and Judy (Bob) Sieher.

Peter Craig

Services were held on Wednesday, Oct. 5th, at Edgar Funeral Home, Oak Lawn, for U.S. Army WWII Veteran Peter Craig, 86, husband of the late Lydia A.

He is survived by his children, Peter M. (Paula) Craig and Kathryn A. Craig.

Irene M. Rance

Services were held on Wednesday, Oct. 5th, at Brady-Gill Funeral Home, Tinley Park, for Irene M. Rance, 80, wife of the late Edward C.

She is survived by her daughter, Janice (Kenneth) Hawk, and two grandchildren.

Michael J. Fearon

Mass was said on Wednesday, Oct. 5th, at St. Bede the Venerable Church, Chicago, for Veteran Michael J. Fearon, 25.

He is survived by his parents, James and Noreen; and siblings, Ellen, John, Elizabeth (Jason) Powell, Bernard, James (Michelle), Mary, Bridget, & Katherine Fearon.

Joseph A. Walsh

Mass was said on Monday, Oct. 3rd, at Christ The King Church, Beverly, for U.S. Navy WWII Veteran Joseph A. Walsh, 83, husband of the late Jeanette B. Walsh.

He is survived by his children, Joseph A. (Kathleen), Thomas J., Mary Pat, Philip M., C.F.D. (Lorri), Jean Marie, Michael P. and Maggie Walsh; fifteen grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; and siblings, Laurence (Betty) and Catherine Walsh.

Joan F. Regiro

Mass was said on Monday, Oct. 3rd, at St. Julie Billiart Church, Tinley Park, for Joan F. Regiro.

She is survived by her husband, Joseph, Jr.; her children, Darlene (William) Quinn Susan (Mark) Stangarone and Joseph Michael (Tonya); eight grandchildren; siblings, and her brother, Jim (Sally).

Stephanie Rendek

Services were held on Monday, Oct. 3rd, at Blake-Lamb Funeral Home, Oak Lawn, for Stephanie Rendek, 86 wife of the late Peter J., retired CPD Detective.

She is survived by her nieces.

Marie P. Montes

Services were held on Tuesday, Oct. 4th, at Thompson & Kuenster Funeral Home, Oak Lawn, for Marie P. Montes, wife of the late Arthur A.

She is survived by her grandchildren, Dr. Arthur A. (Karr) Montes, David D. Montes, C.P.D., and Abby Ann Montes.

Robert McCarthy

Services will be held on Saturday, Oct. 8th at the V.F.W., 17147 Oak Park

Avenue, Tinley Park, for Robert McCarthy, 58.

He is survived by his sons, Shawn and Brad McCarthy.

Marie R. Latek

Mass was said on Monday, Oct. 3rd, at Our Lady of The Woods Church, Orland Park, for Marie R. Latek, wife of the late Chester.

She is survived by her children, Edward C. (Joan), George W., James P. (Joyce), Robert R. (Bernadine); ten grandchildren; 5 great-grandchildren; & siblings, Dorothy Murphy and Joseph Smith.

Marjorie K. Conquest

Services were held on Saturday, Oct. 1st, at Immanuel United Church of Christ, Evergreen Park, for Marjorie K. Conquest, 81, wife of the late, Victor B.

She is survived by her children, Charles and Robert (Marie); six grandchildren and three great-grandchildren; and siblings, Charles (Roxanne), William and By (Roberta) Kinsman.

Mary Frish

Services were held on Thursday, Sept. 29th, at Robert J. Sheehy & Sons Funeral Home, Orland Park, for Mary Frish, wife of the late Frank Frish.

She is survived by her sister, Margaret Regaldo and her brother, James BisBis.

Leonard E. Gilmore

Mass was said on Friday, Sept. 30th, at St. Catherine of Alexandria Church, Oak Lawn, for WWII U.S.M.C. Veteran Leonard E. Gilmore.

He is survived by his wife, Margaret; his children, Leonard (Patricia) Gilmore, Dr. Brian (Patricia Hogan) Gilmore & Patricia (Ken) Ritter; eight grandchildren; & his sister, Marilyn (Walter) Noble.

Helen M. Burke

Mass was said Friday, Sept. 30th, at St. Catherine of Alexandria Church, Oak Lawn, for Helen M. Burke, wife of the late William H. Burke.

She is survived by five grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Dona Glimco

Mass was said on Saturday, Oct. 1st, at St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church, Oak Lawn, for Dona Glimco, wife of the late Frank.

She is survived by her daughter, Joy (Bill) Selenis.

Joan Gorman

Mass was said on Saturday, Oct. 1st, at St. Gerald Church, Oak Lawn, for Joan Gorman.

She is survived by her sister, Evelyn (Edward) Streit; and her three nephews.

Jean M. Barry

Services are being held on Thursday, Oct. 5th, at Hann

Funeral Home, Bridgeview, for Jean M. Barry, wife of the late Gerald Sr.

She is survived by her children, Dennis (Laura), Gerald Jr. (Joy), Mildred (Donald Sr.), Poplar, William (Sandra), Sheryl Barbour and Jessie Eads; twelve grandchildren; eleven great-grandchildren; and her sister Joan Fatigante.

Walter L. Lawson

Services were held on Sunday, Oct. 1st, at Hills Funeral Home, Palos Hills, for WWII Army Veteran Walter L. Lawson, 89.

He is survived by his wife, Edlean; his son, Ronald F. (Doreen); five grandchildren; six great grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews.

Jerry Moecker

Mass will be said on Friday, Oct. 7th, at St. Christopher Church, Midlothian, for Jerry Moecker, 57.

He is survived by his wife, Sharon; children, Sarah, Paula and Tony (Bridget) Moecker; sister, Jennie; and his brother, Jeff (Karen) Moecker.

Mildred Jeutter

Services were held on Tuesday Oct. 4th, at Lawn Funeral Home, Burbank, for Mildred Jeutter, 84, wife of the late Paul Jeutter.

She is survived by her children, Larry, Daniel and Rick Jeutter; three grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Barbara J. Kenealy

Mass is being said on Thursday, Oct. 6th, at St. Damian Church, Oak Forest, for Barbara J. Kenealy.

She is survived by her husband, James E. Kenealy; her children, James Kenealy, Robert (Janice) Kenealy, Kelli (James) Hobbs and Kathleen (Brian) Kenealy; her mother, Thelma Dondelinger; seven grandchildren; and her sisters, Judith (Jim) Dondelinger, Jill and Jori.

Jennie H. Leparski

Mass was said on Wednesday, Oct. 5th, at St. Elizabeth Seton Church, Orland Hills, for Jennie H. Leparski, wife of the late Leo Leparski.

She is survived by her children, Valeria Lindenmeyer and Leo, Jr.; six grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; and her sister, Bernice Greicius.

Carlos P. Blanco

Mass was said on Wednesday, Oct. 5th, at Our Lady of The Woods Church, Orland Park, for Carlos P. Blanco, 71, husband of the late Linette "Lynn."

He is survived by his children, Carlos (Lee), David (Stephanie) & Karen Blanco; and four grandchildren.

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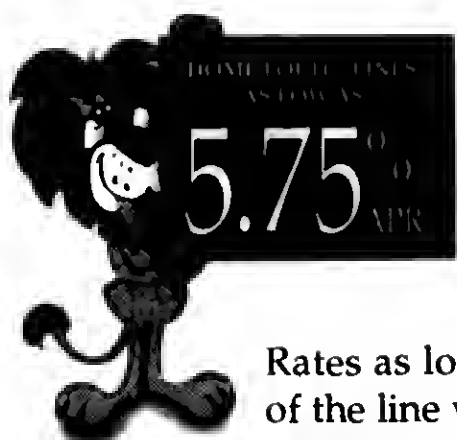
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Congressman Lipinski's Aid To Katrina Victims Grows

U.S. Rep. Dan Lipinski is coordinating a Katrina Relief Effort and is seeking both donations and volunteers to help his Gulf region convoy.

Lipinski said that his particular relief effort is being directed toward the residents of Ocean Springs, Mississippi where one out of three homes were completely destroyed and that 50% of their town's tax base has been eliminated.

Lipinski said that all people from across his district are getting involved - from business leaders to students in need of fulfilling their community service requirements.

Cleaning and construction supplies are badly needed in the Gulf region because of the Katrina's destruction and now mold growth; so a special plea goes out to any businesses or manufactures of such items, he noted.

A band of volunteers will depart Thursday, Oct. 20th, for Ocean Springs where they will escort and unload all donated goods and arrive back to Chicago late Sunday night.

Lipinski said he understood and listened to the frustration of Americans by the government's inability to help the victims.

Other ways for people to become involved are through helping with the boxing and loading of donated items and assist with the collection of donations from now until departure.

Some suggested items, but not limited to are: baby formula, powdered milk, non-perishable foods, brooms, mops, dust pans, shaving cream, razors, toothpaste and toothbrushes, soap and shampoo, non-perishable foods, new underwear and new socks, rubbing alcohol, band aides and other medicinal needs, air mattresses, large tarps, deodorant, hair brushes and combs, adult and infant diapers, mouthwash, baby wipes, feminine hygiene products, and most of all bleach.

Lipinski also encourages business owners or supervisors to chair an employee drive, "It's a great way to promote civic participation," Lipinski said.

He is also offering business owners throughout his district a 50-gallon fiberboard drum to place in their establishments so that their customers can participate, too.

Any three of his congressional offices are accepting donations: Chicago, 6245 S. Archer Avenue; La Grange, 19 Hillgrove, and Oak Lawn, 5205 W. 95th St, which is open late during the weekday and on weekends.

There are also scattered drop off locations throughout the district for constituent convenience.

Those interested in volunteering or seeking details about the whereabouts of other drop off locations, contact Catherine at (708)424-0853 or at LipinskiHelps@yahoo.com.

POLICE CALLS

On October 21st Mark Anderson of Oak Lawn was arrested and charged with two counts of battery, criminal damage to property, and theft after taking a motorized scooter from in front of an apartment building in the 8900 block of Sproat. The owner and a friend, who saw Anderson take the scooter chased him through the neighborhood in an attempt to retrieve the scooter. Anderson dropped the scooter, damaging the side, and attempted to jump a fence, which he also damaged. As the owner and the friend caught up to Anderson he pushed the owner to the ground and punched him. He then pushed the friend, just as the police arrived.

On September 22nd Donald Jakos, 50, of Oak Lawn and Donald Houde, 41, of Bridgeview were arrested and charged with being under the influence of alcohol in a park after officers observed the two men in a park for a second time. The two had been discovered earlier sleeping on benches and officers watched as they exited the park. A while later they again observed Houde sleeping on a bench and discovered Jakos in an outhouse.

Writers Group Meets At Library

The Oak Lawn Public Library Writers Group meets on the second and fourth Saturday of every month from 10 a.m. to 12 noon in the Mary Nelson Room, lower level. These informal meetings consist of readings, critiques and writing exercises. Current participants vary in their interests and writing experience. The group is intended for adults high school age and up. No fee or registration required. The library is located at 5300 W. 95th St.

For more information, call Linda Olsen, public relations officer, (708) 422-4990.

Synowiecki Excels

During the course of one week of tournament play, former Oak Lawn High School star, Sam Synowiecki amassed 71 digs and 10 blocks for the Millikin University Big Blue volleyball team.

Synowiecki's excellent play helped Millikin win the Lisa Siegenthaler Memorial Volleyball Tournament played at the University of Wisconsin in Eau Claire.

Junie B. Jones Club

The Oak Lawn Public Library, 5300 W. 95th St., invites fans of the "Junie B. Jones" book series in third through sixth grade to participate in four weeks of stories, games, crafts and treats. Meetings will be held on four consecutive Mondays, Nov. 7, 14, 21 and 28 from 4 to 5 p.m. Advance registration is required. Limited to 30 children.

Boy Scouts Will Hold Spaghetti Dinner

Boy Scouts of America Troop 618 will hold a Spaghetti Dinner on Saturday, Oct. 15th from 4 to 7:30 p.m. at Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church, 9701 S. Brandt Ave. All-you-can-eat spaghetti, bread, coffee, tea and Kool-Aid will be served. The cost is only \$5 for adults, \$2.50 for children (4 to 12 years). Pop and dessert are extra. Obtain tickets at the door.

Rummage Sale Oct. 7th

The United Methodist Women at the First United Methodist Church of Oak Lawn are having a rummage sale on Friday, Oct. 7th from 9 a.m. to noon and 6:30 to 8 p.m. and on Saturday, Oct. 8th from 9 a.m. to noon. Saturday is \$3 a bag day. The church is at 100th St. & Central Ave.

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Illinois "All Kids" Health Coverage

Governor Rod R. Blagojevich unveiled a landmark proposal that would make Illinois the first state in the nation to provide affordable, comprehensive health insurance for every child in the state. At a meeting with several middle-income families from the Chicago area who all make too much to qualify for state-funded healthcare, but cannot afford the high cost of private insurance, the Governor laid out his plan to ensure that every child in Illinois has access to affordable health insurance. Of the 253,000 children in Illinois without health insurance, more than half come from working and middle class families who earn too much to qualify for programs like KidCare, but not enough to afford private health insurance. The Governor's program would make comprehensive health insurance available to children, with parents paying monthly premiums and co-payments for doctors' visits and prescription drugs at affordable rates.

Over the past two and a half years, the Blagojevich Administration has worked to expand health coverage for low-income, working parents and their children. Since January of 2003, 170,000 more children in Illinois received health insurance, and Illinois is now ranked as the second best state in the nation by the Kaiser Family Foundation for providing health care to children who need it (Illinois is also now the top ranked state in the nation for providing health care to adults who need it).

Participants in the new program will pay monthly premiums and co-payments for doctors' visits and prescriptions, but unlike private insurance that is too expensive for so many families, the rates for All Kids coverage will be based on a family's income. The state is able to offer All Kids insurance coverage at much lower than market rates for middle-income families by leveraging the significant negotiating and buying power it already has through Medicaid.

The state will cover the difference between what parents contribute in monthly premiums and the actual cost of providing health care for each child, expected to be \$45 million in the first year, with savings generated by implementing a primary care case management model (PCCM) for participants in the state's FamilyCare and All Kids health care programs. Participants will choose a single primary physician who will manage their care by ensuring they get immunizations and other preventative health care services and avoid unnecessary emergency room visits and hospitalizations. Patients with chronic conditions like asthma or diabetes will have a single care manager to make sure they are getting the treatments and ongoing care they need to avoid acute care. Primary care physicians will make referrals to specialists for additional care or tests as needed.

By ensuring patients get adequate preventative care on the front end, fewer people will need expensive specialized care or emergency care for critical conditions. In children, preventative care is especially important. For example, infants with stomach flu (gastroenteritis) who receive appropriate primary care can avoid being hospitalized for dehydration. Providing a timely exam and appropriate antibiotic treatment for children with ear infections (otitis media) can prevent chronic ear problems, loss of hearing and the need for surgically placed tubes to relieve fluid build up. Treating children with bronchitis or minor lung infections in a primary care setting can help to avoid more expensive hospitalization treatment of pneumonia, including intravenous antibiotics and respiratory treatments. And early identification and appropriate treatment of children who have chronic illnesses, such as asthma, will result in fewer expensive emergency room and inpatient care visits.

More information about All Kids is available online at www.allkidscovered.com.

Oak Lawn Board Of Trustees Once Again

Table Target Ordinance

On Tuesday, October 11th the Oak Lawn Board again tabled action on an ordinance providing for the establishment of a Target Project-Municipal Parking Lot Special Service Area. Mayor Heilmann stated that he has been in correspondence and has requested a meeting with Target. But as yet no meeting has been scheduled. The mayor requested that the board table any action on the ordinance until such a meeting is held. Residents in attendance, applauded the mayor's comments.

The board approved a request from the Information Services Manager to waive the bidding process to purchase a critical replacement/upgrade to the village's IBM Series 400 System computer server for the Emergency-911 communications area from Comtech Group. The new system will cost \$71,373 and will include hardware, maintenance, and installation. According to Carol Faye, Information Services Manager, the replacement plan will save the village approximately \$30,000 a year in maintenance fees and offer improved reliability for the system overall.

The week of October 21st through October 28th has been proclaimed Red Ribbon Week in the village of Oak Lawn. The kickoff ceremony will be take place on Friday, October 21st from 4 p.m. until 6 p.m. on the Village Green.

October 14th through October 21st has been proclaimed "Operation Safe Streets" week. Chief Smith and the Oak Lawn Police Department remind that while the weather is

still nice, kids are out walking and riding their bikes to school. The responsibility is on drivers to be more aware of what is going on around them. To help ensure the safety of the children extra patrols in the areas around schools will be conducted both before and after school. Officers will aggressively be enforcing all traffic laws including the use of seat belts.

The board adjourned to executive session at 8:30 p.m. The next regular meeting will be held on October 25th.



Peanut Day

The Kiwanis Club of Oak Lawn held its 54th annual Peanut Day on Friday, Sept. 23rd. Kiwanians were on street corners and the train stations offering Kiwanis peanuts for donations for the many humanitarian projects sponsored by the Kiwanis.

Pictured with Kiwanian Harold Milner is Oak Lawn Mayor Dave Heilmann.

Kiwanis is a global organization of volunteers dedicated to changing the world one community and one child at a time. The Oak Lawn Kiwanis Club meets at the Old Barn Restaurant, 81st and Central Ave., on the second and fourth Thursdays of every month. The public is welcome to attend.

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Cook County Assessor James M. Houlihan, in an effort to provide taxpayers with more information, is publishing a list of 2005 proposed assessed values of residential property in Worth Township. All Worth Township properties are listed in a special section in this issue of the Evergreen Park Courier. Copies of this issue may be found at the Village Halls, some banks and some park districts in Worth Township.

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OCTOBER 13 & 14 - Thursday & Friday - AARP 55 Alive Driver Safety Program, Oak Lawn Library, 5300 W. 95th St., 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

OCTOBER 15 - Saturday - Spaghetti Dinner, Boy Scout Troop, 618, Trinity Lutheran Church, 9701 Brandt Ave., 4 to 7:30 p.m.

OCTOBER 17 - Monday - Nifty Fifties Senior Meeting, Salem United Church of Christ, 9717 S. Kostner, 1 p.m.

OCTOBER 17 - Monday - Planning & Development Commission Meeting, 9446 S. Raymond, 8 p.m.

OCTOBER 18 - Tuesday - Fair Housing Commission, Municipal Building, 9446 S. Raymond.

OCTOBER 18 - Tuesday - OL Library Board Meeting, 94th & Raymond, 7 p.m.

OCTOBER 18 - Tuesday - Environmental Concerns Meeting, 9446 S. Raymond, 7:30 p.m.

OCTOBER 18 - Tuesday - Special Events Committee Meeting, 9446 S. Raymond, 7:30 p.m.

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Expand & Enhance Prescription Drug Monitoring Program

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Operation Safe Streets

A message from Chief Smith and the Oak Lawn Police Department:

Here we are into another school year. While the weather is still nice kids are walking and riding their bikes to school. The responsibility is on the drivers of motor vehicles to be more aware of what's going on around them. Things to keep in mind while driving are:

- Children are small, making it difficult for them to see motorists and for motorists to see them. This is especially true around obstructions like parked or moving cars and buses.
- Children have underdeveloped peripheral vision, so a child won't see a motorist approaching from the right or left as soon as an adult will.
- Children have difficulty judging a car's speed and distance, leading them to misjudge how far away from them a moving car really is.
- Children often think, if they can see a car, the driver can see them.
- When backing out of a driveway or leaving a garage, watch out for children walking or bicycling.
- Watch for children walking in the street, especially if there are no sidewalks in the neighborhood. Also, watch out for children playing and when approaching a bus stop.
- Be alert. Children arriving late for school or a bus may dart into the street without looking for traffic.
- Drivers need to look for pedestrians as well as cars when turning left at a green light or making a right turn on red. Pedestrians have the right-of-way in these situations.

To help ensure the safety of our children, the Oak Lawn Police Department will be conducting extra patrols in the school areas both before and after school. Officers also will continue their school checks during the school hours. We will be aggressively enforcing our school speed zones throughout town. Please watch out and obey all crossing guards and stop signs. Police officers will also be making sure that everyone riding in a motor vehicle is wearing their seatbelt or using an appropriate child restraint seat by conducting seatbelt enforcement zones.

Our goal for conducting Operation Safe Streets is not to write tickets, but to ensure the safety of everyone. This will help make our streets a safer place to travel. It is for your safety and the safety of your passengers that you should wear your seatbelts and slow down going through town.

This information has been sent out to schools. While we encourage safety every day, this operation will be conducted from Oct. 14th through 21st.



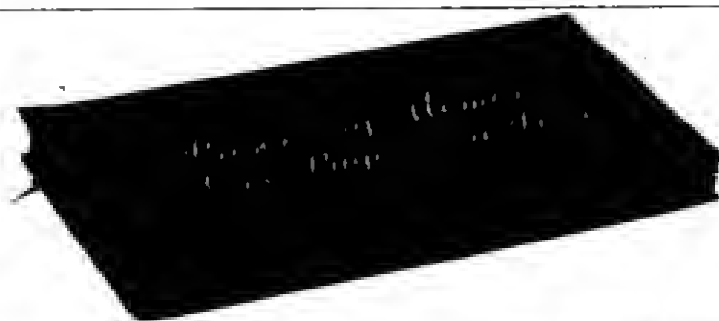
Rep. Lipinski Presents Funds To Oak Lawn Park District

U.S. Rep. Daniel Lipinski (IL-3rd) (third from right) presents a check for \$194,000 to Oak Lawn Park District officials for parking lot and walking path improvements. Congressman Lipinski obtained the funding for the park district through the recently enacted federal Transportation Bill. He was joined by (left to right): Park District Board Secretary Celi Murphy; Commissioner Mary Wallace; Commissioner Terry Vorderer; Commissioner Gary Callahan; Commissioner Don Andersen; Park District Director Maddie Kelly; and Commissioner Donna McCauley.

Senior Lunch Program

Community Nutrition Program, the senior lunch program, invites all area seniors to lunch at 9420 S. 52nd Ave. There is ample parking, elevator service and these are handicapped accessible. A minimal cost is asked for the lunch. Service begins at 11:30 a.m. although coffee and tea are available all morning. There are daily bingo, parties, speakers, trips, free monthly blood pressure screening and bi-monthly free foot care.

The daily menu is prepared by a registered dietitian especially for seniors. Why not give it a try? Call (708) 422-5180 to make your reservation, or if you have any questions.



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Letter To The Editor

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Direct Voter Accessibility is the Best Way

As an elected official my priority is to be as accessible as possible to residents year-round. Whether meeting with residents, groups or knocking on doors I want individuals to know that they can always approach me about issues that are important to them.

With technology today citizens have more ways to contact their public servants than ever before. In the Oak Lawn Park District we are utilizing part of that technology to communicate with the community through our web site at www.olparks.com.

Direct contact with elected officials is extremely important and a simple administrative change I plan to work with the park board on is allowing each board member, who chooses, to have an e-mail, phone number, and mailing address listed on the Oak Lawn Park District web site under the web page that shows the members of the park board.

This simple change will allow residents to easily share their thoughts with us on a variety of issues as well as help us to improve your parks and more effectively utilize your taxpayer dollars.

Until this change is officially made I encourage all residents of the Oak Lawn Park District who have questions, comments, ideas or concerns to contact me through e-mail at MaryListens@hotmail.com, by phone at (708) 203-1412, or by mail at P.O. Box 322, Oak Lawn, IL 60454.

Mary Margaret Wallace
Commissioner
Oak Lawn Park District

Alert Consumers To Children's Product Recalls

Attorney General Lisa Madigan joined the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) on Oct. 5th in alerting consumers about two recent recalls of children's costume jewelry products that were found to contain high levels of lead.

Madigan announced that approximately 145,000 Disney Princess Bracelet Key-rings and 455,000 Dollar General Necklace & Earring Sets have been voluntarily recalled. The bracelet key-rings were being sold at various retailers nationwide, including Walgreens and Wal-Mart, and the necklace and earring sets were being sold at Dollar General stores nationwide.

Madigan said consumers should stop using the recalled products immediately and contact the product distributors for a refund. For the Disney Princess Bracelet Keyrings, consumers should contact Monogram International at 1-800-736-1941. For the Dollar General Necklace and Earring Set, consumers should contact Dollar General at 1-800-678-9258.

The Illinois Department of Public Health's Web site also provide a direct link to www.recalls.gov, where citizens can find up-to-date recall information about past and current recalls.

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Tax Relief For Hurricane Katrina Victims

For victims of Hurricane Katrina, there may be tax relief on the horizon, federal and state recovery officials said today.

Because of a special Hurricane Katrina relief bill enacted by Congress and signed into law on September 23rd, Katrina-impacted taxpayers who lived in counties at the time of the hurricane that were later declared disaster areas no longer have to deduct 10 percent of their adjusted income and a \$100 deductible to claim disaster losses on their federal taxes.

Under the legislation, Katrina victims who can itemize deductions will be able to claim their entire disaster loss, minus any insurance payments or other reimbursements. Some tax filers may find that hurricane losses enable them to itemize deductions when they might not have otherwise qualified to do so.

The new law also allows Katrina victims to withdraw up to \$100,000 without tax penalties from certain retirement accounts, such as 401(k) plans and Individual Retirement Accounts, to pay for disaster-related needs. Suspends limits on individual cash contributions made to qualified charities beginning August 28, 2005 through December 31, 2005. Provides a tax benefit for people who volunteer to take Katrina victims, a \$500 deduction for each person they house for at least six months, up to a cap of \$2,000.

IDOT Receives Clean Air Award

The Illinois Dept. of Transportation (IDOT) has received a clean air award from the Partners for Clean Air for its groundbreaking Clean Air Construction Initiative. The Clean Air Construction Initiative is currently being utilized on the Dan Ryan and Kingery Expressway projects in reducing and monitoring emissions, as well as playing a part in the extensive community outreach program.

Last April, IDOT announced the Clean Air Construction Initiative, a major pollution reduction effort on the Dan Ryan and Kingery projects. The groundbreaking initiative was a result of recommendations from the Health and Environmental Focus Groups and partnerships with the U.S. and Illinois Environmental Protection Agencies.

The award was presented to IDOT by Darwin Burkhardt, Chair of Partners for Clean Air.

The Clean Air Construction Initiative calls for heavy construction equipment on the Dan Ryan project to be retrofitted with devices designed to reduce harmful emissions or use ultra low sulfur diesel fuel (ULSD) which is significantly cleaner than regular diesel fuel. IDOT also instituted idling limits and dust controls in order to reduce construction-related air emissions.

According to traffic studies, the Dan Ryan expressway is one of the busiest and most dangerous in the nation. It carries more than 300,000 vehicles daily, which is more than double what it was intended to carry when it was built more than 40 years ago. With nearly 8,200 accidents and more than 25 deaths reported over a three-year period, the expressway is averaging approximately seven accidents daily.

The four-year \$600 million Dan Ryan Expressway (I-94/90) reconstruction project spans from 31st St. to I-57/Halsted St. As part of the reconstruction, IDOT will add expressway lanes, improve local access roads and reconfigure the Skyway interchange to allow for safer driving conditions. We're On the Move to Improve the Dan Ryan Expressway. For more information, visit www.danryanexpressway.com.

People who have registered for disaster assistance by calling toll-free 1-800-621-3362 or (TTY) 1-800-462-7585 can talk with an IRS representative at any of the disaster recovery centers set up in Georgia, Tennessee, North Carolina, South Carolina and Kentucky to help Katrina victims.

The IRS also has established a toll-free hotline for hurricane victims at 1-866-562-5227 which operates from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. Monday through Friday. There, callers can find out about available tax relief, get free copies of their tax return transcripts and receive disaster tax kits. To calculate a federal casualty loss deduction, go to the IRS website at <http://www.irs.gov> or read IRS Publication 547, "Casualties, Disasters and Thefts."

For state income tax waivers or other benefits for Katrina victims, evacuees should check with the state tax office where they formerly resided. Property tax reductions may also be available in certain jurisdictions. For that information, evacuees are urged to consult the tax office in the county or parish where their property is located.

NARFE Meeting

The National Active and Retired Federal Employees Assn. (NARFE) Southwest Chicago Metro Chapter 1106 will hold its next meeting on Friday, Oct. 21st at 10 a.m. The meeting will take place in the Oak Lawn Municipal Building, 9446 S. Raymond Ave.

NARFE accepts all current federal employees, federal retirees, their spouses and survivors, into membership. The chapter covers the southwest side of Chicago and many of the suburbs north and south of I-55.

At the meeting, members are given the latest updates on legislation that affects the federal employee and retiree community. There usually is a guest speaker as well.

For information, call president John Altar at (708) 458-4990 or secretary Cathy Siciliano at (708) 599-1601.

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NAMI Meeting

NAMI Southwest is sponsoring a free public seminar on Tuesday, Oct. 18th at 7:30 p.m. at the Pilgrim Faith United Church of Christ, 9411 S. 51st Ave. in Oak Lawn. The speaker will be Angela Parker from the Senior Health Insurance Program, who will explain how the new changes in Medicare payment for prescription drugs will affect us all.

NAMI Southwest is a group of families, friends, consumers and professionals providing support, education and advocacy. Its purpose is to eradicate mental illness and improve the quality of life for those suffering from these diseases. We hold support group meetings for families of persons with mental illness on the first and third Tuesdays of the month at 7:45 p.m. at the church.

For more information on the seminar and our support services, contact Mike Guilfoyle at (708) 425-0925.

Pilots Association Meeting

The south suburban chapter of the Illinois Pilots Association will hold its monthly meeting Wednesday, October 19th. Dinner at 6:00 p.m., meeting at 7:00 p.m. The meeting will be held at the Sports Bar & Grill, located on Burnham Avenue, one block south of Lansing Airport. This month's speaker is Dr. Anthony Bilotta, a noted pilot medical examiner who will present a program on pilot fatigue and human factors of flying.

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EDITORIAL/OPINION PAGE

Launching Out - With Columbus

Light One Candle
Dennis Heaney, President
The Christophers

A long, long time ago, meaning when I was in school, Columbus Day used to be a pretty big deal. Our local Knights of Columbus council would throw a grand party to celebrate the occasion, and in school we had the usual pageants appropriate to the day. I was never chosen to play the Admiral himself, or to intone those magic words: "Sail on...and on!" But the kid who did get the part enjoyed celebrity status, at least for a while.

Like a lot of other things, Columbus Day isn't what it used to be. Oh, we still have a wonderful parade here in Manhattan, and there's still a holiday to enjoy. But political correctness has taken its toll. Columbus shouldn't be held up as a hero, his detractors tell us; the land he "discovered" was here all along, and the Indians who lived here were the real owners - Native Americans, in the truest sense of the phrase. And we keep hearing that Columbus might not have been the first European to reach these shores, after all. Claimants we never heard of in the old days have been put forth in recent years, forcing everyone to take a second look, at the very least, at the Columbus legend.

For some of us, though, the legend dies hard. By any standard Christopher Columbus was a hero in his own day, and the thought here is that he should still be seen as one now. In a sense, he's something of a namesake for us, The Christophers, and his first name carries the same meaning - "Christ-bearer" - that defines who we are and what we try to do.

That makes all the more remarkable a passage that I came across in *You Can Change the World*, the best-seller written back in 1948 by our founder, Maryknoll Father James Keller. In a series of "Reminders for Christophers" that he used to close the book, Father Keller listed as number 12 "Be Daring, Not Timid." To help make his point he cited Luke's Gospel passage in which Jesus dared Peter and his fellow fishermen to get away from the shallow, warm water close to the shore and "Launch out into the deep!"

"Taking Christ literally, he did 'launch out into the deep,' into the dangerous waters far from shore," Father Keller wrote. "And Peter carried that daring into everything he did for the rest of his life. Those who would be true Christophers will have to be equally daring, avoiding all timidity."

The application is obvious. I have no idea how familiar Christopher Columbus might have been with that particular passage of the Bible or indeed with the Scriptures in general. But daring? That's something else. Among those who go down to the sea in ships, he was the most daring sailor of his day, and perhaps of all time. No one in the history of seamanship is better remembered for listening to, and ultimately accepting, that most arresting of challenges: "Launch out into the deep."

As I say, Columbus Day isn't what it used to be. On top of everything else it's one of those "Monday holidays," which have come to mean very little beyond long weekends and trips to the mall.

Try to remember, though, the epic daring, the courage that made it a holiday in the first place. As for me, I'm still practicing "Sail on...and on!" Just in case.

Action Is Needed

In a letter to President Bush, U.S. Sen. Dick Durbin (D-IL) joined his colleagues in urging the President "to convene immediately a summit at the White House of oil and gas company CEOs to call on them to be good corporate citizens by reducing their prices."

Durbin said that Illinoisans can expect to continue to see their energy costs rise unless the President takes bold and decisive action. Durbin warned that unless consumers in Illinois see a reduction in the price of gasoline, they could pay an additional \$6 billion this year alone.

Reminding the President of his close ties to the oil and gas industries, the Senators continued, "We have never before had a President, Vice-President or Administration as close to the oil, gas and energy industry as yours is. This was demonstrated when, at the beginning of your administration, you convened a White House energy task force to draft a national energy policy. As we now know, large parts of that policy were drafted by your friends, allies and supporters in the oil, gas and energy industries."

SCORE Workshop

Attend a half-day workshop on Tuesday, Oct. 18th from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., offered by SCORE, Counselors to America's Small Business. Gain an understanding of cash flow, income statements & balance sheets and how to use them to impact business results. A guest banker will present criteria for obtaining financing. This workshop is the third of four required for a SCORE Workshop Completion Certificate, helpful when seeking a loan. Attendees should be in business or planning to start a business.

Register and pay the \$35 fee on line, www.scorechicago.org. Walk-in same day registration and pay at the door \$45. Space is limited. Call (312) 353-7724 any weekday morning with questions.

SCORE, a resource partner of the U.S. Small Business Administration, is located in the Citicorp Center, Suite 1250, 500 W. Madison St. in downtown Chicago. For more information, call (312) 353-7724 or visit the web site www.scorechicago.org.



All Points Southwest

By THOMAS E. GAVIN

Mayor Daley and Cook County Assessor James Houlihan co-sponsored the 7 percent cap which held the increase in this year's property tax bills to around two to four percent. In fact, in numerous cases, this year's tax bill is actually lower than that of two years ago.

Daley has suggested that the purpose of the 7 percent cap "was to prevent homeowners from being hit with huge tax increases as a result of skyrocketing real estate values. And it has worked."

However, Daley also pointed out that assessments are expected to continue their steep increase when Chicago homes are reassessed next year. "Property taxes will probably increase by double-digit percentages as they have in the past if the General Assembly fails to make the 7 percent cap permanent," he said.

Daley has requested that the City Council pass a resolution in favor of a permanent cap and has urged Chicagoland homeowners to encourage their respective legislators to make the cap permanent. He has also urged Cook County Assessor Houlihan to reform the assessment procedure in the County, and he called on the General Assembly to reduce the reliance on local property taxes to fund educational programs.

State Rep. Monique Davis (D-Chicago) has told All Points that she will bring area businesses and state agencies together with motivated job seekers at a job fair in Blue Island this Saturday, Oct. 15th. The event will take place at Eisenhower High School, 12700 S. Sacramento Ave., from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The event is open to the public and any organization interested in having a booth should contact Davis' constituent service office at (773) 445-9700.

Cook County Board of Review Commissioner Larry R. Rogers, Jr. has announced that on Saturday, Oct. 15th, he will hold a forum for property owners in Bremen Township who are interested in appealing their property tax assessments. Property owners should bring a copy of their tax bill to Mae Jemison Elementary School, 3450 W. 177th St. in Hazel Crest. The program will begin at 11 a.m.

"Appealing your property tax assessment is easy and straightforward, and my staff will help you through every step of the process," said Commissioner Rogers. "No citizen should have to pay more than their fair share of property taxes."

All property owners who file an appeal will be given full consideration and if supported by evidence the Board will consider reducing the assessed value of the property.

There is no fee to file an appeal, and in most cases an attorney is not necessary. The Board of Review does not set the tax rate, assess taxes, or collect taxes. The Board serves as an independent Board mandated to review assessment appeals.

For more information, call Commissioner Rogers' office at (312) 603-5540 or visit www.CookCountyBoardOfReview.com.

On Sunday, Oct. 23rd, the Third Annual Comer Kids' Classic, a 5K Run/Walk and Kids' Dash benefiting the University of Chicago's new Comer Children's Hospital, will be held at 10 a.m. at 5800 W. University Ave. The Kids' Dash for children ten years of age and younger will start at 11:15 a.m.

Comer, which opened this past winter, was constructed to replace U of C's Children's Hospital. It is already globally renowned for treating cancer, congenital heart defects, epilepsy and a

variety of other conditions that affect infants, children and teens. Comer is the first new pediatric hospital to open in Chicago in the last ten years.

Cost to participate is \$20 in advance or \$25 on-site. Cost for the Kids' Dash is \$10. For information or online registration, call (773) 868-3010 or visit www.chicagokidshospital.org/kids-classic.

The 27th Annual Orland Open Spelling Bee will be held Sunday, Oct. 23rd at 2 p.m. at the Presbyterian Church in Orland Park, 13401 S. Wolf Road. Spellers age 4 to senior citizen are encouraged to register by calling (708) 448-8142, (708) 532-0135 or (708) 429-9642.

Spellers age 10 and under will start at 2 p.m.; age 11 and over (youth and adults) at 3 p.m.; former trophy and ribbon winners at 3:45 p.m. There will be 3 trophies and 12 ribbons given to both the age 10 and under contest and to the overall contestants; trophies to the top elementary speller and top high school speller plus 3 ribbons to each elementary and high school speller.

Orland Park Mayor Daniel McLaughlin will open the Spelling Bee at 2 p.m. He will be assisted by village officials serving as judges and local educators serving as callers.

There is no cost or fee to participate and all spellers are welcome. The Spelling Bee is "Open" to everyone and is co-sponsored by the Village of Orland Park. For more information, call Spelling Master, William Smith, at (708) 403-0804 or (708) 448-8142.

Recently, Congressman Dan Lipinski joined with members of the U.S. House of Representatives to pass the **Manufacturing Technology Competitiveness Act of 2005 (H.R. 250)**. The legislation - which originated in the Science Committee - is designed to stimulate manufacturing, jobs and innovation in the U.S.

Congressman Lipinski, a member of the Science Committee, supported the bill because it funds the Manufacturing Extension Partnership (MEP) - a job creation program strongly supported by Committee Democrats - and it authorizes programs under the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST).

Dollar for dollar, NIST programs are among the most successful federal investments and have a direct impact on the U.S. economy. The NIST program with the most direct impact on the U.S. job market is the one major program this bill fails to fund - the Advanced Technology Program (ATP).

Since 2001, nearly 150,000 manufacturing jobs have left Illinois, and federal grant programs such as MEP and ATP are instrumental in helping manufacturers remain competitive in a tight market. A survey of the two MEP centers in Illinois revealed that this program helped create or retain nearly 3,000 jobs and yielded more than \$25 million in savings for Illinois manufacturers for fiscal year 2003 alone.

According to Congressman Lipinski, "MEP and ATP are programs that have demonstrated success time and time again. I will continue to support these and other programs that will help Illinois workers and manufacturers."

Expand Prescription Drug Monitoring

The Illinois Dept. of Human Services (IDHS) has received \$350,000 from the U.S. Dept. of Justice, Bureau of Justice Affairs, to expand and enhance the Illinois Prescription Monitoring Program. Since 1986, Illinois has monitored Schedule II controlled substances, which include painkillers such as morphine and hydrocodone. The expansion of the program will monitor Schedule III through V drugs, which include codeine, vicodin and Valium and other prescription drugs.

The Dept. of Justice awarded more than \$6.2 million to 22 states to support prescription drug monitoring programs, which help prevent and detect abuse of pharmaceutical controlled substances, particularly at the retail level.

The IDHS Office of Clinical, Administrative and Program Supports, Bureau of Pharmacy and Clinical Support administers the Illinois Prescription Monitoring Program. In 2000, the program moved from a paper-driven monitoring program for Schedule II prescription drugs to an electronic system. By converting from paper to the electronic reporting system, IDHS expanded its monitoring from 300,000 prescriptions annually to more than 1.7 million, while saving \$500,000 in costs. The expansion of the program will allow IDHS to process more than 5 million transactions and track 7,000 different medications.

Elks Auxiliary Speaker

Dawn Porter, Associate Clerk, Suburban Bureau for the office of Dorothy Brown, Clerk of Circuit Court of Cook County, will speak before the Chicago Women's Elks Auxiliary on Wednesday, Oct. 19th at 8 p.m. at the Elks Club, 4428 Midlothian Turnpike in Crestwood.

Diane Moore, coordinator, announced that Porter will explain the workings of the Clerk's office and services available to Cook County residents.



Jewish Federation Collects For Earthquake Relief

In the wake of the earthquake that has devastated South Asia, the Jewish Federation of Metropolitan Chicago is collecting donations to funnel humanitarian aid to the victims.

The American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee's (JDC) South Asia Earthquake Relief Fund will be the Federation's primary recipient of contributions for use in the international relief effort. JDC is working with partner agencies on the ground in Pakistan, India and Afghanistan to identify immediate needs and long-term rebuilding programs most needing support.

Both Jewish Federation and JDC are passing on 100% of all funds received to agencies providing human services, without deducting any administrative costs.

Individuals wishing to make donations to help the victims should make checks payable to Jewish Federation South Asia Earthquake Relief and send them to: Jewish Federation South Asia Earthquake Relief Fund, c/o Jewish Federation of Metropolitan Chicago, One South Franklin Street, Room 625, Chicago, IL 60606.

In addition, contributions can be made by credit card via JUF's website at <http://www.juf.org> or by calling (312) 444-2854.

"Our community has an outstanding track record of providing timely, non-sectarian relief in the wake of disasters worldwide," said Jewish Federation President Steven B. Nasatir. "As the Jewish community's central address for meeting human needs, the Federation is proud to provide a vehicle for emergency relief from our community."

The department has also decreased the length of time that prescription information is made available to law enforcement and regulatory agencies from six months to 15 days. The prescription error rate has been reduced to less than one percent.

Expansion of the Illinois Prescription Monitoring Program will increase the capacity of doctors to review a patient's medication history for therapeutic and clinical reasons. Law enforcement and regulatory agencies will have timely access to a broader array of information on controlled substances that could potentially be diverted for illegal uses.

The expansion of the Illinois Prescription Monitoring Program will continue to adhere to the strict privacy guidelines of the federal Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) of 1996 and all related Illinois laws.

Neat Repeats

The air is crisp and your energy is on the rise! Do you have an extra hour a week to help a worthy cause? Consider the rewards of becoming a Neat Repeats volunteer. Donation transporters are needed on Monday, Thursday and Saturday to pick up and transport donations from Neat Repeats Resale in Worth. If you would like to learn more about this volunteer opportunity, contact the store manager at the Worth location by calling (708) 361-6860.

Neat Repeats operates primarily through the support of its generous volunteers and donors. All sales benefit domestic violence services of the Crisis Center for South Suburbia.

Junior Farmer Classes

New six-week sessions of Junior Farmer Classes will begin at The Children's Farm at The Center, 12700 Southwest Highway in Palos Park, on Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday, Oct. 17th to 22nd.

Junior Farmers is an opportunity for children, age three to twelve, to learn about and enjoy the life of the farm. The program is led by veteran Farm program coordinator Kay Ardizzone, who claims that she learns as much or more from the children as she teaches them.

Classes meet one hour each week for six weeks. Classes are available for children age three to six on Monday, Wednesday and Thursday at 10 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. and on Saturday at 10 a.m.; for children ages six to eight on Monday and Thursday at 4 p.m. and on Saturday at 11:30 a.m.; and for children age nine to twelve on Wednesday and Saturday at 4 p.m.

Advance registration is required. For further information, call (708) 361-3650.

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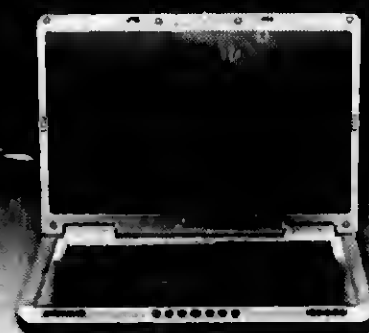
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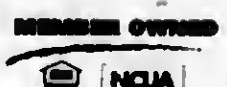
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ENTERTAINMENT NEWS

Museum Calendar Listing

From submarines to Christmas trees, the Museum of Science and Industry, 57th St. and Lake Shore Drive, has a lot to offer visitors for the holidays and beyond. New hours for the holiday season will let visitors enjoy the museum's many exhibits and special events without the rush.

Now on permanent exhibition with a new 35,000 square-foot exhibit and new artifacts and presentations, is the U-505 Submarine which stands ready to board with special effects and an optional on-board-tour. Guests can hear audio narratives from war veterans who were a part of the vessel's daring capture. The sub's exterior has been authentically restored. You will learn what life was like aboard a submarine in wartime. Interactive elements let guests experience aspects of submarine operations, including dive training, the principle of buoyancy, and navigation by periscope, and even encoding and decoding German Enigma messages.

The fee to the exhibit is included in the general admission, but the optional on-board tour of the sub is \$5 per guest.

Now through the summer of 2006, you can discover more than 200 robots and space toys of the Robert Lesser Collection from the pre-war era to the 1960's, which have found their way to the Museum. Amid a landscape of décor from the 1950's and the 60's, the era during which robots were THE toys to own, guests will discover vintage robots, spaceships, rockets and other nostalgic collectibles, from a few inches tall to life-sized. Highlights of the collection, one of the largest collections of its kind in the world, include the full collection of Japanese "Gang of Five" robots, of which few still remain. Guests will also get to see how far robots have come as they experience some of the modern marvels of the robotics world.

A preview of coming attractions includes The Living Heart: Cardiovascular Images By Alexander Tsiras will be at the museum beginning Nov. 4th. This exhibit features the work of Alexander Tsiras, an award-winning photo-journalist and technologist, whose breakthrough visualizations of the human heart and vascular system based on actual digital scans from MRI and ultrasounds. Guest will experience more than 75 beautiful and scientifically faithful 3-D pictures and animations that offer information on cardiovascular health, disease and strategies for a heart-healthy life.

Christmas Around The World and Holidays of Light will be featured from Nov. 18th through Jan. 8, 2006. This time-honored celebration, Christmas Around the World and the Holidays of Light features more than 50 dazzling trees, displays and crèches that celebrate holiday customs from around the world and are decorated members of Chicago's ethnic community. Now in its 11th year, Holidays of Light showcases various global holidays that celebrate light or enlightenment, such as Hanukkah, Kwanzaa and Diwali. Additional festivities throughout the duration of both displays include ethnic dancing and singing, storytellers and school choirs. Displays and performances are included in the general admission.

The Black Creativity Program will begin Jan. 13. Since 1971, the museum's annual Black Creativity celebration has highlighted the achievements of African Americans and encouraged deeper interest in black culture and heritage. This year, the Museum's annual Black Creativity program features an exhibit on African Americans in architecture and an architecture competition for high school and college students, as well as professionals. Explore the unique and historic contributions African Americans have made to our built environment and see innovative ideas from current architects and architects of the future!

Regular Museum hours are Monday through Saturday from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Sunday 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. On Nov. 18, 19, 20, 25, 26, and 27, as well as Dec. 19 through Jan. 2nd, the museum hours will be from 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday through Saturday and from 11 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. on Sundays. The Museum is open on Thanksgiving Day and New Year's Day. The Museum will be closed on Christmas Day. The museum will also offer free general admission on Mondays and Tuesdays until No. 22nd, as well as Thanksgiving Day, Nov. 24th and Christmas Eve, Dec. 24th.

Artist Showcase

The Illinois Arts Council (IAC) is pleased to announce that the annual Artist Showcase will be held on Friday, Nov. 4th in Tinley Park at the Holiday Inn Select Hotel and Convention Center, 18501 S. Harlem Ave. Illinois not-for-profit organizations that plan to present artists' performances and host artist residencies in the next year will want to take this opportunity to meet nationally and internationally recognized artists from every region of the state.

The Artist Showcase will be held in cooperation with the Rockford Area Arts Council. Each year the Showcase features the artists from the IAC's Arts-in-Education and Artstour Rosters, making it one of the most comprehensive "showcases" for artists in the region. During this lively event, artists creatively display their work in convention-style booths and selected artists conduct short presentations. Showcase attendees have the opportunity to meet a wide variety of exceptional artists representing every art form. They can also attend an application workshop to learn how to apply for IAC funding to bring these artists' programs to their sites. It is highly recommended by both artists and attendees. A past participant of Artist Showcase stated that the event was "Excellent! Price was right and it was jam-packed with great info."

This event is an invaluable resource for representatives of not-for-profit organizations such as schools, PTOs/PTAs, libraries, universities, museums, community centers, park districts, Main Street communities, and arts presenters. The location in Tinley Park provides an excellent opportunity for artists and presenters from throughout the state to convene in a convenient location just southwest of Chicago at the intersection of I-80 and Harlem Ave.

Detailed information about the Artist Showcase is available at the IAC web site, www.state.il.us/agency/iac. The web site also contains detailed

descriptions of the artists on the Arts-in-Education and Artstour Rosters and the IAC's grant programs. To request an Artist Showcase registration form, contact the Arts-in-Education department at (312) 814-6780 or aie@arts.state.il.us.

CLASS REUNIONS

St. Rita High School class of 1980, 25-year reunion on Saturday, Oct. 22nd, cocktails at 6:30, dinner from 8 to 10 p.m., spouses are welcome, \$20 per person, enter 77th St. doors. Call for reservation at (773) 925-5029.

Joliet Township High School class of 1944, 61st year reunion luncheon on Oct. 22nd at Al's Steakhouse, cost \$15.50. Call Marilyn (Burt) Mollan at (815) 476-6184 or Ardis (Bergren) Youngren at (815) 423-6970 or visit www.jths.org.

Tuley High School class of 1945 (other classes are invited) 60-year reunion on Oct. 16th at the Elk's Club in Des Plaines. Call Esther Karush Diamond at (847) 967-9848 or Lillian (Lakie Sanders) Nach at (773) 764-9233.

Harper High School classes of January and June 1955 will hold their 50th reunion on Oct. 15th. Call Maryrita (Brown) Boland at (708) 388-6015 or Ray Kozak at (630) 530-5525.

Mercy High School (Chicago) - Class of 1955, 50th anniversary luncheon, Saturday, Oct. 15th, 12 Noon at the Oak Lawn Hilton Hotel. Also looking for former classmates. Call Mary Ann at (708) 385-3638.

Englewood High School class of 1955 will hold a reunion on Oct. 14th and 15th. Call (773) 734-0520 or (773) 487-5325.

Julian High School - 30th Anniversary Celebration on Oct. 28th and 29th. Call (773) 535-5170, ext. 300.

Oak Forest High School class of 1975 reunion on Oct. 22nd at Chicago Gaelic Park, Tara Room, 6119 W. 147th St., 7 p.m. to midnight. Call Barbara Brusich Branch at (708) 206-1286 or email barbarajbranch@aol.com.

St. Christopher Alumni Association - looking for all alumni. Visit their web site at www.stchrisalumni.org.

Harrison High School - 50th Reunion. January and June Classes of 1955. Drury Lane Oak Brook Terrace, Saturday, Oct. 15th. Call Dolores Malkowski Broding at (630) 231-4031 (June graduates) or Diane Lenzi Brom at (708) 442-8113 (January graduates) or e-mail VICKERS.C@COMCAST.NET.

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9th Annual Chicagoween

Take your cauldrons out of the closet and get ready to stir up a recipe for Chicago's annual October celebration, Chicagoween. Throughout the city, boo-tification takes place and most especially in the Haunted Village, located at Pumpkin (Daley) Plaza, October 14th to the 31st.

Opening night, October 14th, kicks-off at 5 p.m. with two performances from Midnight Circus. The Haunted Village continues through Halloween with hours of Monday through Wednesday 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. and Thursday through Saturday 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Admission is FREE.

The city's civic center plaza, known the rest of the year as Daley Plaza (Washington and Dearborn Streets), hosts the Haunted Village and is transformed into Pumpkin Plaza, with pumpkin decorating, spooky storytellers and more to thrill and chill. Each day there are performances from the high flying aerial entertainers, Midnight Circus: 11:30 a.m., 12:30 p.m. and 2 p.m. Thursday through Sunday includes evening shows scheduled at 5:30 p.m. and 7 p.m.

Come and hear stories from the Emerald City! Cast members from the Broadway hit musical WICKED and Friends will host storytelling events at the Wicked tent in Daley Plaza. Thursday through Saturday at 4 p.m. and 6:15 p.m. In addition, come and get "Greenified" at the face painting booth in the tent on Saturdays and Sundays from 2:30 to 3:30 p.m. and again from 5 to 6 p.m.

Free pumpkin decorating is offered Saturdays and Sundays (except for parade day, Saturday, October 22nd) from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. (or while the supplies last).

Kids can join in on the fun by marching in costume as part of the State Street Halloween Happening Parade on Saturday, October 22nd. The parade steps off at noon at the corner of State and Randolph streets. Following the parade, kids can enjoy trick-or-treating, a performance by Midnight Circus and a costume contest—all at Pumpkin (Daley) Plaza. (There is no pumpkin decorating on parade day).

Tour Chicago's "Plymouth Rock"

Friends of the Chicago Portage will continue its series of free public tours of the Chicago Portage National Historic Site on Saturday, Oct. 15th at 10 a.m.

Tours of the Chicago Portage National Historic Site will be conducted by Friends of the Chicago Portage every Saturday morning at 10 a.m. until the last tour on Oct. 29th. Meet at the monumental statue of Joliet and Marquette in Portage Woods Forest Preserve. Enter Portage Woods on the west side of Harlem just 2 blocks north of the Stevenson Expressway (I-55).

Tours are approximately 2 mile in length on the newly improved trail through the woods. Wear long pants and walking shoes or boots. All tours are free and open to the public. Reservations for individuals are not required. Groups call (773) 590-0710 for reservations.

Find out "Where the Wild Things Are!" as the Haunted 'L' returns with an unforgettable spooky tour of Chicago's Loop. Costumed characters from Quest Theater Ensemble offer haunting tales of Chicago's history and mystery aboard a CTA elevated Train while puppets represent characters from this classic Maurice Sendak story.

The Haunted 'L' runs October 20th through the 22nd and 27th through the 29th on Thursday and Friday evenings at 7:00, 7:50, and 8:15 p.m. Saturday mornings at 11:40 a.m., 12:30, 12:55 and 1:20 p.m. Tickets are free and available on a first come, first served basis the day of the show only at the Visitor's Center inside the Cultural Center, 77 E. Randolph Street.

There is a 4 ticket maximum per person. Tickets are available on Thursdays and Fridays beginning at 6 p.m. and 10 a.m. on Saturdays. The Haunted 'L' is presented in conjunction with the Chicago Office of Tourism.

Find out who is the most "Popular" singer in Chicago! On October 30th, finalists from around Chicago and the suburbs will compete in the conclusion of the WICKED singing contest on Pumpkin Plaza. The finals being at 11 a.m. For information on how to compete in the singing contest visit the <http://www.wickedthemusical.com/chicago> happenings page.

Christmas At The Faire

Fragrant evergreens laden with twinkling lights. Santa and his elves at every corner. Melodious carols. The aromas of cinnamon, cloves and bayberry. A sense of overwhelming joy. It's, of course, the 31st annual Christmas at the Faire.

Visit DuPage County Fairgrounds on Oct. 21st, 22nd and 23rd to officially launch your 2005 holiday shopping season at the eagerly-awaited eclectic, juried holiday market that showcases the work of more than 75 traditional, folk and contemporary artisans. It's a festive annual gala that attracts an estimated 7,000 shoppers, some from as far away as Missouri, Ohio and Oregon.

Faire hours are 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 21st; 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 22nd; and 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Sunday, Oct. 23rd. Admission is \$6.

A special benefit preview from 5 to 9 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 20th gives visitors early buying privileges and a gourmet harvest dinner served in the magical holiday setting where the Canterbury Carolers provide appropriate background music. A portion of the proceeds benefit the Multiple Myeloma Foundation and 4-H Clubs. Reservations are required by Oct. 15th.

The Canterbury Carolers will also perform from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 22nd. For information or reservations, call toll-free (888) 854-5153.

Celebrate Illinois Arts Week

Gov. Rod Blagojevich has proclaimed the week of Oct. 16th to 22nd as Illinois Arts Week 2005. "This year Arts Week will host an unprecedented number of arts events and activities in communities throughout Illinois. The nearly 300 events taking place during that week reflects our incredible diversity," said IAC Chairman Shirley R. Madigan. "Since 1978 Illinois Arts Week, a statewide celebration of the arts, has been a project of the Illinois Arts Council honoring the artists, arts organizations and community-based organizations that provide the rich cultural experience we enjoy."

To receive a copy of the Illinois Arts Week Calendar of Events, contact the IAC or go to the agency's web site at www.state.il.us/agency/iac to find the Illinois Arts Week event listings. Again, for the fifth year in a row, the state's Tourist Information Centers (TIC) will be hosting Arts Weeks arts demonstrations and activities all week. A list of the TICs can also be found on the IAC web site. To contact the IAC, call (312) 814-6750 or toll-free (800) 237-6994, TTY (312) 814-4831, or via email at info@arts.state.il.us.

Bike & Brake For Fall Colors

"Bike and Break for Fall Colors," a free, family program for persons at least 12 years of age, will be on Saturday, Oct. 22nd at Hickory Creek Preserve - LaPorte Road Access, in Mokena. Registration is required by Oct. 21st.

Autumn, with its colorful display and cool days, is a perfect time for a bike ride. With its groves of sugar maples, LaPorte Road Access provides beautiful displays of fall colors. During this two-hour tour, we will make stops along the Hickory Creek Bikeway for other fall happenings.

Participants should bring their own bike and safety helmet and dress for the weather.

Hickory Creek Preserve - LaPorte Road Access is located on LaPorte Road, 1.0 mile east of Wolf Road in Mokena.

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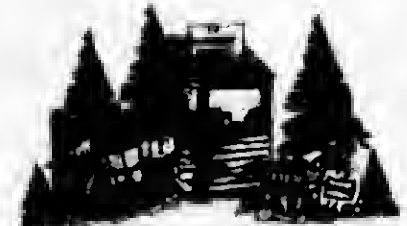
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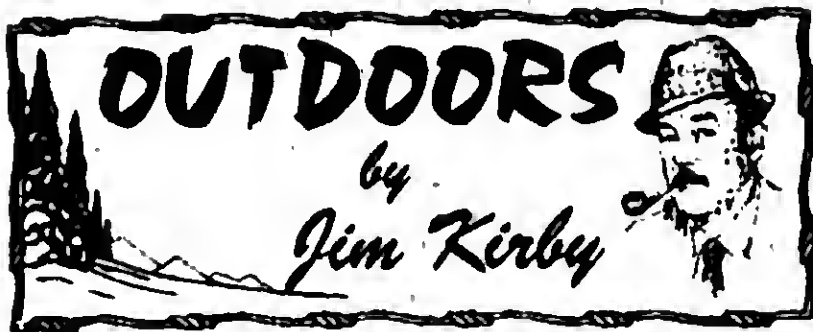
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The 188 lb. 12 oz. tarpon that measured 6'4" in length was caught on March 29th, northwest of Islamorada. Holland was using a 16-pound test tippet on a 12-weight flyrod, and he knew the tarpon was close in weight to the existing world record, a 190 pound tarpon caught on Florida's Gulf Coast in May 2003.

The heaviest tarpon ever landed on fly tackle was a 202 lb. fish caught in May 2001 on a 20-pound test tippet. But to qualify for an International Game Fish Association record, the tarpon had to be weighed on certified scales on land. Kirby's comment: *I can appreciate what Kirk accomplished, having done battle with many 100+ pound tarpon on "heavy tackle" in Costa Rica, and the Florida Keys.*

GUN CLEANING TIPS FROM BIRCHWOOD CASEY: With hunting season in full swing, now is a good time to clean and inspect your firearms. Shawn Nathan, Sporting Goods Marketing Manager for Birchwood Casey, offered these tips for gun care: "First of all, check to be sure it's unloaded. You would be surprised how many people forget to unload their guns before they put them away. It is always a good idea to clean your guns before you put them away at the end of the season, but oftentimes this is overlooked. To properly clean your firearm it helps to have a good working knowledge of how to disassemble the gun. This makes it much easier to clean small parts or hard to get at areas. For someone who is unsure about the procedure, you can have a knowledgeable friend help, or take the firearm to a gunsmith for cleaning."

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■IT COULDN'T HAPPEN TO A NICER GUY: On Sept. 23rd, 2005, Don Dziedzina of New Lenox, Illinois received the Illinois Outdoor Writer of the Year Award at the Southern Illinois celebration of National Hunting and Fishing Days.

The National Hunting and Fishing Days Committee along with the Illinois Department of Natural Resources selected Dziedzina to receive this award for his continuing efforts to promote conservation, fishing, hunting, and other outdoor sports here in Illinois through his many outdoor columns.

Don has regularly published columns in three monthly outdoor magazines and eleven weekly publications. He is also the producer and host of the Illinois Outdoors Television Show, and co-host of the All Outdoors Television Show.

■RAT-L-TRAP (EVERY TACKLE BOX HAS AT LEAST ONE) INVENTOR DIES: Bill Lewis, who invented one of fishing's most popular bass lures, died on June 17th at his Alexandria, La. home after a lengthy illness. He was 85.

Working in his kitchen in the late 1960s, Lewis created the Rat-L-Trap lipless crankbait that revolutionized the sport of bass fishing. Bill Lewis Lures and the Rat-L-Trap became an industry leader.

His 'Traps' earned him three Best Lure Design Awards, and BASS honored Lewis by listing him one of the most influential persons in bass fishing history.

Moraine Valley Women's Volleyball Team Netting A Good Year

The Moraine Valley women's volleyball team is "setting" itself to compete for the Skyway Conference championship this year. The squad retained four experienced veterans and recruited six of the area's high school prep players.

Coach Gloria Coughlin believes the Cyclones show a good deal of promise and expects them to perform well throughout the year.

Returning players from last year include Jessie Synowiecki (Oak Lawn High School), the team's primary outside hitter. Synowiecki was named to last year's All-Skyway Conference team and the All-Region IV team, and has continued her successes this season. She was named to the all-tournament teams at the College of DuPage Invitational and the College of Lake County Invitational. Lauren Gerdes (Carl Sandburg High School) is a returning middle hitter who has helped the team immensely in middle blocking and hitting, and works very hard to control the net for the Cyclones. Jess Bennett (Andrew High School) also returns to the team this year as an aggressive server and an up-and-coming defensive specialist. Kozue Irei (Japan) also returns to the Cyclones this season, and is seeing action as the Libero - a "free" player that can switch in and out for any back row player at any time - and is a spark for the team, exhibiting great dig and service skills.

New to the Cyclones this year are Natalie Wigginton (Evergreen Park High School), a true middle with experience who Coughlin expects to be an offensive force and good blocker. Kelly McKinney (Oak Lawn High School) is the setter for this year's team. Also on the roster is Megan Zagata (Queen of Peace High School), a second-year student who is playing her first year this fall. She is a terrific defensive player according to her coach, but this year takes on the offensive left-side attacker role. Coughlin expects that her power and precision will lead to a very successful junior college volleyball career. Jennifer Carroll (Maria High School) also is a first-year right-side hitter and blocker. She is the main blocker against the opponent's best hitters and is continually working to strengthen her hands and shoulders to stop and slow down the opposing team's hitters. Finally, Kristyn Rapacz (Maria High School) is a first-year player who is working hard to fill roles as a left-side hitter and defensive specialist. Rapacz has a powerful serve and has already proven to be an offensive weapon from the service line.

Night Hike

"On the Trail with Night Creatures," a free, all-age family program sponsored by the Forest Preserve District of Will County, will be on Friday, Oct. 21st at 7 p.m. at Isle a la Cache Museum in Romeoville.

We will hike the Centennial Trail in search of nocturnal animals. Come listen to the various sounds of evening mammals, birds, reptiles, amphibians and insects.

Participants will meet in the parking lot of Isle a la Cache Museum and should dress for the weather.

Isle a la Cache Museum is located at 501 E. 135th St. (Romeo Rd.), 0.5 mile east of Route 53.

For more information, call (815) 727-8700.

Review Of Tour Boat Safety

In the wake of the Sunday, Oct. 4th tragic boating accident in New York, Gov. Rod R. Blagojevich directed the Illinois Dept. of Natural Resources to immediately review tour boat operations and regulations in Illinois to make sure the state is doing everything necessary to keep passengers safe. The governor directed the IDNR to report back to him in 30 days with any recommended changes to the Illinois Boat Registration and Safety Act. The department will examine several areas of the law, including the placement of life jackets, passenger/crew ratio, passenger seating and other safety requirements.

The Ethan Allen, a 40-foot glass-enclosed tour boat carrying 47 elderly passengers, overturned on Sunday on Lake George. Reports indicate the boat capsized so quickly that none of the passengers had enough time to get to the life preservers on board. Authorities confirmed 20 people died in the accident.

Because the IDNR is responsible for licensing all boats in Illinois, the department will evaluate:

- Placement of personal flotation devices, or life jackets, in relation to passenger seating
- Increased safety requirements for senior citizens and people with disabilities
- Appropriate passenger-to-crew ratios
- Placement and attachment of seating to prevent sudden shifts in weight
- Frequency and scope of safety inspections

If indicated by the National Transportation Safety Board report, Gov. Blagojevich will direct the Dept. of Natural Resources to undertake a comprehensive review of the Illinois Boat Registration and Safety Act.

Sports Valve

By Brad Allen

Welcome inside this week's sports valve. Sneak away from the world for a while! Shut the valve behind you. Thoughts of bills, un-mowed lawns, etc., aren't allowed in.

Pro Sports Valve: This column will be sub-titled, "Confession of a Cub Fan." And don't hold it against me that I'm a Cub fan. I have an alibi! As a small child, through an odd chain of events, I found myself on the field at Wrigley shootin' the breeze with Ernie Banks before a game. During the game, I got to sit in the pressbox with Jack Brickhouse. Then they fed me free hot dogs all afternoon until, unsuspectingly, I grew addicted to the Cubs before I had a chance to reach the age of reason.

That said, you'd think I would automatically root against the Sox. First and foremost, I'm rooting for the Dodgers and Tigers. No, I'm not delirious from Cub fever. I'm rooting for the Dodgers because of their managerial opening. A lifetime supply of toothpicks might just lure Dusty Baker safely away from my Cubs. Meanwhile, the Tigers are trying to sign our pitching coach, Larry Rothschild. Take him! I want a coaching staff that changes players from atrocious to ferocious - not vice versa.

Anyway, my confession is this: I was also pulling for the White Sox in the division series and I'm rooting for them again in the LCS! No, I haven't shamelessly switched allegiance and jumped on the Sox bandwagon. However, I will be tailing the bandwagon from a distance in my little blue Cubmobile just to see where it goes.

Why? First of all, White Sox success may have a shaming effect on the Cubs brass, thereby motivating them to make some moves based on a desire to put more wins on the board even if there are already butts in the seats. Secondly, from a baseball purist standpoint, I honestly admire what Kenny Williams and Ozzie Guillen have done. When it comes to structuring a successful batting order, I'm a staunch traditionalist. Your top two hitters must benefit your team with stolen bases and/or on-base-percentage, but even more so with intangibles - driving up pitch counts, putting physical and mental strain on opposing pitchers, diverting their attention from the middle of your order and causing opponents to play catch-up ball. So, the Sox went out and got the fastest guy in the majors in Podsednik and a disciplined Japanese hitter in Iguchi. Brilliant! That was just one of many moves I applaud the Sox for, and look where they are!

But do I want the Sox to go so far as to win the World Series? I'm undecided. After all, it is sort of an ongoing race between the Sox and Cubs to be the next to win it all. Actually, it's been more like a turtle race, but the Sox turtle appears to be scampering toward the finish line while the Cub turtle is frustratingly motionless.

Amateur Sports Valve: As I await your faxes (708-385-7811) telling me of local dramatic, athletic college and high school feats, I'll convey one of my experiences as we enter the purer-spirited amateur section of the sports valve.

When my son was ten, I coached his Bad News Bears style little league team. We got stronger as the season progressed and were coming off a series of dramatic unlikely playoff wins, the last of which saw us erase a 19-4 deficit despite being down to our last six outs.

We were staging another glorious rally in the next game, when the league officials walked up and declared an arbitrary time limit on the game. We had cut the other team's lead from 12 to 6, but were granted only five more minutes to stay alive in the playoffs. I argued to no avail.

When the opposing teams' pitcher finished tying, re-tying and double-knotting his shoelaces, my son, Paul, stepped up to the plate crestfallen over having been cheated out of a chance to win. He was a valuable, scrappy player, but he was still a little guy and had never homered.

The pitcher pitched. Paul swung. I don't know how he even saw the ball through his tears, but he made contact and the ball soared shockingly over and beyond the left fielder, bouncing to the next diamond. Rounding first, my son was beaming from ear to ear. Around second, the tears began streaming down his face again. As he made the turn at third and headed for home, his face twitched uncontrollably back-and-forth between smile and frown. When he crossed the plate, I ran to hug him, but I stopped. He had suddenly disappeared beneath a pile of eleven strangely elated teammates who had raced out of the dugout to share in the joy of his first ever home run even though their championship hopes were dashed artificially.

Sports Tip Valve: This tip has to do with increasing your threshold of pain. My old Tae Kwon Do master taught me this one. Growing up in Korea, he used to run up and down a mountain in his underwear in the dead of winter. Then, in the blazing sun of summer, he'd bundle up and do the same. Acclimating himself to such extremes, he claimed, desensitized him to pain. Fortunately he wasn't desensitized to the fact that there is a distinct shortage of mountains in Chicago. So, he told me, "Do the next best thing, grasshopper." That's when he told me about the shower trick. (Not advisable during water restrictions).

You simply get in the shower and gradually turn the faucet until you can barely stand the cold. Then, go the other way until you can hardly take the heat.

The second thing the master taught me was "never charge face-first into a 6'3" 3rd degree blackbelt's side kick." Well I remembered the shower trick, but I forgot the second thing. But believe it or not, I felt no pain. Later, I literally had to have my lip sewn back on after I caught a mouthful of foot during a match, but I was un-phased - thanks to the shower trick! In fact, I even got the last few shots in before my trip to the hospital. The black belt was declared the winner, but I still think my profuse bleeding unfairly prejudiced the decision. Exiting valve.

Runners At Risk For Nail Fungus

Citing the health risk of nail fungus to the growing population of runners in the U.S., the Road Runners Club of America (RRCA) is sponsoring "Best Feet Forward," a nationwide, year-long campaign to educate America's 10.4 million runners about the prevention and treatment of this progressive and potentially serious infection.

The "Best Feet Forward" program is rolling out to 20 marathons and other major running events throughout the country in 2005. A key part of this fun and energetic mobile health education program is the "Toe Truck," sponsored by Penlac Nail Lacquer (ciclopirox) Topical Solution, 8%. The Penlac "Toe Truck" is traveling to most of the events to provide runners and their families with free foot screenings by local podiatrists as well as information about foot and nail care. It will be stationed at the Chicago Marathon's Health and Fitness expo in McCormick Place Convention Center on Oct. 7th and 8th. This health education initiative is supported by Dermik Laboratories.

Runners, and in fact all exercise enthusiasts, are at risk of developing nail fungus because of the following risk factors, which are common to the running population:

- Nail trauma associated with running can make the nail bed more susceptible to fungal growth.
- Sweaty socks and tight athletic shoes promote a warm, moist environment that can contribute to the growth of the fungus.
- Because nail fungus is contagious, warm, moist environments such as communal showers and gym locker rooms are places where the fungus can be contracted.

Runners may have an increased risk of getting infected with nail fungus because of a greater exposure to specific risk factors, such as walking barefoot in contaminated areas (locker rooms and communal showers), exercising and wearing sweaty athletic socks.

If a person develops a fungus nail infection, an appropriate diagnosis is key for treatment. There are some physical signs that help medical professionals determine if a nail condition is due to fungi or some other problem. Because the fungus can invade the nail and spread, it is important to stop the progression of the disease at the first symptoms of infection. The successful treatment of nail fungus does not happen overnight, especially considering that the nails, particularly toenails, grow slowly. No matter which treatment is used, it can take about six months for fingernails to grow out and up to a year or more for toenails.

Effective treatments for nail fungus, including both oral and topical medications, are available by prescription. People should visit their doctor and find out what treatment is most appropriate for them.

Host Basketball Exhibition For Hurricane Victims

Moraine Valley Community College will play Trinity Christian College in a basketball exhibition game on Monday, Oct. 24th, in the Moraine Valley gym, 10900 S. 88th Ave., Palos Hills, to raise money for victims of Hurricane Katrina.

Admission to the contest will be \$5 per person or \$20 per family of four or more with 100 percent of the proceeds going to help the displaced victims of Katrina. Additional cash donations will be accepted as well. Game workers and referees are donating their time for the event.

"Some of our athletes asked me if they could forfeit their meal money for the Katrina victims. That got us started thinking of ways we could help," said Bill Finn, Moraine Valley Athletics director. "With basketball season starting soon, we contacted our friends at Trinity Christian College who eagerly jumped on board. The game workers will be predominately Moraine Valley student-athlete leaders."

For more information, e-mail Josh Reinhart, sports information contact, at reinhart@morainevalley.edu; or call (708) 974-5742.

ICF Youth Scholarships

The Illinois Conservation Foundation is accepting nominations for the annual Youth Conservation Scholarship program. Ten high school juniors or seniors, one female and one male from each of the five IDNR regions in Illinois, will be selected. Students who have made significant contributions or exhibited unparalleled dedication in preserving, promoting, enhancing or supporting natural resources conservation are eligible. Each student selected will receive a \$1,000 scholarship. Applicants must be Illinois residents, a member of the high school class of 2006 or 2007, and must be nominated by a natural resource constituency group, community leader, school administrator, teacher or adult mentor.

The deadline to apply is Oct. 31st. Those selected will be presented with the scholarships at the annual Illinois Outdoor Hall of Fame Banquet at The Mark of the Quad Cities in Moline on March 4, 2006. The scholarship program is supported through funds raised at the banquet.

For more information, call (217) 785-2003. Nomination forms are available at www.ilcf.org.

Tee Ball Registration

Play Ball? Brother William Kerkel's K of C Tee Ball will hold early registration for the 2006 season on Saturday, Oct. 15th from 9 a.m. to noon; Saturday, Nov. 12th, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.; and on Sunday, Nov. 13th, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Beat the spring rate-increase. Register now. The early registration fee is only \$60.

Registration will take place at the Midlothian Park District Building at 145th & Kostner. You are advised to bring proof of age (birth certificate) and health insurance.

For Tee-Ball, a child must be 5 years old by April 1st, 2006. For Coach Pitch, a child must be 7 years old by April 1st, 2006.

So, don't miss the best youth sports value in town. Your registration includes uniform shirt, hat and pants, team pictures, trophy, plus an incredible year-end picnic! All this with no fundraising obligation or volunteer requirement.

For more information, please call Larry Ryan at 489-2511 or Mary Powers at 385-6631.

On The Team

Kathleen D. Griffin and Mary Leyden of Orland Park and Mary Gallagher of Palos Park were members of the 11 member team from Countryside, IL who joined recreational league tennis teams from across the country as they competed for a national title at the USA League Tennis 4.0 Senior National Championships in Palm Springs, CA, held the weekend of Oct. 7 through the 9th. The championships were held at the Riviera Resort and Racquet Club and the Moore Tennis Academy. The championships determined the No. 1 men's and women's teams in the country at the 4.0 level.

This year marks the 25th anniversary of the USA League Tennis Program. Established in 1980, it has grown from 13,000 participants in a few parts of the country in its first year, to over 570,000 players across the nation today, making it the world's largest recreational tennis league.

In USA League Tennis, players are grouped into six different ability levels, ranging from beginner (2.5) to advanced (5.0), based on the National Tennis Rating Program. Play consists of singles and doubles matches with the outcome based on team scoring. Players progress through a series of championships at the area and sectional levels culminating with the national championships. USA League Tennis is open to any USTA member age 19 and over. The league provides players with the opportunity to improve their skills, have fun, meet other players, travel throughout the country and compete in a USTA national championship.

For more information call (914) 696-7131.

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PREP SPORTS ROUND-UP

BOYS FOOTBALL

Thursday, 10-6-05

Hubbard 34, Hyde Park 6

BOYS FOOTBALL

Friday, 10-7-05

Richards 55, T.F. North 6

BOYS FOOTBALL

Saturday, 10-8-05

Morgan Park 20, Simon 7
Marian Catholic 40, St. Joseph 0
Thornridge 6, Thornwood 2
Ag Science 21, Kelly 20 (OT)
Bogan 38, Farragut 16
Kennedy 20, Marian 14 (2 OT's)
Luther North 30, Luther South 0

BOYS FOOTBALL

Sunday, 10-9-05

Providence Catholic 24, Fenwick 21

BOYS FOOTBALL

Monday, 10-10-05

Richards 25, Reavis 12

BOYS SOCCER

Tuesday, 10-4-05

Sandburg 2, Lockport 0
Fenwick 3, St. Ignatius 2
Providence Catholic 12, Guerin Prep 0
Lincoln Way East 7, Bradley 1
St. Laurence 5, Bishop McNamara 0
Rich East 2, Kankakee 0
Lemont 4, Ridgewood 0
Brother Rice 6, De LaSalle 2

BOYS SOCCER

Wednesday, 10-5-05

Lincoln Way Central 4, Homewood-Flossmoor 0
Mount Carmel 3, Brother Rice 0
Reavis 2, Oak Lawn 0
Argo 1, Romeoville 0
Marian Catholic 7, St. Rita 0
Thornion Fractional Co-op 2, Rich South 1
Bremen 1, Tinley Park 0

BOYS SOCCER

Thursday, 10-6-05

Lincoln Way East 4, Andrew 1
Loyola Academy 1, St. Ignatius 0
Mount Carmel 7, St. Laurence 0
Marian Catholic 5, Crete-Monee 1
De LaSalle 5, Gordon Tech 1
Lockport 4, Joliet Township 3

BOYS SOCCER

Saturday, 10-8-05

Sandburg 1, Hinsdale South 0
Mount Carmel 12, De LaSalle 0
Bremen 3, Eisenhower 2 (OT)

Providence Catholic 3, Loyola Academy 0

Lincoln Way East 4, Bradley 2

Lemont 1, Downers Grove South 0

Brother Rice 1, Fenwick 0

Marian Catholic 3, St. Patrick 0

St. Rita 0, St. Laurence 0

BOYS SOCCER

Monday, 10-10-05

Providence Catholic 3, Minooka 0

Marist 3, St. Rita 0

GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

Tuesday 10-4-05

Mother McAuley d. St. Ignatius 25-13, 25-14
Joliet Catholic d. Bishop McNamara 25-8, 25-6
Morgan Park d. Ag Science 25-17, 27-29
Seton Academy d. Luther East 25-17, 25-16
Tinley Park d. Romeoville 25-16, 25-16
Evergreen Park d. Richards 25-12, 25-21
Shepard d. Oak Forest 25-17, 25-13
Oak Lawn d. Bremen 22-25, 25-12, 25-11
Reavis d. Hillcrest 22-25, 25-19, 25-20
T.F. North d. Crete-Monee 25-17, 25-22
Trinity d. Queen of Peace 25-23, 16-25, 25-22
Argo d. Eisenhower 25-13, 14-25, 25-19
Lemont d. Westmont 25-15, 22-25, 25-19
Chicago Christian d. Luther North 25-5, 25-8
De LaSalle d. Maria 25-13, 25-13
Providence Catholic d. St. Viator 16-25, 25-23, 25-22
Marian Catholic d. Benet Academy 25-15, 25-22
Thornwood d. Rich South 25-17, 25-18
T.F. South d. Rich East 25-14, 25-14

GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

Wednesday 10-5-05

Stagg d. Sandburg 25-20, 22-25, 26-24
Lincoln Way Central d. Lincoln Way East 25-18, 20-25, 26-24
Chicago Christian d. Seton Academy 25-16, 25-13

GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

Thursday 10-6-05

Mother McAuley d. Resurrection 25-21, 25-16
Andrew d. Bradley 25-21, 25-19
St. Ignatius d. Mount Assisi 25-15, 25-19
Trinity d. Maria 25-18, 25-8
Shepard d. Reavis 25-20, 25-20
Oak Forest d. Hillcrest 25-15, 25-9
T.F. North d. Bloom Township 25-23, 22-25, 25-19
Thornridge d. Thornton 25-14, 25-17
T.F. South d. Thornwood 25-11, 25-9
Rich East d. Rich South 25-15, 22-25, 25-23
Ridgewood d. Lemont 25-23, 26-24
De LaSalle d. St. Joseph 23-25, 25-17, 25-23
St. Viator d. Marian Catholic 25-19, 19-25, 25-20
Westminster Christian d. Luther South 25-23, 25-16

GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

Saturday 10-8-05

Stagg d. Lockport 25-21, 25-21
Incarnate Word d. Joliet Catholic Academy 25-19, 25-11
Joliet Catholic Academy d. Naperville Central 25-20, 21-25, 25-12

Joliet Catholic Academy d. Hinsdale South 25-13, 19-25, 25-16

Lincoln Way East d. Minooka 21-25, 25-21, 27-25

St. Ursula (Ohio) d. Lincoln Way East 25-20, 25-19

Lincoln Way East d. St. Charles East 25-16, 25-19

Geneva d. Lincoln Way Central 27-25, 25-17

St. Ursula d. Lincoln Way Central 25-20, 25-19

Lincoln Way Central d. St. Charles 24-26, 25-18, 25-22

T.F. North d. Peoria Woodruff 25-22, 25-15

T.F. North d. Rich South 25-22, 25-21

T.F. North d. Peoria Woodruff 25-22, 25-18

T.F. North d. Bloom Township 25-23, 25-19

GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

Monday 10-10-05

Mount Assisi d. Maria 25-8, 25-20

BOYS GOLF

Tuesday 10-4-05

Chicago Christian 167, Lisle 168

M: Tim Ludwigson, Lisle, 37

BOYS GOLF

Thursday 10-6-05

Chicago Christian 329, Latin 340, Francis Parker 340

Timothy Christian 342

M: Sam Bettinardi, Chicago Christian, 78

Marian Catholic 325, Homewood-Flossmoor 329, Illiana

Christian 343, Oak Forest 343, Stagg 351

M: John Mitros, Homewood-Flossmoor, 74

Lockport 323, Lincoln Way Central 331, Providence

Catholic 334, Sandburg 335

M: Drew Anderson, Lockport, 79

BOYS GOLF

Monday 10-10-05

Wheaton Academy 328, Francis Parker 329, Chicago

Christian 331

M: Max Scodro, Francis Parker, 71

GIRLS GOLF

Thursday 10-6-05

Benet Academy 368, Lincoln Way East 386, Lincoln Way

Central 387

M: Lauren Furiassie, Benet Academy, 82

GIRLS TENNIS

Tuesday, 10-4-05

Morgan Park Academy 5, Maria 0

Lincoln Way Central 6, Andrew 1

Lincoln Way East 6, Joliet Township 1

Marian Catholic 3, Illiana Christian 2

Hillcrest 4, Eisenhower 1

Oak Lawn 5, Richards 0

Sandburg 6, Bradley 1

T.F. South 3, Crete 2

Tinley Park 4, Oak Forest 1

Rich South 3, Kankakee 2

Shepard 4, Romeoville 1

GIRLS TENNIS

Tuesday, 10-4-05

Hillcrest 3, Rich South 2

GIRLS TENNIS

Saturday, 10-8-05

Loyola Academy 36, St. Ignatius 30, Mother

McAuley 23

Tinley Park 19, Bremen 18, Hillcrest 15

Homewood-Flossmoor 35, Lincoln Way Central 28

Lincoln Way East 26, Andrew 12, Bradley 4

Reavis 23, Shepard 22, Oak Lawn 15, Argo 9

BOYS CROSS COUNTRY

Tuesday, 10-4-05

Lincoln Way East 21, Andrew 35

Brother Rice 27, Mount Carmel 60, St. Laurence 75, St.

Rita 90

Thomton 23, Rich Central 36

Thomton 19, Rich South 42

Rich Central 23, Rich South 34

Oak Forest 29, Richards 31, Evergreen Park 84

BOYS CROSS COUNTRY

Saturday, 10-8-05

Andrew 65, Thornton Township Co-op 96, Oak

Lawn 102, Stagg 105, Marist 149, Lemont 166

Lincoln Way East 37, Wheaton North 56, Benet

Academy 64

Crete-Monee 48, Reavis 55, De LaSalle 60, Farragut

72, Kenwood 90

GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY

Tuesday, 10-4-05

Lincoln Way East 19, Andrew 38

Thomton 15, Rich Central 45

Thomton 17, Rich South 40

Lockport 15, Bolingbrook 50

Lockport 19, Plainfield Central 40

Plainfield Central 15, Bolingbrook 45

Oak Forest 21, Evergreen Park 55, Richards 57

GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY

Saturday, 10-8-05

Stagg 27, Marist 59, Lemont 72, Joliet Twnshp 104

Benet Academy 35, Lincoln Way East 50, Mother McAuley 79

Crete-Monee 16, De LaSalle 39

GIRLS SWIMMING

Tuesday, 10-4-05

Evergreen Park 127, Argo 41

Oak Forest 117, Shepard 68

GIRLS SWIMMING

Thursday, 10-6-05

Marist 110, Oak Lawn 67

Stagg 119, Andrew 67

BOYS HOCKEY

Thursday, 10-6-05

Mount Carmel 5, Joliet Catholic Academy 0

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For An Up To Date Sports News

Thoughts On Health & Nutrition

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RAISING HEALTHY YOUNG EATERS

What's the best way to raise children with good eating habits? According to pediatric nutrition experts, it's all about taking a middle of the road path and exercising moderation with food. Avoid extremes when it comes to decisions about what to eat such as being too strict or giving total freedom. Your child, according to nutrition experts, will be more likely to grow up automatically regulating food intake if you respect the following assignment of responsibilities.

Your job as a parent. Be certain your house has good, healthy food for meals and snacks. You can count on children getting enough junk food when they are away from home.

*Make daily meal and snack times consistent. This way your child will use food for nourishment rather than to meet emotional needs.

*Provide regular family meals for children. Children who eat frequent family dinners have healthier diets—more fiber, calcium, and iron and less saturated fat. Family meals are the ideal opportunity for you to demonstrate positive eating behaviors and healthy food preferences since children acquire food habits from those around them. Eating together also strengthens family ties and enables your children to develop emotional security.

*Create a healthy emotional atmosphere when it comes to food and dieting. Food should be a health and nutrition issue rather than a weight issue for every member of the family. Don't pressure your child to be a certain weight, and don't single out a child to be fed differently because of weight. If an overweight child decides independently to lose weight, you may be a support person.

*Be a good role model. If you have a healthy relationship with food, your child is more likely to grow up with one. Set an example for your child that food is for health and nourishment rather than for entertainment or emotional needs.

*Encourage your children to be physically active. Limit their time in front of the television and playing on the computer, and involve them in fun types of exercise.

Your child's job. Let your child decide what to eat from the healthy foods you have made available. Don't make an issue of whether he or she tries a new healthy food or not. Serve new foods on a regular basis, since children are more likely to try a new menu item as it begins to look more familiar.

*Be a nurturing, attentive parent. Work on family issues so your child will be less likely to eat because of stress.

*Lastly, allow your child to choose how much to eat. If you limit the amount of food, your child may lose the ability to automatically regulate food intake.

Above all, after much observation and attempts to do the above, if you suspect a serious eating problem, do not hesitate to contact your child's pediatrician. Don't try to be the judge yourself.

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Breast Cancer Screenings

Breast cancer is the most common cancer in women. It is curable if found in the earliest stages. Today, nearly 2 million women have been treated for breast cancer and are living normal lives. It is important that women take the time to schedule yearly mammograms and educate themselves for a healthy future.

Cook County Commissioner Joan Patricia Murphy and the Dept. of Public Health will be conducting eligibility requirement screenings for women without insurance to qualify for free testing. The Illinois Breast and Cervical Cancer Program will provide these important testing services at no cost at many medical locations throughout the area if you meet the eligibility guidelines. If screened through this program and found to have cancer, your treatment may also be covered through a special fund. All women over 40 years should stop by Commissioner Joan Patricia Murphy's information booth at the Crestwood Family Health Fair and see if they are eligible for the Breast and Cervical Cancer Program. Short educational lectures on breast cancer prevention will also be available throughout the day. Knowledge is the key to wellness!

The 8th annual Family Health and Fun Fair is being hosted by the Crestwood Fire Dept. on Saturday, Oct. 22nd. Doors open at 9 a.m. till 1 p.m. at the Nathan Hale Middle School, 5220 W. 135th St.

For more information, contact Community Outreach Coordinator Patrice Capuzzi at (708) 389-2125.



Open Massage Clinic

The South Suburban College Massage Therapy Dept. is opening a Student Massage Clinic starting in October for Massage Therapy Month. The Massage Therapy Clinic officially starts on Saturday, Oct. 15th and will continue for six consecutive Saturdays through Nov. 19th. The times for booking a 45-minute, full-body (table) massage are 8:30, 9:30, 10:30 and 11:30 a.m.

The cost of the full-body massage is only \$25, a fraction of the typical cost for this massage. Additionally, 20-minute chair massages cost just \$10. Appointments are needed for all massages and are open to the SSC faculty, staff, and especially the public. The Student Massage Therapy Clinic is located in Room 3152 of the main campus building at 15800 S. State St. in South Holland.

The SSC Massage Therapy Program provides students with the foundation of knowledge in theory and practice of current massage techniques. Students are well prepared to sit for the National and State licensing exams.

To schedule an appointment for a massage at the Clinic, call (708) 596-2000, ext. 2458.

Raise Funds To Fight MS

Organizers from the National Multiple Sclerosis Society and Chicago Tribune Charities raised a record-breaking \$1.1 million at the 2005 Dinner of Champions, an annual benefit that raises much-needed funds to support research into a cure for multiple sclerosis (MS). The benefit was held on Thursday, Sept. 29th.

North Shore resident William A. Osborn, Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer of Northern Trust Corp., served as Honorary Chairman for the signature fundraising gala, which was held at the Hilton Hotel in Chicago and featured entertainment by jazz legend Ramsey Lewis.

In line with the theme for the evening, gala attendees were encouraged to "believe in a world without MS" and to help the NMSS make that day a reality.

As part of the evening's event, organizers announced that the James Cantalupo Memorial Research Grant has designated funds for the creation of one of four pediatric MS Centers that will be built in the United States to ensure promising care and treatment for children with MS. As a result of funding from the grant, families will be able to see, in one visit, a pediatric neurologist, an MS neurology specialist, a pediatric psychiatrist and neuropsychologist, and an MS specialist nurse. Pediatric MS Centers will play a critical role in helping parents deal with the effects MS has on a child's educational, medical and social development.

Cole Named President

Courtney Cole, director of Physician Services at St. Francis Hospital & Health Center in Blue Island, has been named president of the Illinois Staff Physician Recruiters (ISPR) group. This professional association supports in-house physician recruiters throughout Illinois in their efforts to locate and retain quality physicians for their respective health systems, hospitals and clinics.

She will serve a one-year term as ISPR president. Prior to becoming president, she served two years as ISPR vice-president. She currently chairs ISPR's annual Midwest Recruiters Conference and Physician Job Fair.

ISPR is comprised of more than 75 Illinois health systems, hospitals and clinics. The association provides networking opportunities, educational programs and communications mechanisms to link interested physician candidates with in-house recruiters. Cole has been a member of ISPR for the past four years.

Take Huge Step In Fight Against Breast Cancer

To celebrate breast cancer survivors in Illinois while remembering those who lost their battle to this disease, the American Cancer Society is hosting its sixth annual Making Strides Against Breast Cancer walk on Oct. 16th along Chicago's lakefront.

Serving as one of the largest support groups for Illinois breast cancer survivors, the inspiring and heart-warming five-mile walk is expected to draw more than 10,000 survivors and supporters in an effort to educate the public on the disease and raise funds during Breast Cancer Awareness Month this October.

According to the American Cancer Society, an estimated 9,000 women in Illinois will be diagnosed with breast cancer this year and nearly 2,000 will die from the disease, which is the most commonly diagnosed cancer for Illinois women.

Starting at 9 a.m. on Sunday, Oct. 16th at Montrose Harbor, located at the northwest corner of Lawrence Ave. and Simonds Drive in Chicago, the Society's Making Strides Against Breast Cancer walk is free and non-competitive, but participants are encouraged to collect donations and pledges. For more information on this event, call (312) 279-7376 or e-mail Chicago.strides@cancer.org.

More Than Just Calcium

New research confirms that children need more than calcium for strong bones. Such evidence emphasizes the need for children to eat a variety of nutrient-rich foods. Milk is naturally rich in calcium, protein, phosphorus and magnesium, making it the ideal food for strong bones.

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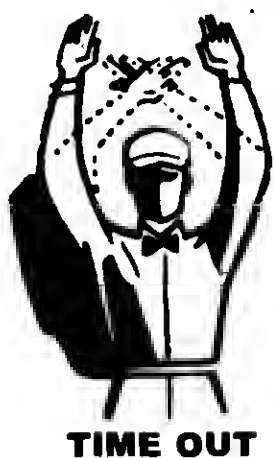
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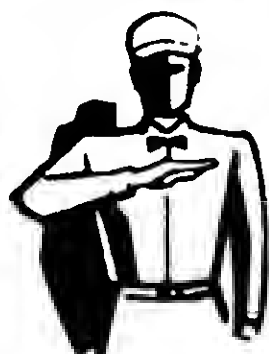
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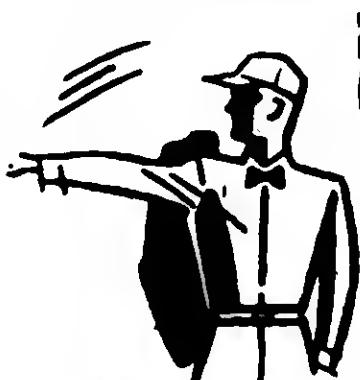


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- The half-time show will feature the Spartan Marching Band, the Spartan Dance Team, the presentation of the Homecoming Court and this year's Homecoming Queen and King.
- This year's Grand Marshals are retiring teachers Joyce Icenogle and Skip Sullivan. The OLCBS Alumni Hall of Fame inductees Mr. Timothy Purpura (Class of 1976) and Mr. James Purpura (Class of 1973) will also be featured in the parade.

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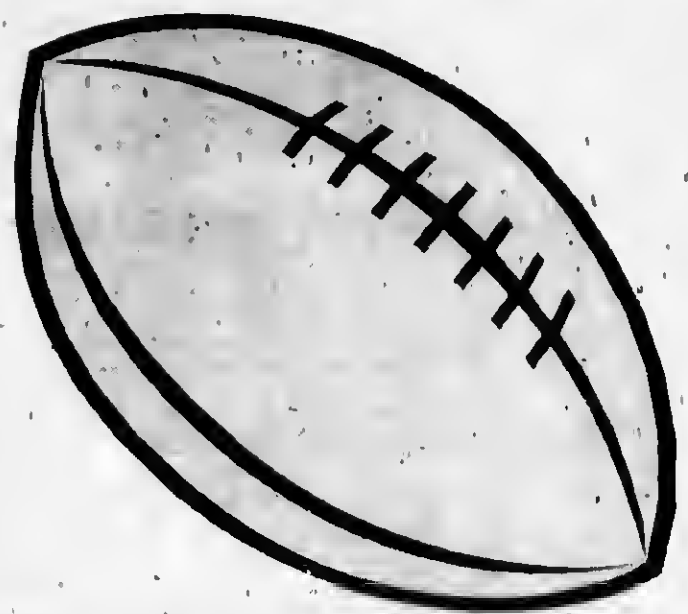
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- The semiformal Homecoming Dance will be held at 7:30 p.m. in the Auditorium Gym. Tickets for students are available from Student Council members and are available at the door for alumni only.
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Veterans And Soldiers News

By Lori Taylor Ph: 708.388.2425

October is National Breast Cancer Awareness Month. The chance that a woman will be diagnosed with breast cancer over her lifetime is 1 in 8. However, many men are diagnosed with breast cancer too. The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) continues conducting research into breast cancer to discover potential causes and to develop better diagnostics and treatments for this disease. Mammograms every year for women aged 40-70, especially for high-risk women who have had a first-degree relative diagnosed with breast cancer, are encouraged in order to help detect breast cancer at the earliest and most treatable stages. However, a VA study urges discreet use of mammograms for women older than 70, as the radiation exposure from mammograms may outweigh the potential benefits for elderly women in very poor health. Mammograms may detect cancer, but they do not prevent cancer. While the causes of breast cancer are still unknown, here are a few tips that may help reduce the risk of developing the disease.

Don't smoke, exercise regularly, and maintain a healthy weight. Studies show that excess weight may increase the risk of breast cancer; Eat fresh fruits and vegetables daily. The fiber, antioxidants, and other nutrients found in fresh fruits and vegetables may help reduce the risk of breast cancer and some other cancers; Conduct self-breast examinations monthly. Seventy percent of all breast cancers are found through self-breast exams. Reduce the negative stress in your life. Keeping a positive, relaxed outlook may be beneficial for the immune system, therefore, reducing the risk of some diseases.

The Tinley Park Chapter of the Marine Corps League will hold its monthly meeting on Wednesday, Oct. 19th at 7:30 p.m. at the Tinley Park VFW Hall, 17147 Oak Park Ave. All Marines, past or present, are invited. Semper Par. For more information, call (708) 429-1215.

Michael J. McDonald graduated from Officer Candidate School (OCS) at Fort Lewis, Tacoma, Washington, and was commissioned as a second lieutenant in the U.S. Army National Guard. McDonald is assigned to the 185th Regional Training Institute, Ames, Iowa. He is the son of Mary McDonald of S. Laverne Ave. and Patrick McDonald of Alsip. In 2000 McDonald graduated from Marist High School and received a bachelor's degree in 2004 from the University of Iowa, Iowa City.

Civilian William R. McClellan, son of Deborah and Robert McClellan of Tinley Park, recently participated in the U.S. Naval Academy's weeklong summer seminar program in Annapolis, Maryland. McClellan is currently attending Victor J. Andrew High School in Orland Hills.

Navy Midshipman Alexander J. Kikilas, son of Joyce Kikilas of Hickory Hills, recently took part in summer training at sea. Kikilas, a Naval Reserve Officers Training Corps (NROTC) student, served with Submarine Squadron 11, San Diego, California.

Join the Peace Officers Memorial Foundation of Cook County for their annual fundraiser Nov. 10th at 115 Bourbon St., 3359 W. 115th St., Merriotte Park, starting at 6 p.m. The evening includes food, drinks, music and raffles. Marine Corps ID earns a \$10 discount at the door. All proceeds will benefit efforts to build a memorial honoring all officers in Cook County. For more information, call Jason Watson at (708) 424-6749.

Hometown Murray VFW Post 9773 will hold a Halloween Party on Saturday, Oct. 29th from 7 p.m. to 1 a.m. at their post home, 9092 Main St., in Hometown. There will be a his and her costume contest, raffles, prizes, a light buffet and much more. A \$1 donation will benefit the many veteran and community programs sponsored by the post. Guests must be 21 (that's all of us, right?)

"Dinner is Served" at Johnson Phelps VFW Post 5220 on Monday, Oct. 17th at 7 p.m. (doors open at 6:30 p.m.) This event is sponsored by the VFW Auxiliary to benefit the Oak Lawn Police and Fire Department Clubs. The price per person is \$7. No tickets will be sold at the door. The post is located at 9514 S. 52nd Ave. For more information, call Patricia Hewitt at (708) 422-4475 or Dorothy Hejl at (708) 423-5220.

The Marine Corps Coordinating Council of Chicago invites you to attend the first annual Chicagoland Marine Birthday Breakfast on Thursday, Nov. 10th at 7:30 a.m. at the Union League Club, 65 W. Jackson Blvd. The guest of honor and speaker will be Lt. Col. Mark Smith, Commanding Officer, 2nd Battalion, 24th Marines (The Mad Ghosts). Tickets are \$25 per person and must be purchased in advance. For tickets contact Patrick Kackerth, Treasurer, c/o MCCC of Chicago, 431 N. Raddant Rd., Batavia, IL 60510 or call the voice mail at (630) 761-3482 or email Patrick@kackerthhomes.com. The Fax Number is (630) 761-3484.

Protect Homebuyers Against Discrimination

Building on his commitment to fight discrimination in Illinois, Gov. Rod R. Blagojevich on Oct. 3rd announced a Fair Housing program to help protect homebuyers against discrimination in housing, and inform housing providers and community organizations working on housing issues about Illinois' new anti-discrimination laws. The Illinois Dept. of Human Rights (IDHR) will work with other state agencies to conduct a series of seminars over the next few weeks in Chicago, Decatur, Peoria and Rantoul, in partnership with Catholic Charities, the League of United Latin American Citizens (LULAC), the U.S. Dept. of Housing and Urban Development, Access Living and Dove, Inc.

The Fair Housing training seminars will inform homebuyers, tenants, landlords, property owners, advertisers, housing advocates and community organizations about Illinois' anti-discrimination laws. Presentations will focus on discrimination during real estate transactions involving residential and commercial property to help homebuyers recognize and protect themselves from housing discrimination. Seminars will also include an overview on fair housing; housing rights of persons with disabilities; sexual harassment in housing; information on discriminatory occupancy codes; and information on how to file discrimination charges with IDHR.

Many Illinoisans face housing discrimination due to their race, color, national origin, physical or mental disability, religion, or because they have children. African Americans and Latinos experienced more than three million incidents of illegal housing discrimination in 2003 nationwide, and IDHR completed investigations of over 250 housing discrimination complaints in 2004 alone. Latinos in Illinois are under-represented in the percentage of homeowners, according to a study by the National Fair Housing Alliance. To address this issue, IDHR is partnering with organizations such as LULAC and Access Living that serve Latino clients and communities to conduct presentations in Chicago in both English and Spanish.

The training seminars will also include information

from the Illinois Housing Development Authority (IHDA), the state agency that finances the creation and the preservation of affordable housing across Illinois. IHDA will distribute information on the governor's homeownership program I-LOAN Mortgage, which provides low and moderate-income families with down payment and closing cost assistance, and interest rates that are at least a half percent below the market rate.

Designed to help first-time homebuyers gain the stability and security that come from homeownership and begin to build equity in their homes, the I-LOAN Mortgage is a key component of Gov. Blagojevich's comprehensive housing plan, Building for Success. In 2003 Gov. Blagojevich created a task force to develop specific strategies to effectively use state resources to best meet the affordable housing needs of Illinois residents. He recently announced that IHDA has committed \$175 million to the I-LOAN Mortgage program.

The Illinois Dept. of Financial and Professional Regulation (IDFPR), which oversees bank and mortgage lending practices, will provide information that arms potential homebuyers against the trap of predatory lending - loans that cost more than a borrower can or should pay usually including excessively high interest rates and fees.

Rainfall Above Normal

Last month was the seventh warmest September since 1895 and the third warmest September on record in northeastern Illinois. It was also the fourth consecutive month of temperatures above normal and the seventh warmest June-September on record.

September rainfall averages 3.91 inches, 0.73 inches above normal, but rainfall since March averaged 18.90 inches, 7.12 inches below normal making this Illinois' sixth driest March-September since 1895. While most of the state enjoyed the extra rainfall in September, rainfall north of I-80 was only 2.79 inches, 0.54 inches below normal. Nashville had the highest one-day precipitation total with 3.58 inches on Sept. 20. Lebanon had the highest monthly total with 10.11 inches.

Now that October has arrived, the first fall frost becomes a concern for gardeners. Based on 1971-2000 averages, the first fall frost usually occurs between Oct. 7 (northern Illinois) and Oct. 21 (southern Illinois), with an

average date of Oct. 14 in central Illinois (see map at http://www.sws.uiuc.edu/atmos/statecli/frost/avg_frost_map.GIF). An interesting feature of the map is the delay in the first frost date by about a week in the Chicago area, probably due to a combination of the warmer urban setting and the moderating influence of Lake Michigan.

Traffic Safety Hints

By Secretary of State Jesse White

It is increasingly common to see drivers engaged in a casual phone conversation as they drive down Illinois roads and highways. Having a cellular phone on-hand is a good security measure, but using a cellular phone improperly can create a serious traffic safety hazard.

To prevent your cellular phone from becoming a dangerous distraction, always remain focused on developing traffic conditions and use your cell phone in a safe and responsible manner.

Q. What precautions should I take when I use my car phone?

A. Make safe driving your number one priority by buckling-up; keeping your hands on the wheel, your eyes on the road and using a hands-free microphone. Also familiarize yourself with the operation of the phone while the car is parked; position your car phone where it is easy to see and reach; use the speed dial for frequently called numbers; pull over if you need to dial a number; never take notes while driving, pull over if you must read or write; and use voice mail to pick up your call if it is inconvenient or unsafe to answer the phone.

Cellular phone usage can lead to a significant increase in the time it takes to respond to a dangerous situation. It is best to use your cellular phone when your car is stopped. If you must use your phone while driving, dial in short segments, check the traffic situation and then dial again. Never allow your conversation to distract you from responsible driving.



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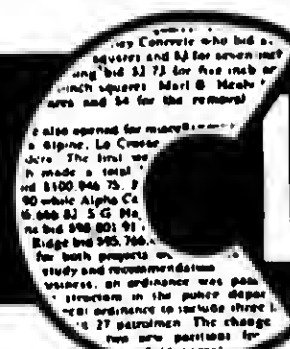
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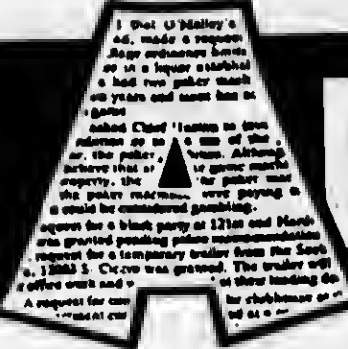
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Johnson, et al., Defendants.
No. 05CH-4763.
PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby
given that pursuant to a Judgment
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above entitled cause on June
1, 2005, Intercounty Judicial
Sales Corporation will on Tuesday,
November 1, 2005, at the
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Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for First Financial Mortgage Group, Inc., or its successors or assigns, Plaintiff, vs. Abdelnaser Hamdan a/k/a Abdel Naser Hamdan a/k/a Abdel N. Hamdan, et al., Defendants. Case No. 05Ch-6837. PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on June 22, 2005, The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 a.m. on October 28, 2005, in its office at 33 N. Dearborn St., 10th Floor, Chicago, IL 60602-3100, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as: 8421 S. Mansfield Ave., Burbank, IL 60459. The real estate is improved with a white brick quad level house with attached 2 car garage. The judgment amount was \$343,054.00. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; the balance, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale. The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information. For information: Visit our website at http://service.atty-pierce.com, between the hours of 3 and 5 p.m. only. PIERCE & ASSOCIATES, Plaintiff's Attorneys, One N. Dearborn St., Ste. 1300, Chicago, IL 60602, (312) 476-5500. Please refer to file number PA0503239. NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act you are advised that Plaintiff's Attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. 135882C	IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. LaSalle Bank National Association, Trustee, Plaintiff, vs. Vidal Lozada, et al., Defendants. No. 05Ch-2030. PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above entitled cause on July 25, 2005, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Wednesday, October 26, 2005 at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 W. Madison St., Suite 718A, Chicago, IL, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described mortgaged real estate: Commonly known as: 7716 S. Nagle Ave., Burbank, IL 60459. The mortgaged real estate is improved with a single family residence and will NOT be open for inspection. The judgment amount was \$210,555.69. Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance, by certified funds, within 24 hours. The sale shall be subject to general taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and any prior first mortgages. The subject property is offered for sale without any representation as to quality of title or recourse to Plaintiff. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information. For information: Sale Clerk, Shapiro & Kreisman, 4201 Lake Cook Road, 1st Floor, Northbrook, IL 60062. (847) 498-9990, between the hours of 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. only. 137181C IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Flagstar Bank, FSB, Plaintiff, vs. Craig Cliette, et al., Defendants. No. 04Ch-12691. PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on August 2, 2005, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Friday, November 4, 2005, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 W. Madison St., Suite 718A, Chicago, IL, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described property: Commonly known as: 7941 S. Artesian Ave., Chicago, IL 60652. The improvement on the property consists of a single family residence with a detached two car garage. Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, by certified funds. No refunds. The judgment amount was \$161,283.12. The property will NOT be open for inspection. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the premises after confirmation of the sale. For information: Visit our website at http://service.atty-pierce.com, between 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. only. Pierce & Associates, Plaintiff's Attorneys, One N. Dearborn St., Ste. 1300, Chicago, IL 60602. Tel. No. (312) 476-5500. PIERCE & ASSOCIATES File No. PA0405310. 136396C IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. M & I Bank, FSB, Plaintiff, vs. Michael E. Schneider, et al., Defendant. No. 05Ch-5270. PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on June 1, 2005, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Tuesday, November 1, 2005, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 W. Madison St., Suite 718A, Chicago, IL, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described mortgaged real estate: Commonly known as: 5638 W. 109th St., Chicago Ridge, IL 60415. The improvement on the property consists of a single family residence. Sale terms: Bidders must present, at the time of sale, a cashier's or certified check for 10% of the successful bid amount. The balance of the successful bid shall be paid within 24 hours, by similar funds. The property will NOT be open for inspection. For information call Ms. Diane Thomas at Plaintiff's Attorney, Law Offices of Ira T. Nevel, 175 N. Franklin St., Naperville, IL 60563-1890. (877) 729-6734. 136458C	IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Argent Mortgage Company, LLC, Plaintiff, vs. Adam Nadi, et al., Defendant. No. 05Ch-1825. PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on August 8, 2005, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Wednesday, November 9, 2005, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 W. Madison St., Suite 718A, Chicago, IL, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described mortgaged real estate: Commonly known as: 11162 S. Columbus Dr., Worth, IL 60482. The improvement on the property consists of a single family residence. Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, by certified funds. No refunds. The judgment amount was \$312,262.75. The property will NOT be open for inspection. For information call Mr. Ira T. Nevel at Plaintiff's Attorney, Law Offices of Ira T. Nevel, 175 N. Franklin St., Chicago, IL 60606. 312/357-1125. 135721C IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Argent Mortgage Company, LLC, Plaintiff, vs. Joan Cain, et al., Defendants. No. 04Ch-20256. PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on August 8, 2005, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Thursday, November 10, 2005, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 W. Madison St., Suite 718A, Chicago, IL, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described property: Commonly known as: 7832 S. Christiana Ave., Chicago, IL 60652. The improvement on the property consists of a single family residence with no garage. Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, by certified funds. No refunds. The judgment amount was \$157,181.68. The property will NOT be open for inspection. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the premises after confirmation of the sale. For information: Visit our website at http://service.atty-pierce.com, between 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. only. Pierce & Associates, Plaintiff's Attorneys, One N. Dearborn St., Ste. 1300, Chicago, IL 60602. Tel. No. (312) 476-5500. PIERCE & ASSOCIATES File No. PAD409694. 135695C IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Bank of America, N.A., successor to Nationsbank Corporation Assignee of GN Mortgage Corporation, Plaintiff, vs. Brian J. Coleman, et al., Defendants. No. 04Ch-4616. PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on 5/19/05, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Tuesday, October 25, 2005, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 W. Madison St., Suite 718A, Chicago, IL, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described property: Commonly known as: 14938 San Francisco Ave., Posen, IL 60469. The improvement on the property consists of a single family residence with separate 2 car garage. Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, by certified funds. No refunds. The judgment amount was \$75,451.63. The property will NOT be open for inspection. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the premises after confirmation of the sale. For information: Visit our website at http://service.atty-pierce.com, between 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. only. Pierce & Associates, Plaintiff's Attorneys, One N. Dearborn St., Ste. 1300, Chicago, IL 60602. Tel. No. (312) 476-5500. PIERCE & ASSOCIATES File No. PA0408138. 137152C	IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Regency Savings Bank, a United States Corporation, Plaintiff, vs. Robert R. Watkins, et al., Defendants. No. 05Ch-2916. PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on May 25, 2005, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Tuesday, October 25, 2005, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 W. Madison St., Suite 718A, Chicago, IL, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described mortgaged real estate: Commonly known as: 4432 W. 81st Pl., Chicago, IL 60652. The improvement on the property consists of a single family residence consisting of a living room, kitchen, four bedrooms and two bathrooms along with an attached two car garage. 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Madison St., Suite 718A, Chicago, IL, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described mortgaged real estate: Commonly known as: 11440 S. Nashville Ave., Worth, IL 60482. The mortgaged real estate is improved with a single family residence. Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance, by certified funds, within 24 hours. No refunds. The property will NOT be open for inspection. For information call William E. Dutton, Jr./Barbara J. Dutton at Plaintiff's Attorney, Dutton & Dutton, P.C., 10325 W. Lincoln Hwy., Frankfort, IL 60423, (815) 806-8200. 135689C IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., Plaintiff, vs. Roberta Wilmut, et al., Defendants. No. 04Ch-20235. PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on August 4, 2005, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Friday, November 4, 2005, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 W. Madison St., Suite 718A, Chicago, IL, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described property: Commonly known as: 3637 W. Benck Dr., Alsip, IL 60803. The improvement on the property consists of a single family residence with above ground pool. Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, by certified funds. No refunds. The judgment amount was \$149,279.02. The property will NOT be open for inspection. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed in the premises after confirmation of the sale. For information: Visit our website at http://service.atty-pierce.com, between 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. only. Pierce & Associates, Plaintiff's Attorneys, One N. Dearborn St., Ste. 1300, Chicago, IL 60602. Tel. No. (312) 476-5500. PIERCE & ASSOCIATES File No. PA0409550. 136384C	IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. U.S. Bank N.A., as trustee for the registered holders of Structured Asset Securities Corporation, Mortgage Pass Through Certificates, Series 2004-GEL1, Plaintiff, vs. Christopher O. Barnett, et al., Defendants. No. 04Ch-11803. PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above entitled cause on January 20, 2005, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Monday, October 31, 2005 at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 W. Madison St., Suite 718A, Chicago, IL, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described mortgaged real estate: Commonly known as: 3746 W. 115th Pl., Alsip, IL 60803. The mortgaged real estate is improved with a single family residence. This information is considered reliable but is not warranted. The judgment amount was \$107,760.04. Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance, by certified funds, within 24 hours. This sale is subject to unpaid real estate taxes, assessments, covenants, conditions, easements and restrictions of record. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. This pleading is a communication for the purpose of collecting the mortgage debt, under the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act. If you fail to dispute, in writing, the validity of this debt within thirty days, it will be assumed to be valid. Finally, any information you provide will be used for the purpose of collection. Upon payment, of each portion of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Receipt of Sale. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the mortgaged real estate after confirmation of the sale. The property will NOT be open for inspection, except by the arrangement and agreement of the current owner or occupant. For information: Jaros, Tittle & D'Amico, Plaintiff's Attorneys, 20 N. Clark, Suite 510, Chicago, IL 60602. 312/750-1000. Phone calls will be taken only between the hours of 9:00 thru 11:00 A.M. When calling, please refer to file number 04-29199. 135744C IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. National City Mortgage Company d/b/a Commonwealth United Mortgage Company, Plaintiff, vs. Gerber Suarez, et al., Defendants. No. 04Ch-18638. PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on January 13, 2005, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Monday, October 24, 2005, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 W. Madison St., Suite 718A, Chicago, IL, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described property: Commonly known as: 4020 W. 100th St., Oak Lawn, IL 60453. The improvement on the property consists of a single family residence. Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, by certified funds. No refunds. The judgment amount was \$191,307.71. The property will NOT be open for inspection. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the premises after confirmation of the sale. For information: Visit our website at http://service.atty-pierce.com, between 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. only. 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19th Entrepreneurial Women's Conference

Commissioner Gloria Majewski (left) of the Board of Commissioners of the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District networks with Jackie Robinson Ivy of The Northern Trust Company at the 19th annual Women's Entrepreneurial Women's Conference and Buyers Mart held recently at Navy Pier.

Commissioner Majewski and Robinson Ivy, and their respective organizations, were among the exhibitors and attendees of the sold-out luncheon. The two-day event included exhibits, a panel discussion presentation featuring nationally syndicated columnist Terry Savage as moderator and classes for women business owners and those that are considering self-employment.

The highlight of the event is the annual Business and Buyers Mart that allows women business owners to network with various companies for different sectors like government and Fortune 500 companies.

The MWRD is a regular affiliate and sponsoring agency of the annual conference. The MWRD, which provides wastewater treatment and flood control for the City of Chicago and Cook County, has been a pioneer in recognizing women, small and minority-owned businesses for more than 20 years with its Affirmative Action Ordinance.

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COOK COUNTY ILLINOIS
LEGAL NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

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DATE & TIME: TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2005
AT 7:30 P.M.

PETITIONER: RICHARD FISCHBECK

OWNER:
SAME AS ABOVE

REQUEST: VARIATION TO ALLOW EXISTING 18'x21' STEEL CANOPY IN FRONT OF GARAGE TO REMAIN.

ADDRESS OF PROPERTY:
8559 S. NEW ENGLAND AVE.

SQUARE FOOTAGE OF PROPERTY:
11,600.50 SQ.FT.

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: LOT 11 IN DANIEL KANDICH'S RESUBDIVISION OF LOTS 265,266,267 OF FREDERICK H. BARTLETT'S SECOND ADDITION TO FREDERICK H. BARTLETT'S 79th ST. ACRES A SUBDIVISION OF THE E. 1/2 OF THE S.W. 1/4 OF SECTION 31 TOWNSHIP 38 NORTH, RANGE 13, EAST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN ACCORDING TO THE PLAT OF SAID RESUBDIVISION RECORDED JULY 9, 1948 AS DOCUMENT 14354858 IN COOK CO. IL.

PERMANENT INDEX NUMBER:
19-31-316-008

PROPOSED USE OF PROPERTY: EXISTING STEEL CANOPY IN FRONT OF GARAGE.

ALL PERSONS INTERESTED WILL BE GIVEN AN OPPORTUNITY TO BE HEARD AT THE PUBLIC HEARING, WHICH PUBLIC HEARING MAY BE ADJOURNED FROM TIME TO TIME.

DATE: 10-11-05

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On Medicare? You May Qualify For Extra Help To Pay For Prescription Drug Costs

By: John Flynn
Social Security District Manager

Medicare's new prescription drug program, which goes into effect in January 2006, is not just for older Americans. If you or someone you know is a Social Security disability beneficiary who is entitled to Medicare, the new prescription drug coverage program is available to you, too.

Open enrollment for the new plan runs from November 15, 2005 to May 15, 2006. But Social Security is now taking applications from Medicare beneficiaries who may be eligible for extra help to pay for monthly premiums, annual deductibles and prescription co-payments under the new prescription drug program. The extra help can save qualified beneficiaries an average of \$2,100 per year.

To qualify for the extra help, a person or married couple living together must have limited income and resources. For an individual, your total annual income must be below \$14,355 and your resources valued below \$10,000. The limits for a married couple living together are higher, \$19,245 in combined annual income and \$20,000 in resources. These resources can be slightly higher—an additional \$1,500 per person—if you will be using some of the money for burial expenses.

If you receive disability benefits from Social Security and are working, some of your earnings might not count towards those income and resource limits. In fact, less than half of your wages would be counted. If you have expenses for things that you need in order to keep working, they could be deducted from your earnings, too.

Social Security is now mailing letters to nearly 19 million Medicare beneficiaries who we have identified as potentially eligible for this extra financial help. The letter includes an application and a return-addressed, postage-paid envelope. If you get this application, please read it, complete it and return it to Social Security.

If you did not get a letter and application in the mail, but think you might qualify for the extra help, go to our website at www.socialsecurity.gov. Or you can contact Social Security at 1-800-772-1213 (TTY 1-800-325-9778).

Some beneficiaries will automatically qualify for the extra financial help. Anyone who has both Medicare and Medicaid or Medicaid and Supplemental Security Income, or anyone, whose state pays his or her Medicare premiums, will not have to complete an eligibility application.

Also, it is important that all beneficiaries understand that even if they qualify for the extra help, they still need to enroll in a Medicare-approved prescription drug plan to obtain both coverage and the extra help.

Girl Scouts Are Ready For Action

As the school year is getting underway, Girl Scouting is also rolling out this year's opportunities for south suburban girls, five to 17 years old.

Most Girl Scout groups meet in troops at schools or other convenient locations, and are guided by adult volunteers. Those volunteers are encouraged to take advantage of free training offered by the South Cook County Council to learn about the program and the advantages it offers girls, gain group leadership skills, and get information on other topics.

Some events coming soon are the Midnight Madness Lock-In to tell girls about options for the year, including the chance to apply for national events, a leader-daughter overnight, Family Fun Friendly for Brownie families, weekend events at the council's Camp Palos and Friendship Center, chances to learn about personal safety and financial literacy, and a family evening at Chicago's Field Museum in January.

A trip to see "Wicked" at the Ford Oriental Theater in Chicago in January is already sold out.

Of special interest to girls ages 11 to 17 are STUDIO 2B activities. This is a strongly girl-centered approach, inviting greater girl participation in planning and scheduling.

Proposed activities for this year include scuba diving, live theater, skiing, "How to Be a Millionaire" to learn about entrepreneurship, "Big Rainbow, Small World" for Black History Month, a pajama party murder mystery, a live theater trip, and a dad-daughter event tied to skills related to the food and entertainment industries.

All these events, plus programs at the council's Camp Palos and Friendship Center, are offered in addition to the ongoing activities within troops and in-school groups.

Support for development of the council's programs on behalf of its membership comes from the fall nut and candy sale, the cookie sale program, family contributions, and other local funding sources including United Way.

Girl Scouting is the world's largest organization dedicated to helping all girls everywhere build character and gain skills for success in the real world. In partnership with committed adult volunteers, girls developing strong values, leadership skills, social conscience, and conviction about their own potential and self-worth that will serve them all their lives.

Anyone interested in more information about Girl Scouting in the South Cook County Council is invited to call the Council Service Center at (708) 957-8100.

Juvenile Recidivism Drops By More Than 15%, Marking Largest Decline On Record

Delivering on his promise to fight recidivism, increase public safety and reduce the cost of crime, Governor R. Blagojevich on Sept. 28th announced that juvenile recidivism has dropped by 15 percent, the largest decline on record; more than 50 percent of Sheridan parolees have been able to find and retain jobs; and more incarcerated veterans are receiving the necessary skills and support to help them avoid the cycle of returning to prison again and again for the same mistakes.

The Governor announced that the statewide juvenile parole technical violation rate has dropped by more than 15 percent, the largest one-year decline on record, bringing the number to its lowest rate since FY 2000. The dramatic decline is the result of the Illinois Department of Corrections (IDOC) Juvenile Division's efforts to improve social and educational services for incarcerated youths. The programs target young men and women, who are at risk of going back to prison and provides individualized drug treatments, counseling and education services and skills development to ease their transition back into society.

The Governor has directed the Juvenile Division of IDOC to aggressively find ways to improve juvenile services and reduce recidivism. The early impact of these results is the largest decline in juvenile parole violations on record in Illinois. From FY 2004 to FY 2005, the juvenile parole technical violation rate dropped by 15.8 percent, helping to bring the violation rate to its lowest level since FY 2000. A juvenile is in technical violation of his or her parole when, among other things they do drugs; rejoin their former gangs; skip school or work; or fail to check in with the parole officer.

IDOC successfully restructured all eight juvenile facilities in the state to keep incarcerated young men and women closer to their home areas. This helps the state promote family support systems and better coordinate reentry services.

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DATE & TIME: TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2005
AT 7:30 P.M.

PETITIONER: MAFALDA VERTUCCI

OWNER:
SAME AS ABOVE

REQUEST: VARIATION TO ALLOW AN ADDITION WHICH WILL BE 876 SQ.FT. OVER THE 40% MAXIMUM ALLOWED BY CODE.

ADDRESS OF PROPERTY:
8224 S. NEWLAND AVE.

SQUARE FOOTAGE OF PROPERTY:
3,690 SQ.FT.

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: LOT 7 IN BLOCK 4 IN W. 79th ST. GARDENS, BEING A SUBDIVISION OF THE W. 1/2 OF THE W. 1/2 OF THE E. 1/2 OF THE N.W. 1/4 OF SECTION 31, TOWNSHIP 38 NORTH, RANGE 13 EAST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, IN COOK CO., IL.

PERMANENT INDEX NUMBER:
19-31-113-022

PROPOSED USE OF PROPERTY: TO CONSTRUCT A 2nd STORY ADDITION OF 1,200 SQ.FT.

ALL PERSONS INTERESTED WILL BE GIVEN AN OPPORTUNITY TO BE HEARD AT THE PUBLIC HEARING, WHICH PUBLIC HEARING MAY BE ADJOURNED FROM TIME TO TIME.

DATE: 10-11-05

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Southwest Area Obituaries

Hazel G. Brown

Services were held on Sunday Oct. 9th at United Methodist Church, Orland Park, for Former Orland Park elementary school teacher, Hazel G. Brown, 88, wife of the late William S. Brown.

She is survived by her grandchildren, Allison and Adrian; and her sister, Helen Bodkin.

Robert Woestman

Services were held on Friday, Oct. 7th at Hickey Memorial Chapels, Midlothian, for Fourth Degree Member of the Knights of Columbus Council #3540 and Switchman for the Belt Railway Company, Robert "B.J." Woestman, 52.

He is survived by his children, Sarita, Jolene, Samantha, Christine and Christopher Woestman; and her siblings, Carole Kick, Trish Karczewski and Larry (Nancy) Woestman.

Kathleen C. Conroy

Mass was said on Tuesday, Oct. 11th at St. Michael Church, Orland Park, for Kathleen C. Conroy, 88, wife of the late Aloysius M. Conroy.

She is survived by her children, Maureen (Ray) Schuster, David (Mary) Conroy, Michael (Joanne) Conroy and Eileen Hokanson; eleven grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

Gale F. Herman

Mass was said on Tuesday, Oct. 11th, at St. George Church, Tinley Park, for Gale F. "Frank" Herman, husband of the late Carole A.

He is survived by his children, Peggy (Stan) Korda, Daniel (Denise), Bill (Lynn), John Donald, Tim (Donna) and Tony (Melanie); twelve grandchildren; and his sisters, Phyllis (Robert) Powers and Catherine Hogan.

Michael J. Indovina

Mass was said on Monday, Oct. 10th, at Queen of Martyrs Church, Evergreen Park, for Michael J. Indovina, 63.

He is survived by his children, Cindy (Todd) Miglieri, Joanne (Phil) Gowaski, Marianne (Ed) Isenegger and Michele Indovina; seven grandchildren; and ex-wife, Marge Indovina.

Pauline Nagel

Services were held on Monday, Oct. 10th, at Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church, Tinley Park, for Pauline Nagel, 95, longtime member of the church and wife of the late Norman Nagel.

She is survived by her sisters, Frieda Schultz and Lois Sweney; and numerous nephews, nieces, relatives and friends.

Tony Sarcinella

Mass was said on Monday, Oct. 10th at St. Barnabas Church, Beverly, for Tony Sarcinella, 42.

He is survived by his wife, Lisa; children, Kara and Kali; parents, Sam and Carmela; and siblings, Steve (Donell), Joe (Lydia), Lisa (Mile) Momcilovic, Tina (Kevin) O'Keefe, and Jack (Kara).

Peter R. Daniels

Mass was said on Wednesday, Oct. 12th, at Queen of Martyrs Church, Evergreen Park, for Peter R. Daniels, 55.

He is survived by his companion, Julie Anstead; his mother LaVergne; and his siblings, Thomas (Cynthia), Kevin (Darlene), Norcen (John) Walsh, Richard (Cindy) and Robert (Sue) Peters.

Richard W. Strubin

Services were held on Monday, Oct. 10th, at Sheehy & Sons Funeral Home, Orland Park for WWII Navy Veteran, and American Legion and VFW Post 2580 member, Richard W. Strubin.

He is survived by his wife, Virginia L. "Ginny"; his children, Richard (Judy), Martin (Kathy), Kathleen (Julio) Garcia, Christine (Richard) Fitzgibbons, Frederick (Debbie), Maureen (Arthur) Albarán, Eileen (Arthur) Scroggin; twenty-two grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

Loise K. Karlic

Mass is being said on Thursday, Oct. 13th, at Sacred Heart Church, Palos Hills, for Louise K. Karlic, 69.

She is survived by her husband, John; her children, Tammy (Ron Forbush), John K. (Christina), Rick and Joy Nielsen; four grandchildren; one great-grandchild; and siblings, Everett (Florence) Johnson, Frank Molley, Mary (Kellen) Arnold and Donald (Janice) Johnson.

Agnes M. Callahan

Mass was said on Tuesday, Oct. 11th, at St. Patricia Church, Hickory Hills, for Agnes M. Callahan, wife of the late Aloysius.

She is survived by her children, Judy (Charlie) Timmel, Mary (Ron) Gales, Carol (John) Griffin, Kathy (Jim) Morgan, Noreen (Mike) Sexton & Michael (Madelyn) Callahan; twenty-one grandchildren; and thirteen great-grandchildren.

Mary C. Sexton

Mass was said on Wednesday, Oct. 12th, at St. Fabian Church, Bridgeview, for Mary C. Sexton, wife of the late Joseph.

She is survived by her children, Cathy Sexton and Joseph Sexton; one grandchild; and many nieces and nephews.

James P. Bratsos

Mass was said on Monday, Oct. 10th, at St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church, Oak Lawn, for U.S. Navy WWII Veteran, James P. Bratsos, husband of the late Florence.

He is survived by his children, Arlene Loudaros, Marilyn (Tom) Hinke, Peter (Marna), Michael (Amy) and Patty Cullen; fourteen grandchildren; and siblings, Betsy Jeanes and Mary Bratsos.

James L. Griffin

Mass was said on Monday, Oct. 10th, at St. Cajetan Church, Chicago, for James L. "Jay" Griffin, 45.

He is survived by his children, Megan, Kera and Kelly; and siblings, Timothy

(Maureen), Patrick (Diane), Bryan (Debra), John (Kelly), Mary (James) Mensinga, and Daniel; and many nieces and nephews.

Louis K. Grimm

Mass was said on Monday, Oct. 10th at St. Gerard Majella Church, Oak Lawn, for Veteran Louis K. Grimm.

He is survived by his wife, Shirley; his children, Cynthia (Wayne) Kwaltek, Kenneth (Tok) Grimm, Steve (Irene) Grimm, Greg (Beth) Grimm, Matt (Pat) Grimm and Therese (Scott) Emil; twenty grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Eduardo G. Cortes

Mass was said on Tuesday, Oct. 11th at St. Rita of Cascia Church, Chicago, for Eduardo G. Cortes, 89, husband of the late Alfoncina.

He is survived by his children, Esther Delgado, Marie Lopez, Mercedes Cortes and Sergio Cortes C.C.S. (Olga); ten grandchildren; and his brother, Jeronimo Cortes.

Clifford James Mounts

Services were held on Wednesday, Oct. 12th at Lawn Funeral Home, Burbank, for Clifford James Mounts, 73.

He is survived by his wife, Dimple Mounts; his children, Debbie Baglarz, Rhonda (James) Bobrick and David (Christine) Mounts; eight grandchildren; and siblings, Arthur Mounts, Don Mounts, Dewey Mounts, Arvela Greenc, Louis Laur and Ruth Ann Howard.

Earl J. Kruse

Mass was said on Tuesday, Oct. 11th, at Sacred Heart Church, Palos Hills, for Veteran & President Emeritus of United Union of Roofers, Waterproofers & Allied Workers, Earl J. Kruse.

He is survived by his wife, Jean; his children, Terri (Keith) Kirkpatrick, Earl J. Jr., Robert (Bonnie), Tim (Janice) Maureen (Kevin) Nagle, and Tom (Janet); many grandchildren; and his sister, Cathleen (Eugene) Shipanik.

Dorothy B. Kirchner

Services are being held this Thursday, Oct. 13th, at St. Paul Lutheran Church, Oak Lawn, for Dorothy B. Kirchner, 91, wife of the late Joseph.

She is survived by her children, Shirley (Woody) Ratliff, Edward (Sandy) and Norman (Kay) Kirchner; nine grandchildren; seventeen great-grandchildren; and siblings, Ruth Marec, Gertrude Resing, and Emma Schalber.

Mary Kass

Services were held on Wednesday, Oct. 12th, at St.

Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church, Oak Lawn, for past Philoptochos Society President, Mary Kass, 75.

She is survived by her husband, George; her children, Angie (Gary) Tarnopol, Faye (Nicholas) Lack and Joanne (John) Pappas; eight grandchildren; and her sister Elizabeth Maniatis.

Eleanor F. Kohlman

Mass was said on Wednesday, Oct. 12th, at Queen of Martyrs Church, Evergreen Park, for Eleanor F. Kohlman, 89, wife of the late Allan J.

She is survived by her children, James (Charlene), Kenneth, Sue Rolfsen and Lawrence (Shirley); eleven grandchildren; fourteen great-grandchildren; and her sister, Dorothy Feehan.

Julia C. Pajak

Services are being held this Thursday, Oct. 13th, at Chapel Hill Gardens South Funeral Home, Oak Lawn for St. John's Polish National Catholic Church member, Julia C. Pajak, 87, wife of the late Walter J.

She is survived by her children, Theodore (Peggy), Walter (Sandy) and Tobia (Lois); eight grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

Helen Krull

Mass is being said this Thursday, Oct. 13th, at Nativity B.V.M. Ukrainian Catholic Church, Palos Park, for Helen "Krill" Krull, wife of the late George.

She is survived by her children, Love (Raymond) Pazdzior; two grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Barbara Shermulis

Mass is being said, Thursday, Oct. 13th, at St. Damian Church, Oak Forest, for Barbara Shermulis.

She is survived by her husband, James C.; her children, Jamie and Sarah Shermulis; her parents, Joseph and Jean Malizia; and siblings, Gail Malizia, Sylvia (Fred Paxton) and David (Pat) Malizia.

Julia M. Tunzi

Mass was said on Saturday, Oct. 8th, at St. Jude Church, Hillside, for Co-Founder of St. Joseph's Table at St. Christopher Parish, Julia M. Tunzi, 76, wife of the late, Ralph Tunzi.

She is survived by her children, Patricia McLellan, Anita (Wayne) Battarsby, Denise (Ron) Sievert, Nancy (Jim) Werner, Robert (Patricia) and Mark (Colette) Tunzi; ten grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; and siblings, Madeline (Arthur) Sica, Geri (Dave) Sather, and Georgia, John (Marilyn) and Rocco (Sandra) Cardillo.

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TRAVEL NEWS

Lewis & Clark Heritage Days

The Tri-Cities, located three hours south of both Seattle and Spokane WA., is home to a signature bicentennial event, Lewis & Clark Heritage Days. "Down the Great Columbia" This is a four day event featuring the National Park Service exhibit Corps of Discovery II: 200 Years to the Future.

The Celebration, held October 14-17, will now include exhibits and interpretation at both Sacajawea State Park in Pasco and Columbia Park in Kennewick.

Jet boat rides will be offered from Columbia Park to Sacajawea State Park. In addition, arrangement have been made for shuttle bus service between the two locations and are encouraging people to visit both sites, since each will reflect very different displays and interpretation. "Down the Great Columbia" will present compelling and entertaining programs that explore the region's ties to the historic Lewis & Clark Expedition.

Sacajawea State Park in Pasco, WA, will showcase a natural interpretive environment with perspectives and portrayals from both first-person interpreters and traditional tribal members. Organizers expect hundreds of historical re-enactors from across the nation to camp at Sacajawea State Park as they re-create the original expedition's route and campsites. The interpretive center will offer a chance to discover the Native Americans of this region. Planned living history presentations will include portrayals of Capt. Meriwether Lewis, George Drouillard, Patrick Gass, Joseph Whitehouse and John Shields - all of whom were members of the Corps of Volunteers for Northwest Discovery. Mountain Men will rendezvous, and trappers and traders will conduct life skills demonstrations. Tribal culture will also be a focal

point of this historic site. (Present-day Sacajawea State Park, located at the confluence of the Snake and Columbia rivers, is where the expedition originally camped from Oct. 16 to 18, 1805.)

Columbia Park in Kennewick will host the National Park Service's traveling exhibit, Corps of Discovery II. Corps II components include an exhibit tent with audio tour, a keelboat replica, a teepee, and the Tent of Many Voices. The Tent of Many Voices is a venue for living history presentations, cultural arts demonstrations, folklore, music slide shows, panel discussions, interpretation of the journals, and more. Programs reflect a spectrum of nature, culture and historical topics of interest along the Lewis and Clark Trail in Washington State. On Saturday, Oct. 15th and Sunday, Oct. 16th, Columbia Park will also host commercial vendors who are expected to offer Lewis & Clark related books, mementos, souvenirs, and historical ephemera. Food vendors will provide a variety of treats and goodies.

For more information, call Kathy Blasdel at (509) 735-8486 or visit www.downthegreatcolumbia.com.

The Dude Ranchers' Association Eyes 80th Anniversary

On the verge of its 80th anniversary, The Dude Ranchers' Assn. continues its heritage of assuring a quality and authentic dude ranch experience.

Ever since the late 1800s, working ranches have opened their doors to friends and families and shown them what Western hospitality is all about. The Dude Ranchers' Assn. dates to the birth of an organized group of dude ranches in Montana and Wyoming that began accepting paying visitors as a normal part of their operations.

The first organizational gathering of these dude-ranch pioneers occurred in Bozeman, Montana in 1926 at the urging of the Northern Pacific Railroad, which saw the dude ranches of the area as natural partners in the burgeoning tourism industry of the West. This meeting of ranchers from the Yellowstone area led to the formation of The Dude Ranchers' Assn. currently headquartered in Cody, Wyoming.

Since its inception eight decades ago, The Dude Ranchers' Assn. has overseen quality control for its industry and provided invaluable assistance in pointing guests toward a suitable ranch. The screening process to become a DRA member is rigorous and demanding, including references from guests, on-site inspections, and a probationary period for new members of at least a year.

Each of the association's 114 member ranches across the western United States and Canada have passed its tests for safety, proper care of horses and equipment, clean rooms in good repair, and dedication to the preservation of the traditional dude ranch experience.

The Dude Ranchers' Assn. publishes a free directory of member ranches, neatly organized to help guests narrow down their vacation options. Trip planning information is also available online, and telephone inquiries are encouraged. For more information, call (307) 587-2339, visit www.duderanch.org, or email info@duderanch.org.

"Christmas At The White House"

The Abraham Lincoln Presidential Museum in Springfield will present a temporary exhibit entitled "Christmas at the White House," Nov. 25th through Jan. 8th. There will be a dozen Christmas trees, each representing a presidency and adorned in 19th and 20th century dressings. The exhibit will also feature White House and Presidential Christmas memorabilia dating back to the early 1800s from the collection of renowned author Mary Evans Sceley, including presidential Christmas cards, messages and gifts given by and to presidents, first ladies, children, and staff over the years.

For more information, contact the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Museum at (800) 610-2094 or go to www.alplm.org.

Popular Hotel Booking Program Expands In Seattle

Seattle, WA. Convention & Visitors Bureau (SCVB) has announced that its popular Seattle Super Saver hotel booking program will operate year-around.

Running from mid-fall through March for its first 13 seasons, Seattle Super Saver has been expanded and is offering hotel savings throughout the city's high tourism season for the first time. With the program's summer success, perennial appeal to travel consumers and endorsement by Seattle's hotel community motivated the move toward year-around operation.

The SCVB overhauled the program's website, spending \$100,000 on the construction of an online booking engine which has helped position the program as an alternative to the web-based hotel booking companies.

Book travel at the redesigned www.seattlesupersaver.com or call (800) 535-7071. Phone reservationists personally inspect each property and can advise callers of hotel features and location, as well as make bookings.

Halloween Packages

Cherry Valley Lodge, in Newark, Ohio, has announced two thrilling packages for the coming Halloween season. On Oct. 28th, lodge guests can become embroiled in the mystery and intrigue of the Cherry Valley Lodge "Who Dun It" Murder Mystery. The package includes deluxe overnight accommodations for two; the Murder Mystery Performance for two; and dinner for two featuring harvest salad, chicken Tuscan and white chocolate raspberry cheesecake. This package is \$280 for two, including taxes.

On Oct. 29th, the lodge is hosting its first-ever Cherry Valley Lodge Halloween Costume Ball. This package features deluxe overnight accommodations for two, a DJ and dancing, featuring a 'spooktacular' music selection, bobbing for apples, a delicious hors d'oeuvres menu, including smoked bacon-wrapped sea scallops, asparagus wrapped phyllo with asiago cheese, sugarcane skewered shrimp, mulled cider, and petite cheesecake sampler for dessert. This package is also \$280, including taxes.

Cherry Valley Lodge is a one-of-a-kind, 200 room resort-style lodge located in Licking County, Ohio, 25 miles east of Columbus. A rich and rustic interior design features a dramatic lobby with towering twin stone fireplaces. Two beautifully landscaped central courtyards and 18 country acres have gained Cherry Valley Lodge the distinction of being the nation's only hotel that is also an officially sanctioned arboretum and botanical garden.

For reservations and consumer information, call (800) 788-8008 or visit www.cherryvalleylodge.com.

East Peoria Festival Of Lights A Must This Season

Ranked on the American Bus Association's Top 100 events in 2005, the East Peoria Festival of Lights, Nov. 26th through Dec. 31st, offers more than a million lights producing images that range from Santa Claus to menorahs. The festival kicks off with a Parade of Lights featuring 40 stunning floats followed by a magnificent fireworks show. Additional festival activities include a narrated Nativity scene, an enchanted snow covered forest for kids, and a market place. For more information, contact the city of East Peoria at (800) 365-3742 or visit www.cityofeastpeoria.com.

St. Louis Zoo Pumpkin Prowl

What better way to experience Halloween than at a place where spiders and snakes abound? Edward Jones Pumpkin Prowl at the St. Louis Zoo combines animals and Halloween family fun from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. on Oct. 13-15, 20-22 and 27-30. (No event on Oct. 31.)

Creep your way into the Palace of Insects at the Insectarium. Slither over to the Herpetarium for a look at snakes and other creatures of the night. Get the "chills" at Penguin & Puffin Coast, where you must watch out for pirates!

Wander through Frankie's Maze, Headless Horseman Graveyard and Boot Hill Cemetery (tombstones with funny phrases and rhymes), Mummy Crossing, Dr. Screams' Amazing Discoveries, Alien Invasion, Boneyard Park, Phantom of the Zoo and much more.

Children are encouraged to wear costumes. There will be plenty of photo opportunities, and all children will receive a treat bag to take home.

Make a "creepy craft" at the Kid's Craft Corner and see what's brewing at Lakeside Café. Be sure to shop the Halloween boo-tique for souvenirs.

Take a spin on the not-too-spooky "Scare-ou-sel" (additional fee \$2/person). Eerily draped in cobwebs, the Conservation Carousel will play Halloween tunes for youngsters. Older kids can experience "Superstition," a hauntingly fun motion simulator roller coaster adventure (additional fee \$3/person).

Admission at the door is \$5 per person, \$4 for Zoo Friends (no passes). Children under two are free. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Reservations are not needed. Groups of 15 or more may call in advance for a special rate. Additional fees apply for Conservation Carousel and Superstition ride.

Enter the event at the south entrance on Wells Drive near the Z-O-O pylon and Highway 40. Free parking is provided on the south lot.

Pumpkin Prowl is sponsored by Edward Jones and North Star Frozen Treats. Kids' craft corner is sponsored by St. Louis Children's Hospital. Media partners are Oldies Radio 103.3 KLOU, 93.7 The Bull and Z107.7.

Proceeds benefit the Zoo in its efforts to save endangered species at home and around the world.

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On The Autumn To Do List

The thermostat is turned to "heat." Shorts and tank tops are replaced by sweaters and jackets. The car gets winterized. And you plan to get a flu shot. The Cook County Dept. of Public Health is reminding residents that a flu shot should be a top priority this fall.

Influenza, commonly called the flu, is caused by a virus that infects the nose, throat and lungs. Generally, the flu includes symptoms such as fever, cough, sore throat, runny or stuffy nose, headache, muscle aches and fatigue. Flu is highly contagious and spreads easily from person to person, primarily when an infected person coughs or sneezes. The flu can be particularly dangerous to the elderly or people with chronic illness who can't fight the debilitating effects of the virus.

Disparities in health care have been well documented in recent decades across a broad range of medical conditions and for a wide range of populations, particularly African-Americans and Hispanics.

Because of the highly contagious nature of the flu, Dr. Stephen Martin, Jr., CCDPH chief operating officer, is reminding residents that a flu shot protects not only the person receiving the immunization, but it protects others from getting sick too.

The flu kills almost 36,000 people yearly, and hospitalizes 200,000, 90% of them age 65 and older. Healthy children aged 6 months to 23 months, and caregivers of children younger than 6 months are also encouraged to receive flu shots because children younger than 24 months may be at higher risk for complications from influenza.

Typically, flu shots are given in the autumn months so that protection can last during an entire season

(December through March). Because the influenza virus changes from year to year, it is important to get vaccinated with a new flu vaccine every year. Contrary to what some may believe, people cannot get the flu from a flu shot.

The flu vaccine will be available at CCDPH immunization clinics through the end of March and are provided at no cost to eligible suburban Cook County residents. In addition to the clinics operated by CCDPH, the health department is providing vaccine to the American Lung Assn. (ALA) as well as several local Cook County health departments, townships and senior agencies.

CCDPH is recommending flu shots for:

- People 2-65 with chronic illness (heart, lungs, kidney disease, asthma)
- Residents of long term care facilities
- People 65 years of age and older
- Infants 6-23 months of age and anyone who lives in a household with an infant between 0-23 months of age and/or
- Anyone who lives in a household with a person with chronic disease or cares for a person with high risk medical conditions
- Health care workers who provide direct patient care
- Pregnant women

For information on clinic days and hours, call the district office that serves your area: Southwest-Bridgeview: (708) 974-6160; South-Markham: (708) 210-4500.

For complete information on CCDPH flu clinics, log onto www.cookcountypublichealth.org, or call (708) 492-2000.

Priceless Ceiling Mural Saved In Bloomington Mansion

What do you do when the ceiling falls in, and the repair bill will put your budget through the roof? If it's the 102-year-old painted canvas ceiling at the David Davis Mansion State Historic Site in Bloomington, you let the experts fix it - for free.

The saga began July 21st, in the middle of the hottest summer in recent memory, at the 1872 vintage David Davis Mansion, one of Bloomington's most popular historic tourist attractions. A malfunctioning air-conditioning unit in the second floor of the Victorian mansion spilled 20 gallons of water that seeped through the floor and saturated the ceiling of the formal parlor below. An original, intricately painted canvas mural adorns the ceiling.

The estimated cost to repair the ceiling was \$30,000. The work requires special knowledge and techniques that are rare and expensive. Unfortunately, the budget to fix the ceiling was in the basement; tight state finances allowed little leeway for repairs of this magnitude.

But the word got out concerning the mansion's predicament. Soon, craftspeople and businesses in the Bloomington-Normal area began offering to donate the skilled labor and materials to repair the ceiling. Marc Svensson, owner of the painting and wall-covering business in Bloomington that bears his name, reinstalled the canvas, prepared it for painting, and applied the solid background color that encompasses most of the canvas. Svensson is a graduate of the American School of Paperhanging Arts. Decorative artist Richard Schaad of Normal assembled the restoration team and did the fine-arts repainting of the floral artwork in the mural. Mel Wollenschlager, master plasterer from Bloomington, removed and re-plastered the mildewed areas of the plaster substrate. John Svensson, Marc's brother, and Michael Henning, decorative artist from Normal, assisted with the canvas reinstallation.

Experts from across the country in wallpaper hanging, historic adhesives and other technical crafts, inspired by the local labor and materials donations, offered to provide free advice and guidance so the project would follow approved historic preservation and conservation methods. Mansion officials even received assistance from the man who installs period wallpapers at the White House. "The result is more than just a repair," said Young. "It's the accurate and appropriate restoration of a one-of-a-kind, hand-painted piece of art."

The donated labor and materials did not stop at the

ceiling. Associated Constructors of Bloomington donated the painters' scaffolding and Don Smith Paint and Wallpaper of Bloomington donated the metal bracing system. In addition, employees of a local corporation have donated their personal time to survey the mansion's climate control systems and make recommendations for retrofitting and maintenance to prevent leaks from happening in the future. Plumbers and Pipefitters Union Local 99 is donating the services of skilled craftsmen to repair the moisture-soaked insulation and leaking valves that partly contributed to the problem.

The Davis Mansion canvas, made of hemp and covered with six layers of paint, is a 1903 post-fire replacement of the original 1872 ceiling, a decorative mural painted directly on plaster by St. Louis artist August Becker. Becker's original artwork can still be seen on the other plaster ceilings of the mansion's first floor. The 1903 replacement is a 400-square-foot canvas that was glued to the ceiling and then painted in place by a Bloomington painting contractor, C.E. Russell. The decorative design consists of a border of multi-colored stripes with corner floral motifs.

The David Davis Mansion State Historic Site is located at 1000 E. Monroe in Bloomington, and is open Wednesday through Sunday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. for free public tours. It was built in 1872 for U.S. Supreme Court Justice David Davis, a close friend and associate of Abraham Lincoln, and Davis' wife Sarah.

A Forum For Thought

Once again, Theology South is offering a procession of speakers for the benefit of south side audiences at Saint Xavier University's Butler Reception Room.

From October through April (excluding January) the following speakers will orate on the first Thursday of the month:

Oct. 6th, Daniel G. Welter, Associate Judge, Circuit Court of Cook County and Deacon at Archdiocese of Chicago, will lecture on "Agony In The Garden: What every congregation needs to know about domestic violence."

Nov. 3rd, Aaron Rosinski, Director, Southeast Environmental Task Force will speak on "Social and Environmental Justice: Successes and Challenges in The Calumet Region."

Dec. 1st, Ellen Skerrett, author of "Chicago: City of Neighborhoods" and "Catholicism, Chicago Style" and who is currently working on "History of Loyola University" will discuss the topic "The Legacy of Brick and Mortar Catholicism."

Feb. 2nd, Rosemary Bleuher, consultant for Adult Faith and Small Community Formation, will give a talk entitled "Making Connections: Faith and Life."

March 2nd, Scott Alexander, Assoc. Professor of Islam and Director of Catholic-Muslim Studies for Catholic Theological Union will provide you with his perspective on "Confrontation and Dialogue: The Past and Future of Muslim-Christian Relations."

April 6th, John Savant, Professor Emeritus of English; Director of Writing programs at Dominican College in San Rafael, California; Author of "Brendan's Voyage" and "Out of Anger Out of Love" will explore the subject of "Faith and Patriotism: A Voice from the Loyal Opposition."

The entire series costs \$30. Individual sessions are \$6 each. Checks should be made payable to Theology South, c/o Marcia McGerty, 8225 Juniper Ct., Palos Hills, IL 60465. For more information call Donatta Yates (708) 422-1635.

Statement From Rev. Michael Boland

I wish to update the public on Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Chicago's continued efforts to assist the evacuees coming to us from areas stricken by Hurricane Katrina.

To date, Catholic Charities has provided emergency assistance to 450 evacuees who have come to Chicago in the wake of the storm. Because Catholic Charities has eight emergency assistance centers in Chicago and its suburbs, our agency was able to begin assisting evacuees as soon as they reached the Chicago area.

We have provided shelter to 250 individuals - 47 families - both in traditional shelters that we were able to prepare with the help of local parishes and volunteers and in apartments that many parishes in the Archdiocese of Chicago helped us to sponsor. These individuals have also received food, clothing, shelter, counseling and financial assistance from our agency, as have another 200 evacuees who came to live with family members in Chicago but came to Catholic Charities in need of other emergency help.

To date, Catholic Charities has received \$110,000 through the generosity of our donors, which we have sent to Catholic Charities USA for direct assistance to Catholic Charities agencies in the Gulf. We estimate that another \$500,000 has been collected by archdiocesan parishes.

Catholic Charities is still in need of funds, gift cards, food and winter coats for our evacuees, who will have ongoing needs in the coming months. Those who wish to donate can call Catholic Charities' Disaster Relief Donation Hotline at (312) 655-7174. The donation hotline is updated daily to inform our donors of our evacuees' most pressing needs.

I am extremely grateful to the Archdiocese of Chicago and its parishes for their donations and volunteer efforts, which have assisted us in helping these 450 evacuees. We are blessed in Chicago to have a community of faith that is willing to do so much to help its brothers and sisters in need.

Safety Officer Event

The Public Safety Officers Fund began as a glimmer of an idea after Jack DeHeer was awarded duty-disability from the Chicago Police Department. As a highly decorated Chicago Police Officer, Jack was assigned to Tactical Units and the Gun Task Force. Jack was permanently disabled in March of 2000.

Since then, Jack and his cohorts at Public Safety Officers Fund have been coming up with ideas for raising funds with fun. Proceeds benefit families of policemen and firemen who are either deceased or were disabled in the line of duty.

One such event that is upcoming is the seven day Carnival Victory Cruise of the Eastern Caribbean on Sunday, Jan. 22nd, 2006. Set sail from the port of Miami to San Juan where you will enjoy the nightlife enroute to St. Maarten and, finally, St. Thomas and the duty free shops of Charlotte Amalie.

Tickets are \$549 for interior, \$699 for oceanview and \$799 for balcony accommodations. A \$250 deposit is required. Contact Patty at (866) 362-8822 or visit www.PSOFF.org. Hurry! Time's a wasting.

Tribute Gift Cards Available

What is a tribute? Webster's dictionary defines a tribute as "a gift or service showing respect, gratitude or affection."

Among all living memorials which one can bestow on present and future generations, none is greater than the gift of health. That is the purpose of the St. Francis Hospital Auxiliary Tribute Gifts.

Contributions become a part of the living hospital, and the deceased are memorialized as a permanent record in the Auxiliary's beautiful Memorial Book. Tribute Gift Cards are available in the St. Francis Gift Shop, and an acknowledgment will be made to the donor and to the family of the enrolled.

In addition, Tribute Gift Contributions can be made to the St. Francis Auxiliary when someone is a hospital patient, ill at home, has a birthday or an anniversary, and for any other eventful occasion.

For more information about Tribute Gift Contributions, visit or call the St. Francis Hospital Gift Shop in Blue Island at (708) 597-2000, ext. 5265.

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Illinois Principals Association 34th Annual Statewide Conference

The Illinois Principals Association (IPA) is holding its 34th Annual Principals Professional Conference Oct. 16-18 in Springfield. Approximately 850 principals, assistant principals and deans from throughout the state will gather together to hear outstanding educational leaders and participate in educational sessions on how they can better serve their schools. This year's theme is "Simply the Best."

The kick off event will be a reception Sunday evening at the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Museum, which honors IPA Past Presidents. Dr. Mike Schmoker, a nationally renowned speaker, will keynote the opening session on Monday with "First Things First: 'Big Levers' for Creating the Best Schools We've Ever Had." Dr. Randy Dunn, Illinois State Superintendent of Schools will update attendees on the state of education in Illinois at the Second General Session. Dr. Douglas Reeves, founder of the International Center for Performance Assessment, will present the Third General Session on Tuesday on "Leadership for Learning: Transforming Research into Action." The closing session hosted by the Illinois High School Association and Illinois Elementary School Association has Stephen Bargatze, an internationally acclaimed comedian and motivator presenting.

Legal and legislative updates, technology demonstrations and small group sessions on topics affecting school administrators and schools will also be offered over the course of the two days. This year's topics include ISAT and PSAT Testing, Leadership Practices, Hazing, Student Performance, Academic Improvement, "No Child Left Behind," Performance Excellence, Curriculum Alignment, Emergency Response Plans, Child Nutrition, Student Activities, and much more.

One of the highlights of the conference will be the Awards Program where recognition is given for excellence in school administration. The IPA "Awards for Excellence" recognizes outstanding achievement in the areas of Innovative Education, Partners in Education, Community Service, and Friends of Education. In addition, outstanding educational

leadership is recognized through the Illinois Principals Association and National Association of Elementary School Principals and National Association of Secondary School Principals with the Herman Graves, Assistant Principal of the Year, Principal of the Year and National Distinguished Principal award programs.

Additionally, on Monday the conference offers one of the largest educational exhibitions in Illinois for attendees to see the latest in educational products and services. An Internet Café will be available in the exhibit hall, which provides a venue to learn more about computers, websites and the Internet. Another exciting feature is the Virtual Conference and Tradeshow that will run through March 2006 located on the IPA webpage at www.ilprincipals.org. Opportunities are also available for attendees to purchase resource materials on site at the Bookstore. The Illinois Association of School Administrators will have a Job Fair on Tuesday to facilitate career advancement opportunities for principals.

For more information, contact Mike Scholtz, Principal, Mascoutah High School and 2005-06 IPA President and Conference Chair at (618) 566-8523; Julie Weichert, Associate Director, Illinois Principals Association (217) 525-1383.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor:

With so many causes competing for a person's time, energy and financial contributions, we know it can be difficult to choose where to direct support. We wish to thank the thousands of people who chose to direct their support to the 4th Annual ALS Walk4Life, which was held on September 10th along the Chicago lakefront. Their positive spirits made the event a warm and welcoming celebration of life. Community and courage and their generosity helped raise nearly \$700,000 for programs that benefit people affected by ALS (Lou Gehrig's disease).

Funds raised through the ALS Walk4Life support the Les Turner ALS Foundation, which is one of the nation's largest independent non-profit ALS organizations, serving more than 650 patients annually. The Foundation funds research programs, a patient clinic, in-home services, a tissue bank, support groups, communication and equipment banks and educational programs.

ALS is a fatal neuromuscular disease that attacks the motor neurons, making even the simplest movements - walking, speaking, and gesturing - nearly impossible. For people with ALS, the body deteriorates, often to the point of total paralysis, yet the mind usually remains unaffected. Currently, the causes of ALS are only partially understood and there is no cure.

Again thank you to everyone who supported this important event. To learn more about the Les Turner ALS Foundation, call 847-679-3311 or visit www.lesturnerals.org.

Whenever people come together, join in common cause, there is hope.

Sincerely,

Wendy Abrams
Executive Director
Les Turner ALS Foundation
Skokie

2005 Nominations

Local senior clubs, hospitals, nursing homes and other senior organizations are invited to nominate a senior volunteer to receive the PLOWS Senior Recognition Award. This significant award honors senior citizens for their services to the community.

The Senior Recognition Award Ceremony takes place during the Annual Luncheon at the Lexington House. All nominees will be honored on stage and will receive a certificate in recognition of their volunteer service.

If your club or organization would like to nominate a senior from the PLOWS area and you have not received a nomination form by mail,

call Diana Santlin in the PLOWS office at (708) 361-0219 to request a form. Nominations must be received by Oct. 7th.

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Cook County Jail Garden Harvest Festival

More than 6,000 pounds of fresh vegetables have been produced by a garden kept by Cook County Jail inmates as part of a unique co-operative effort by the Sheriff's Office and the University of Illinois, officials announced at the jail's 11th annual Harvest Festival.

Ten inmates who worked on the garden this year were awarded Master Gardener certificates during a ceremony held recently at the jail. They were honored for completing a 60-hour University of Illinois Extension gardening program. Sheriff Sheahan (right) and Ron Wolford of the University of Illinois Extension present a diploma to a jail inmate who completed the Master Gardener program.

In 1994, the Cook County Sheriff's Office began a joint project with the University of Illinois Extension to create a small garden on property located immediately south of Cook County Jail. Each year since that time, non-violent inmates from the jail have sowed, planted and harvested from Spring through Fall, resulting in a bounty of fresh vegetables that are provided to local charities. This year's crop is being donated to two local nursing homes.

Since its inception 11 years ago, the garden has produced more than 50,000 pounds of fresh produce that have been donated to dozens of charities. This year's crop includes zucchini, squash, cucumbers, tomatoes, peppers, lettuce and eggplant.

The 10,000 foot garden is tended by inmates who are remanded to a substance abuse treatment program for drug addicted offenders in the Sheriff's Department of Community Supervision and Intervention (DCSI). The inmates are awaiting trial or serving short sentences for mostly drug-related charges and are held in a specialized facility on the jail compound adjacent to the garden.

Christmas Wreaths

Now is the time to order a beautiful Christmas wreath from the Children's Farm in Palos Park.

Fresh balsam fir handmade wreaths are available in four sizes, ranging from 24 inches to 60 inches in diameter. Each wreath is decorated with a handmade red velvet bow, and will be available for pickup at the farm, 12700 Southwest Highway, on the weekend following Thanksgiving. Orders should be placed by Oct. 25th and can be made by calling The Center at (708) 361-3650.

LEGAL NOTICE

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COOK COUNTY ILLINOIS
LEGAL NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT A PUBLIC HEARING WILL BE HELD ON THE REQUEST OF THE HEREIN NAMED PETITIONER FOR A CONFORMING SUBDIVISION ON PROPERTY LOCATED IN THE CITY OF BURBANK, SAID HEARING TO BE HELD AT THE TIME AND DATE MENTIONED HEREIN IN THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING, 6530 W. 79TH ST., BURBANK, ILLINOIS.

DATE & TIME: TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2005
AT 7:30 P.M.

PETITIONER: STANLEY MOZDEN

OWNER:
STANLEY MOZDEN AND JAN JACHYMIK

REQUEST: CONFORMING SUBDIVISION INTO 3 LOTS. LOTS 1 & 2=50'x133.01' EACH AND LOT 3=80'x133.01.

ADDRESS OF PROPERTY:
8200 AND 8208 S. NORMANDY AVE.

SQUARE FOOTAGE OF PROPERTY:
23,943.60 SQ.FT.

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: THE N. 180' OF LOT "F" IN THE RESUBDIVISION OF LOTS 20, 21, 28 AND 29 IN FRED K. H. BARTLETT'S 79th ST. ACRES, BEING A SUBDIVISION OF THE N.E. 1/4 OF SECTION 31, TOWNSHIP 38 NORTH, RANGE 13 EAST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, IN COOK CO., IL.

PERMANENT INDEX NUMBER:
19-31-210-011 AND 012

PROPOSED USE OF PROPERTY: TO DEMOLISH ALL EXISTING STRUCTURES ON LOTS 1 & 2 AND CONSTRUCT 2 SINGLE FAMILY HOMES AND TO LEAVE STRUCTURES ON LOT 3.

ALL PERSONS INTERESTED WILL BE GIVEN AN OPPORTUNITY TO BE HEARD AT THE PUBLIC HEARING, WHICH PUBLIC HEARING MAY BE ADJOURNED FROM TIME TO TIME.

DATE: 10-11-05

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Saint Xavier University's Open House Scheduled For This Weekend

Prospective students and their families are invited to attend Saint Xavier University's Open House on Sunday, Oct. 16, from noon to 3 p.m., at the Chicago campus at 3700 W. 103rd St.

The Open House is for all freshmen and their parents, transfer, adult and graduate students who are interested in pursuing an undergraduate or graduate degree at Saint

PLOWS Membership Drive Begins

The 2005/2006 Annual Membership Drive for PLOWS Council on Aging is underway. Memberships are a source of financial support for the services and programs, which PLOWS, a non-profit social service agency, provides for the senior citizens in Palos, Lemont, Orland, and Worth Townships.

Membership in PLOWS is not restricted in any way. Individuals over age 60 or under age 60, businesses, and organizations are invited to join.

Annual dues for PLOWS memberships are as follows:

Individual (over age 60)	\$5.00
Individual (under age 60)	\$10.00
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Lifetime Member (open to all)	\$100.00

All members receive the PLOWS bi-monthly newsletter as well as special mailings about various programs or events of importance to senior citizens. Members are also entitled to vote for the Executive Board Officers and Members each October at the Annual Business Meeting.

PLOWS welcomes all individuals, clubs, agencies, businesses and corporations to consider taking membership. The support is appreciated and necessary as they strive to continue bringing vital services to seniors so they may have an improved life.

LEGAL NOTICE

CITY OF BURBANK ZONING, PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

COOK COUNTY ILLINOIS LEGAL NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

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DATE & TIME: TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2005
AT 7:30 P.M.

PETITIONER: CHRIS KOJS

OWNER:
SAME

REQUEST: VARIATION TO ALLOW A 2nd STORY ADDITION TO EXISTING SINGLE FAMILY HOME THAT WILL BE 258 SQ.FT. OVER THE 40% ALLOWED BY CODE.

ADDRESS OF PROPERTY:
7816 S. LAVERGNE AVE.

SQUARE FOOTAGE OF PROPERTY:
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PROPOSED USE OF PROPERTY: TO CONSTRUCT A SECOND STORY ADDITION.

ALL PERSONS INTERESTED WILL BE GIVEN AN OPPORTUNITY TO BE HEARD AT THE PUBLIC HEARING, WHICH PUBLIC HEARING MAY BE ADJOURNED FROM TIME TO TIME.

DATE: 10-11-05

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BY: RAUL AGUIRRE
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Xavier University.

Prospective students and their families will have an opportunity to speak with faculty from all academic programs, staff from Admission, Financial Aid and Student Life, as well as representatives from student organizations.

Those who attend will be able to review academic programs in the School of Arts and Sciences, Graham School of Management, School of Education, School of Nursing and School for Continuing and Professional Studies; meet faculty, staff and students, who will share their Saint Xavier experiences; discuss financing options with financial aid staff; and learn about campus life from representatives of the Student Activities Board, residential life, Cougar athletics, Campus Ministry, and Student Media.

Financial aid presentations will be held at 12:30 and 1:15 p.m. Graduate student sessions will also be offered; visit our Web site at www.sxu.edu/admission/open-house.asp for times and locations of these sessions.

Campus tours will be provided by Student Ambassadors. Visit the Shannon Convocation and Athletic Center, a state-of-the-art facility and the hub of Open House events; Morris Hall, Saint Xavier's new apartment-style residence hall with wireless café, Cougar Bytes; McDonough Chapel, with historic Celtic stained glass windows; and the Saint Xavier Quad, adjacent to McCarthy and Morris residence halls, the Warde Academic Center and more.

For more information, contact the Office of Admission at (800) 462-9288 or by e-mail at admission@sxu.edu.

IDOT Urges Drivers To Focus On Safety During Their Daily Commute

Illinois Dept. of Transportation (IDOT) Secretary Timothy W. Martin announced a national, state and local effort to increase safety and driving awareness while commuters drive to and from work. Secretary Martin called on Illinois drivers to participate in the Drive Safely Work Week, a national campaign designed to emphasize the importance of driving safely, both on and off the job.

IDOT's Division of Traffic Safety urges motorists to be ready to make critical driving decisions, be set for the unpredictable behavior of other drivers, and be focused so that you can react quickly and correctly in any situation.

The Network of Employers (NETS) sponsors Drive Safely Work Week for Traffic Safety. NETS is working to address the environmental, mental and physical distractions that drivers engage in and encounter on our nation's roads.

Employees spend more time on the road than ever before and have unprecedented access to mobile and in-vehicle technologies. If not managed and used responsibly while driving, these new technologies could impair a driver's focus and result in a crash.

It is estimated that a driver makes 200 decisions for every mile of driving. The IDOT Division of Traffic Safety strongly urges Illinois residents to buckle up every time, every trip. Increasing the overall safety belt usage rates helps IDOT and DTS achieve the goal of reducing injuries and fatalities on Illinois roadways.

Here are a few tips for drivers to keep in mind before getting behind the wheel: plan your route ahead of time, ensure that your car is in good working order, and keep your trunk stocked with essential items for an emergency.

Dear Editor:

Vice President Cheney says the war on terror is going to take decades—decades mind you.

This morning, President Bush gave a rousing speech reaffirming his war on Iraq and I'm moved. I want to fight for my country, spread some democracy, occupy foreign lands, shoot and awe the insurgents, stay the course and let those Muslim fundamentalists know that I'm not a sissy.

I told my wife, "Wife, I'm going to enlist. I want to head straight for Baghdad and fight the terrorists."

"You're too old," she said.

"I'm only 61," I retorted and "Who better than an old fart like me? Some 18 or 25 year old with a whole life in front of him and a family to support?"

"You're not physically fit for active duty," my wife saliently pointed out.

"Fitness isn't the issue. Fit or unfit if your driving a Humvee down a road in Iraq to deliver supplies, young or old, when an improvised incendiary device blows up, you are history or a disabled casualty of war. Age has nothing to do with it. Like I said—better me than some youngster in his prime who had little hand in making the decision to invade Iraq all over himself."

"It's my generation that got Bush into the White House and America in to Iraq. I should have known better than to give Bush a second term once he shocked and awed me with "Bombs for Baghdad," once he choose The Patriot Missile over the preservation of the Anti-Ballistic Missile Treaty, once he rejected the Kyoto Protocol despite global warming, once he declared victory in fighter-pilot costume before the war even started. Need I go on?"

"Honey, you're potbellied, over-the-hill and need an afternoon nap in order to have the energy to catch the 9 o'clock news in a prone position," my wife taunted.

"I'm going. Even my Democratic congressman says we gotta stay the course, just like Bush says. There must be something to this Middle East war I'm missing."

"But Honey."

"Honey nothing, I'm a killer. Well, I could be a killer. I'm no sissy. I can stay the course. Candy for the kids, bullets for the dads. I'm up for it. To hell with Jane Fonda. Give women the vote but off their fundamentalist old man. Let's kick some ass. Bush has me fired up for war."

"Bush wants to borrow a half trillion more to finance the war another two years. What do you say to that? Your Social Security payments could be on the line."

"What's a half trillion dollars when democracy is at stake. (Who's he gonna borrow it from?) The terrorists will be bombing our subways, shootin' down Fun Jets and taking laps in our backyard pool unless we face 'em in Fallujah. Better in the sands of Iraq than on the deck of our pool, I say."

"Now Jim, you're just being silly," my dear wife summarized.

"Gimme a gun and a uniform, and I'll show you how silly I am. Bring 'em on. Like Bush—I got a 2S-student deferment out of Vietnam and I've always felt a bit guilty. The service is hard up without a draft and—Bush wants me. Donald Rumsfeld will be lucky to have me."

"Assuming you get to Baghdad, Dear—would you put more Muslims in Abu Ghraib prison or let some out?"

"All depends—Dear. First things first. First I have to pass my physical, get my shots and update my passport. But I'll bet you health care, balanced budgets, tax cuts for the rich and the United Nations—more war's a coming."

James Gierach
Oak Lawn, Illinois



What will they have longer,
their trophies or their injuries?

Physical activity is a great way for kids to build strength and stay healthy. Unfortunately, it can sometimes lead to injury. Proper bone repair is immediate. What's the solution? The answer is simple: use the right equipment.



St. Linus Students Celebrate International Day For Peace

Third graders at St. Linus School recently celebrated International Peace Day. Under the guidance of teachers, Mrs. Geri McGovern and Mrs. Therese Moran, students made pinwheels and decorated them with peace prayers they wrote after classroom discussions regarding the need for each to work for peace and harmony in their own individual way. The students joined in song and prayers for peace as they planted their windmills in the grounds by the school entranceway.

Flood Damaged Cars Coming Into Illinois

Free Carfax Flood Checks (www.carfax.com/flood) are now available to help prevent consumers from unknowingly buying a flood-damaged car.

Carfax also has developed an advisory that identifies any vehicle last registered in a Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) disaster area. The advisory will appear through the Flood Check and Carfax Vehicle History Report for applicable vehicles.

Current estimates are that 571,000 cars may have been destroyed following Hurricane Katrina and could be significantly higher because of Hurricane Rita. Over the coming months, Carfax will be working with law enforcement, state agencies and private companies to make sure all of these vehicles are properly branded.

Pathologist To Speak

Pat Scavusso, Certified Language and Speech Pathologist at Little Company of Mary Hospital, is scheduled to address Support BEAMS (Becoming Educated About Multiple Sclerosis), the Oak Lawn MS self-help/support group, on Wed., Oct. 19th. The group meets at the Oak View Center, 4625 W. 110th St., from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. All those impacted by MS, whether patient or caregiver, are invited to attend. For more information, contact David Noren at (708) 389-2774.

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Hosting Representatives

First Christian Reformed Church of Oak Lawn, 9401 S. 54th Ave., is hosting representatives from Roseland Christian Ministries on Wednesday, October 19th to learn of their programs on the South Side of Chicago and the opportunities available to assist them in that mission. A Pot Luck dinner and program with the Puppet Ministries will begin a year focus on local missions. Admission is one canned good per person. Dinner begins at 6:15 p.m. For more information please call (708) 636-0758.

"Pure Entertainment" Concert And Dinner

Trinity Evangelical Covenant Church, 9230 S. Pulaski, will host a "Pure Entertainment" Concert and Dinner Show on Sunday, Oct. 30 at 5 p.m. The concert will feature Lee Maloney from the Beautiful Sound Company who will present a program of "Pure Entertainment" on the organ. This will be a fun program with a number of surprises, including a sing-a-long! The evening is geared to family and friends who want to laugh and be entertained.

Maloney is the organist at the Chicago Theater and has played for the Ice Capades, Holiday on Ice and Ringling Brothers Circus. He has a wonderful repertoire and spirit of the lighter side of organ music. A freewill offering will be collected and child-care will be provided.

A ham dinner with all the trimmings will be held in Peterson Hall following the concert. Cost for the dinner will be \$5. Reservations are necessary for the dinner. Call the church office at (708) 422-5111.

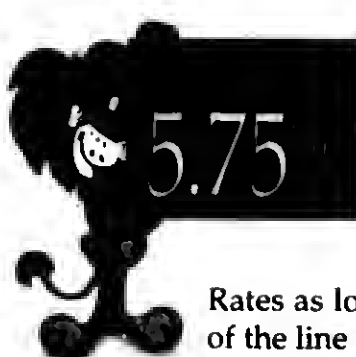
Troop 618 Pasta Dinner

Boy Scout Troop 618 invites everyone to an all-you-can-eat Spaghetti Dinner on Saturday, Oct. 15 from 4 to 7:30 p.m. Dinner will be served at Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church, 9701 Brandt Ave. Dinner includes all the spaghetti you can eat, salad, bread, coffee, tea and Kool-Aid. Tickets will be sold at the door. Admission is \$5 for adults and \$2.50 for children ages 4 to 12 years old.

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LEGAL NOTICE

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ASSESSMENT NOTICE

Cook County Assessor James M. Houlihan, in an effort to provide taxpayers with more information, is publishing this list of the 2005 proposed assessed values of residential property in Worth Township.

Residential property owners in Worth Township were recently mailed a "Notice of Proposed Assessed Valuation" for their properties. If you are a residential property owner in this township, your assessment notice and this publication will allow you the opportunity to check the accuracy of your proposed assessed valuation.

For your convenience, the Property Index Number (PIN), of each property is matched to its address where available. Each property's neighborhood code and classification is also provided to serve as a guide in finding comparable properties to your own. The property's classification is determined by our office and is an indicator of the type and style of your home. It is not necessary to research and find comparable properties in order to file an assessment appeal with our office. Our analysts will check properties comparable to yours to see if your value is out of line. If you do wish to find comparable properties however, you may examine the assessments of properties in your neighborhood, which are of the same classification and type as your home. This will indicate if your property is uniformly assessed.

You should consider filing an assessment appeal with the Assessor's Office if you think your new proposed assessed valuation is too high compared to similar properties in your area. You may also file an appeal if you believe there is an error in the description of your property, which is found on your notice. However, a minor error does not necessarily indicate an incorrect assessment. Finally, you may also consider an appeal if you believe your new proposed assessed valuation is too high for any other reason. All appeals for Worth Township must be filed with the Cook County Assessor's Office by November 18, 2005.

The Cook County Assessor's Office is in the process of completing an extensive project of matching property addresses with property index numbers. The Assessor is seeking help from the public to correct addresses and complete the project. If you find any errors in our property address, please report them by calling (312) 443-7550.

If you have not received your "Notice of Proposed Assessed Valuation" in the mail, have any questions regarding your notice, or need assistance filing an assessment appeal with our office, please contact our Taxpayer's Information Department at (312) 443-7550.

JAMES M. HOULIHAN

ASSESSOR OF COOK COUNTY

TOWNSHIP OF WORTH

Address	Assessed Value	Class	Assessed Value
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24-01-108-001-1198	310	2-00	26,070
24-01-108-001-1199	310	2-00	26,070
24-01-108-001-1200	310	2-00	26,070

House Address	Assessed Value	Class	Assessed Value
24-01-108-001-1012	110	2-00	22,843
24-01-108-001-1013	110	2-00	22,843
24-01-108-001-1014	110	2-00	2

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NO NAME	24-36-111-028-000	220	1.00	1,254	TAKAWAY OF	4012	24-01-111-064-000	310	0.00	15,712	JOSEPH CONNOLLY	8722	24-12-112-028-000	100	2.02	15,554	FAMILLIA JOHNSON	12620	24-26-204-025-1006	002	2.00	8,300
BETTY RICHARDSON	24-36-111-028-000	220	1.00	1,254	LEAMER BROWN	4012	24-01-111-064-000	310	0.00	15,712	JERRY MOTTOT	8722	24-12-112-028-000	100	2.02	15,554	J CONRAD & BUREAU	12620	24-26-204-025-1007	002	2.00	8,300
RETHA RICHARDSON	24-36-111-028-000	220	1.00	1,254	MARK W CLARK	4012	24-01-111-064-000	310	0.00	15,712	JOHN BOSTROM	8722	24-12-112-028-000	100	2.02	15,554	W B JADWISZCZAK	12620	24-26-204-025-1008	002	2.00	8,300
LEONAS JAMES	24-36-111-028-000	220	1.00	1,254	PAUL M MCKEY	4012	24-01-111-064-000	310	0.00	15,712	ROBERT T BARNER	8722	24-12-112-028-000	100	2.02	15,554	W ARIA SPANACE	12620	24-26-204-025-1009	002	2.00	8,300
REGINA A WALTON	24-36-111-028-000	220	1.00	1,254	GEORGE J SLEPETS	4012	24-01-111-064-000	310	0.00	15,712	THEODORE T BARNER	8722	24-12-112-028-000	100	2.02	15,554	123KOSKIA & A BOKUP	12620	24-26-204-025-1010	002	2.00	8,300
REGINA A WALTON	24-36-111-028-000	220	1.00	1,254	STEVEN SHALANGA BOWEN	4012	24-01-111-064-000	310	0.00	15,712	ANTHONY P YUKICH	8742	24-12-112-028-000	100	2.02	15,554	MOHAMED M JADWISZCZAK	12620	24-26-204-025-1011	002	2.00	8,300
REGINA A WALTON	24-36-111-028-000	220	1.00	1,254	A ROSSALY	4012	24-01-111-064-000	310	0.00	15,712	ERIC FRIEDER	8742	24-12-112-028-000	100	2.02	15,554	TOMMY STEWART	12620	24-26-204-025-1012	002	2.00	8,300
CLAUDE HENRY	24-36-111-028-000	220	1.00	1,254	PAUL BUCHER JR	4012	24-01-111-064-000	310	0.00	15,712	WILLIAM D MOVO	8742	24-12-112-028-000	100	2.02	15,554	VINCENT DI MOVO	12620	24-26-204-025-1013	002	2.00	8,300
EXEMPT	24-36-111-028-000	220	0.00	0	RONALD M HANSLUM	4012	24-01-111-064-000	310	0.00	15,712	PAUL BUCHER JR	8742	24-12-112-028-000	100	2.02	15,554	FRANK SOTOMIEN	12620	24-26-204-025-1014	002	2.00	8,300
EXEMPT	24-36-111-028-000	220	0.00	0	CARL PRATSCHE JR	4012	24-01-111-064-000	310	0.00	15,712	JOHN W POLYCH	8742	24-12-112-028-000	100	2.02	15,554	FRANK SOTOMIEN	12620	24-26-204-025-1015	002	2.00	8,300
EXEMPT	24-36-111-028-000	220	0.00	0	JAMES NEDEMAN	4012	24-01-111-064-000	310	0.00	15,712	EDWARD A MARTIN LIRON	8752	24-12-112-028-000	100	2.02	15,554	FRANK SOTOMIEN	12620	24-26-204-025-1016	002	2.00	8,300
EXEMPT	24-36-111-028-000	220	0.00	0	WILLIAM DONNA BRANCH	4012	24-01-111-064-000	310	0.00	15,712	JOHN W POLYCH	8752	24-12-112-028-000	100	2.02	15,554	FRANK SOTOMIEN	12620	24-26-204-025-1017	002	2.00	8,300
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EXEMPT	24-36-111-028-000	220	0.00	0	THOMAS MOSELEY	4012	24-01-111-064-000	310	0.00	15,712	JOHN W POLYCH	8752	24-12-112-028-000	100	2.02	15,554	FRANK SOTOMIEN	12620	24-26-204-025-1019	002	2.00	8,300
EXEMPT	24-36-111-028-000	220	0.00	0	DANIEL BULCHER	4012	24-01-111-064-000	310	0.00	15,712	JOHN W POLYCH	8752	24-12-112-028-000	100	2.02	15,554	FRANK SOTOMIEN	12620	24-26-204-025-1020	002	2.00	8,300
EXEMPT	24-36-111-028-000	220	0.00	0	J KELLY JR	4012	24-01-111-064-000	310	0.00	15,712	JOHN W POLYCH	8752	24-12-112-028-000	100	2.02	15,554	FRANK SOTOMIEN	12620	24-26-204-025-1021	002	2.00	8,300
EXEMPT	24-36-111-028-000	220	0.00	0	PAUL BUCHER JR	4012	24-01-111-064-000	310	0.00	15,712	JOHN W POLYCH	8752	24-12-112-028-000	100	2.02	15,554	FRANK SOTOMIEN	12620	24-26-204-025-1022	002	2.00	8,300
EXEMPT	24-36-111-028-000	220	0.00	0	THOMAS WILLIAMS	4012	24-01-111-064-000	310	0.00	15,712	JOHN W POLYCH	8752	24-12-112-028-000	100	2.02	15,554	FRANK SOTOMIEN	12620	24-26-204-025-1023	002	2.00	8,300
EXEMPT	24-36-111-028-000	220	0.00	0	WYATT MCCRAY	4012	24-01-111-064-000	310	0.00	15,712	JOHN W POLYCH	8752	24-12-112-028-000	100	2.02	15,554	FRANK SOTOMIEN	12620	24-26-204-025-1024	002	2.00	8,300
EXEMPT	24-36-111-028-000	220	0.00	0	WYATT MCCRAY	4012	24-01-111-064-000	310	0.00	15,712	JOHN W POLYCH	8752	24-12-112-028-000	100	2.02	15,554	FRANK SOTOMIEN	12620	24-26-204-025-1025	002	2.00	8,300
EXEMPT	24-36-111-028-000	220	0.00	0	GEORGE WIPPA	4012	24-01-111-064-000	310	0.00	15,712	JOHN W POLYCH	8752	24-12-112-028-000	100	2.02	15,554	FRANK SOTOMIEN	12620	24-26-204-025-1026	002	2.00	8,300
EXEMPT	24-36-111-028-000	220	0.00	0	LETHAN HODD JR	4012	24-01-111-064-000	310	0.00	15,712	JOHN W POLYCH	8752	24-12-112-028-000	100	2.02	15,554	FRANK SOTOMIEN	12620	24-26-204-025-1027	002	2.00	8,300
EXEMPT	24-36-111-028-000	220	0.00	0	EDWARD W NESEWICH	4012	24-01-111-064-000	310	0.00	15,712	JOHN W POLYCH	8752	24-12-112-028-000	100	2.02	15,554	FRANK SOTOMIEN	12620	24-26-204-025-1028	002	2.00	8,300
EXEMPT	24-36-111-028-000	220	0.00	0	JACOB RUDOLPH 776703	4012	24-01-111-064-000	310	0.00	15,712	JOHN W POLYCH	8752	24-12-112-028-000	100	2.02	15,554	FRANK SOTOMIEN	12620	24-26-204-025-1029	002	2.00	8,300
EXEMPT	24-36-111-028-000	220	0.00	0	ALAN GLENN	4012	24-01-111-064-000	310	0.00	15,712	JOHN W POLYCH	8752	24-12-112-028-000	100	2.02	15,554	FRANK SOTOMIEN	12620	24-26-204-025-1030	002	2.00	8,300
EXEMPT	24-36-111-028-000	220	0.00	0	JOHN P YPORE	4012	24-01-111-064-000	310	0.00	15,712	JOHN W POLYCH	8752	24-12-112-028-000	100	2.02	15,554	FRANK SOTOMIEN	12620	24-26-204-025-1031	002	2.00	8,300
EXEMPT	24-36-111-028-000	220	0.00	0	JOHN KURTIST	4012	24-01-111-064-000	310	0.00	15,712	JOHN W POLYCH	8752	24-12-112-028-000	100	2.02	15,554	FRANK SOTOMIEN	12620	24-26-204-025-1032	002	2.00	8,300
EXEMPT	24-36-111-028-000	220	0.00	0	DAN & DEBORAH GAUDETTE	4012	24-01-111-064-000	310	0.00	15,712	JOHN W POLYCH	8752	24-12-112-028-000	100	2.02	15,554	FRANK SOTOMIEN	12620	24-26-204-025-1033	002	2.00	8,300
EXEMPT	24-36-111-028-000	220	0.00	0	MARY R GORY	4012	24-01-111-064-000	310	0.00	15,712	JOHN W POLYCH	8752	24-12-112-028-000	100	2.02	15,554	FRANK SOTOMIEN	12620	24-26-204-025-1034	002	2.00	8,300
EXEMPT	24-36-111-028-000	220	0.00	0	STEVE GORE	4012	24-01-111-064-000	310	0.00	15,712	JOHN W POLYCH	8752	24-12-112-028-000	100	2.02	15,554	FRANK SOTOMIEN	12620	24-26-204-025-1035	002	2.00	8,300
EXEMPT	24-36-111-028-000	220	0.00	0	MARY ANN PEE	4012	24-01-111-064-000	310	0.00	15,712	JOHN W POLYCH	8752	24-12-112-028-000	100	2.02	15,554	FRANK SOTOMIEN	12620	24-26-204-025-1036	002	2.00	8,300
EXEMPT	24-36-111-028-000	220	0.00	0	ROBERT L ROBERTS	4012	24-01-111-064-000	310	0.00	15,712	JOHN W POLYCH	8752	24-12-112-028-000	100	2.02	15,554	FRANK SOTOMIEN	12620	24-26-204-025-1037	002	2.00	8,300
EXEMPT	24-36-111-028-000	220	0.00	0	B A GUSTAFSON	4012	24-01-111-064-000	310	0.00	15,712	JOHN W POLYCH	8752	24-12-112-028-000	100	2.02	15,554	FRANK SOTOMIEN	12620	24-26-204-025-1038	002	2.00	8,300
EXEMPT	24-36-111-028-000	220	0.00	0	K PETERSON & JOHNSON	4012	24-01-111-064-000	310	0.00	15,712	JOHN W POLYCH	8752	24-12-112-028-000	100	2.02	15,554	FRANK SOTOMIEN	12620	24-26-204-025-1039	002	2.00	8,300
EXEMPT	24-36-111-028-000	220	0.00	0	LOUISE MORO	4012	24-01-111-064-000	310	0.00	15,712	JOHN W POLYCH	8752	24-12-112-028-000	100	2.02	15,554	FRANK SOTOMIEN	12620	24-26-204-025-1040	002	2.00	8,300
EXEMPT	24-36-111-028-000	220	0.00	0	J L BACHA	4012	24-01-111-064-000	310	0.00	15,712	JOHN W POLYCH	8752	24-12-112-028-000	100	2.02	15,554	FRANK SOTOMIEN	12620	24-26-204-025-1041	002	2.00	8,300
EXEMPT	24-36-111-028-000	220	0.00	0	CATHERINE D RAJCA	4012	24-01-111-064-000	310	0.00	15,712	JOHN W POLYCH	8752	24-12-112-028-000	100	2.02	15,554	FRANK SOTOMIEN	12620	24-26-204-025-1042	002	2.00	8,300
EXEMPT	24-36-111-028-000	220	0.00	0	BETTY L WOLF	4012	24-01-111-064-000	310	0.00	15,712	JOHN W POLYCH	8752	24-12-112-028-000	100	2.02	15,554	FRANK SOTOMIEN	12620	24-26-204-025-1043	002	2.00	8,300
EXEMPT	24-36-111-028-000	220	0.00	0	M BROWN	4012	24-01-111-064-000	310	0.00	15,712	JOHN W POLYCH	8752	24-12-112-028-000	100	2.02	15,554	FRANK SOTOMIEN	12620	24-26-204-025-1044	002	2.00	8,300
EXEMPT	24-36-111-028-000	220	0.00	0	JOHN T DALVIN 2476	4012	24-01-111-064-000	310	0.00	15,712	JOHN W POLYCH	8752	24-12-112-028-000	100	2.02	15,554	FRANK SOTOMIEN	12620	24-26-204-025-1045	002	2.00	8,300
EXEMPT	24-36-111-028-000	220	0.00	0	WALBUR KILBURN	4012	24-01-111-064-000	310	0.00	15,712	JOHN W POLYCH	8752	24-12-112-028-000	100	2.02	15,554	FRANK SOTOMIEN	12620	24-26-204-025-1046	002	2.00	8,300
EXEMPT	24-36-111-028-000	220	0.00	0	M D DOWNEY & D DOYLE	4012	24-01-111-064-000	310	0.00	15,712	JOHN W POLYCH	8752	24-12-112-028-000	100	2.02	15,554	FRANK SOTOMIEN	12620	24-26-204-025-1047	002	2.00	8,300
EXEMPT	24-36-111-028-000	220	0.00	0	DORIS B BAKER	4012	24-01-111-064-000	310	0.00	15,712	JOHN W POLYCH	8752	24-12-112-028-000	100	2.02	15,554	FRANK SOTOMIEN	12620	24-26-204-025-1048	002	2.00	8,300
EXEMPT	24-36-111-028-000	220	0.00	0	FRANK J LAUCH	4012	24-01-111-064-000	310	0.00	15,712	JOHN W POLYCH	8752	24-12-112-028-000	100	2.02	15,554	FRANK SOTOMIEN	12620	24-26-204-025-1049	002	2.00	8,300
EXEMPT	24-36-111-028-000	220	0.00	0	A FUCHS 1079	4012	24-01-111-064-000	310	0.00	15,712	JOHN W POLY											

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MAIRE NECK	3034	24-03-314-000-0000	000	2-03	4,473	FRANK THOMAS	13435	24-35-303-018-0000	220	2-03	4,345	ELIZABETH C HOGAN	8630	24-07-11-044-0000	000	2-03	13,048	HENRY BENNETT	6351	24-17-100-017-0000	151	2-12	5,813
OREO & MERTIA STALL	3036	24-03-314-000-0000	000	2-04	12,730	SALVATORE	13436	24-35-303-018-0000	220	2-03	1,860	JAMES R BRADLEY JR	8631	24-07-11-044-0000	000	2-03	13,371	EMERY	19986	24-17-100-017-0000	151	2-12	0
OREO STALL	3037	24-03-314-000-0000	000	2-04	12,730	LEE E REMIERY	13437	24-35-303-018-0000	220	1-02	1,860	MRS L BRADLEY JR	8645	24-07-11-044-0000	000	2-03	13,371	BLOSSOM DR	W				
PAUL B OLAVER	3038	24-03-314-000-0000	000	2-04	12,730	JAMES ROBINSON	13438	24-35-303-018-0000	220	2-03	4,076	BRIAN JAMES OLSON	8647	24-07-11-044-0000	000	2-03	13,371	EXEMPT	4500	24-34-115-044-0000	210	0-40	0
PAUL B OLAVER	3039	24-03-314-000-0000	000	2-04	12,730	RONNE KENNEDY	13440	24-35-303-018-0000	220	1-02	1,860	JOSEPH D OPIRNO	8648	24-07-11-044-0000	000	2-03	13,371	MICHAEL P WATTMAN	4500	24-34-115-044-0000	210	0-40	0
EDWARD M EBER	3040	24-03-314-000-0000	000	2-04	12,730	JOHN R KENNEDY	13441	24-35-303-018-0000	220	1-02	1,860	MATTHEW W POLAK	8650	24-07-11-044-0000	000	2-03	13,371	ROBERTO CARDOSO	4500	24-34-115-044-0000	210	0-40	0
OWEN D L OLAVER	3041	24-03-314-000-0000	000	2-04	12,730	LESTER HENDERSON	13444	24-35-303-018-0000	220	1-02	1,860	CARLY FREDERICKS	8651	24-07-11-044-0000	000	2-03	13,371	EXEMPT	12805	24-34-115-044-0000	210	0-40	0
CONFERENCE TACON	3042	24-03-314-000-0000	000	2-04	12,730	MELVIN WELLS	13470	24-35-303-018-0000	220	5-17	58,520	JEROME P HAYES	8652	24-07-11-044-0000	000	2-03	13,371	TAYPHER OF	12805	24-34-115-044-0000	210	0-40	0
CLARENCE TACON	3043	24-03-314-000-0000	000	2-04	12,730	JOHN M PYTEL	3200	24-04-105-047-0000	000	2-34	22,337	MICHAEL L BENDK	8653	24-07-11-044-0000	000	2-03	13,371	THOMAS KLUSZEWSKI	12805	24-34-115-044-0000	210	0-40	0
CLARENCE TACON	3044	24-03-314-000-0000	000	2-04	12,730	MAURO BABATTO	3201	24-04-105-047-0000	000	2-34	22,337	MICHAEL L BENDK	8654	24-07-11-044-0000	000	2-03	13,371	MARTIN HART	12805	24-34-115-044-0000	210	0-40	0
CLARENCE TACON	3045	24-03-314-000-0000	000	2-04	12,730	DALE DAWN LESTER	3204	24-04-105-047-0000	000	2-34	22,337	STEPHEN C POLEY	8655	24-07-11-044-0000	000	2-03	13,371	BRUCE & MONICA CRITES	12805	24-34-115-044-0000	210	0-40	0
CLARENCE TACON	3046	24-03-314-000-0000	000	2-04	12,730	ALBERT CRIVELLO	3205	24-04-105-047-0000	000	2-34	22,337	CATHERINE SERVE	8656	24-07-11-044-0000	000	2-03	13,371	SHERR ROBERTSON	12805	24-34-115-044-0000	210	0-40	0
CLARENCE TACON	3047	24-03-314-000-0000	000	2-04	12,730	LORETTA K MATSUSHITA	3206	24-04-105-047-0000	000	2-34	22,337	ANGELINA ANDRANO	8657	24-07-11-044-0000	000	2-03	13,371	IST NTL BP EXP 12540	12805	24-34-115-044-0000	210	0-40	0
CLARENCE TACON	3048	24-03-314-000-0000	000	2-04	12,730	BERNARD FADEN 4789A	3208	24-04-105-047-0000	000	2-34	22,337	WALTER A LINDANMAN JR	8658	24-07-11-044-0000	000	2-03	13,371	JORGE L SANTIAGO	12805	24-34-115-044-0000	210	0-40	0
CLARENCE TACON	3049	24-03-314-000-0000	000	2-04	12,730	CHARLES G DEMO	3210	24-04-105-047-0000	000	2-34	22,337	JOHN A WARD	8659	24-07-11-044-0000	000	2-03	13,371	THOMAS W BELL	12805	24-34-115-044-0000	210	0-40	0
CLARENCE TACON	3050	24-03-314-000-0000	000	2-04	12,730	C MCT	3212	24-04-105-047-0000	000	2-34	22,337	WALTER A LINDANMAN JR	8660	24-07-11-044-0000	000	2-03	13,371	DALE POLK	12805	24-34-115-044-0000	210	0-40	0
CLARENCE TACON	3051	24-03-314-000-0000	000	2-04	12,730	THOMAS DANIEL	3213	24-04-105-047-0000	000	2-34	22,337	JOHN A WARD	8661	24-07-11-044-0000	000	2-03	13,371	RICHARD A SALAPATEK	12805	24-34-115-044-0000	210	0-40	0
CLARENCE TACON	3052	24-03-314-000-0000	000	2-04	12,730	SIDRO P GONZALEZ	3214	24-04-105-047-0000	000	2-34	22,337	JOHN A WARD	8662	24-07-11-044-0000	000	2-03	13,371	RAYMOND FITE	12805	24-34-115-044-0000	210	0-40	0
CLARENCE TACON	3053	24-03-314-000-0000	000	2-04	12,730	LINDA MANOL	3215	24-04-105-047-0000	000	2-34	22,337	JOHN A WARD	8663	24-07-11-044-0000	000	2-03	13,371	PATRICK DODD	12805	24-34-115-044-0000	210	0-40	0
CLARENCE TACON	3054	24-03-314-000-0000	000	2-04	12,730	CHARLES A DAWSON	3216	24-04-105-047-0000	000	2-34	22,337	JOHN A WARD	8664	24-07-11-044-0000	000	2-03	13,371	CASTELLO	12805	24-34-115-044-0000	210	0-40	0
CLARENCE TACON	3055	24-03-314-000-0000	000	2-04	12,730	ALBERT CRIVELLO	3217	24-04-105-047-0000	000	2-34	22,337	JOHN A WARD	8665	24-07-11-044-0000	000	2-03	13,371	ELIAS AFAY ENO	12805	24-34-115-044-0000	210	0-40	0
CLARENCE TACON	3056	24-03-314-000-0000	000	2-04	12,730	LORETTA K MATSUSHITA	3218	24-04-105-047-0000	000	2-34	22,337	JOHN A WARD	8666	24-07-11-044-0000	000	2-03	13,371	SENG SENG SENG	12805	24-34-115-044-0000	210	0-40	0
CLARENCE TACON	3057	24-03-314-000-0000	000	2-04	12,730	BERNARD FADEN 4789A	3219	24-04-105-047-0000	000	2-34	22,337	JOHN A WARD	8667	24-07-11-044-0000	000	2-03	13,371	CHARLES RIOS	12805	24-34-115-044-0000	210	0-40	0
CLARENCE TACON	3058	24-03-314-000-0000	000	2-04	12,730	CHARLES G DEMO	3220	24-04-105-047-0000	000	2-34	22,337	JOHN A WARD	8668	24-07-11-044-0000	000	2-03	13,371	ROGER B DOLORES PINK	12805	24-34-115-044-0000	210	0-40	0
CLARENCE TACON	3059	24-03-314-000-0000	000	2-04	12,730	C MCT	3221	24-04-105-047-0000	000	2-34	22,337	JOHN A WARD	8669	24-07-11-044-0000	000	2-03	13,371	LARRY HILL	12805	24-34-115-044-0000	210	0-40	0
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CLARENCE TACON	3061	24-03-314-000-0000	000	2-04	12,730	SIDRO P GONZALEZ	3223	24-04-105-047-0000	000	2-34	22,337	JOHN A WARD	8671	24-07-11-044-0000	000	2-03	13,371	FRANK GORDON	12805	24-34-115-044-0000	210	0-40	0
CLARENCE TACON	3062	24-03-314-000-0000	000	2-04	12,730	LINDA MANOL	3224	24-04-105-047-0000	000	2-34	22,337	JOHN A WARD	8672	24-07-11-044-0000	000	2-03	13,371	MARK HARTMAN	12805	24-34-115-044-0000	210	0-40	0
CLARENCE TACON	3063	24-03-314-000-0000	000	2-04	12,730	CHARLES A DAWSON	3225	24-04-105-047-0000	000	2-34	22,337	JOHN A WARD	8673	24-07-11-044-0000	000	2-03	13,371	DARREN PITTSBORO	12805	24-34-115-044-0000	210	0-40	0
CLARENCE TACON	3064	24-03-314-000-0000	000	2-04	12,730	ALBERT CRIVELLO	3226	24-04-105-047-0000	000	2-34	22,337	JOHN A WARD	8674	24-07-11-044-0000	000	2-03	13,371	ANDREW J CHANEY	12805	24-34-115-044-0000	210	0-40	0
CLARENCE TACON	3065	24-03-314-000-0000	000	2-04	12,730	BERNARD FADEN 4789A	3227	24-04-105-047-0000	000	2-34	22,337	JOHN A WARD	8675	24-07-11-044-0000	000	2-03	13,371	MARINA LOTTEN	12805	24-34-115-044-0000	210	0-40	0
CLARENCE TACON	3066	24-03-314-000-0000	000	2-04	12,730	CHARLES G DEMO	3228	24-04-105-047-0000	000	2-34	22,337	JOHN A WARD	8676	24-07-11-044-0000	000	2-03	13,371	GLORIA COLBY	12805	24-34-115-044-0000	210	0-40	0
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MARGARET M RYAN	10046	24-10-07-0000	000	2,800	CHRISTOPHER CT					SURAN TULZ	10119	24-10-07-0000	122	2,800	ALFONSO MAGANA	10704	24-10-07-0000	100	2,800
CATHERINE D VACHOS	10046	24-10-07-0000	000	2,800						LUCKY 8 M PERIOLA	10119	24-10-07-0000	122	2,800	CATHERINE D VACHOS	10704	24-10-07-0000	100	2,800
PATRICK J HEATY	10046	24-10-07-0000	000	2,800						MARGARET J GOUR 20	10119	24-10-07-0000	122	2,800	MARGARET J GOUR 20	10704	24-10-07-0000	100	2,800
MAURICE F WOLCOW	10046	24-10-07-0000	000	2,800						HARRY G SCHICK JR	10119	24-10-07-0000	122	2,800	HARRY G SCHICK JR	10704	24-10-07-0000	100	2,800
GEORGE HOLLINGER PHA	10046	24-10-07-0000	000	2,800						DEAN THERESA WAMPHUIS	10119	24-10-07-0000	122	2,800	DEAN THERESA WAMPHUIS	10704	24-10-07-0000	100	2,800
JENNIFER MCCONNELL	10046	24-10-07-0000	000	2,800											JENNIFER MCCONNELL	10704	24-10-07-0000	100	2,800
KAREN FORCUM	10046	24-10-07-0000	000	2,800											KAREN FORCUM	10704	24-10-07-0000	100	2,800
ERMA BRECHT 207A	10046	24-10-07-0000	000	2,800											ERMA BRECHT 207A	10704	24-10-07-0000	100	2,800
JOSEPH DOYLE	10046	24-10-07-0000	000	2,800											JOSEPH DOYLE	10704	24-10-07-0000	100	2,800
M F MULLALLY 208A	10046	24-10-07-0000	000	2,800											M F MULLALLY 208A	10704	24-10-07-0000	100	2,800
MANUELA G	10046	24-10-07-0000	000	2,800											MANUELA G	10704	24-10-07-0000	100	2,800
VICTORIA AMBROSIO	10046	24-10-07-0000	000	2,800											VICTORIA AMBROSIO	10704	24-10-07-0000	100	2,800
JOHN A SCOTI 10A	10046	24-10-07-0000	000	2,800											JOHN A SCOTI 10A	10704	24-10-07-0000	100	2,800
TIMOTHY MONROVIA	10046	24-10-07-0000	000	2,800											TIMOTHY MONROVIA	10704	24-10-07-0000	100	2,800
AMR LODATO	10046	24-10-07-0000	000	2,800											AMR LODATO	10704	24-10-07-0000	100	2,800
ENZO JOY BIANCHI	10046	24-10-07-0000	000	2,800											ENZO JOY BIANCHI	10704	24-10-07-0000	100	2,800
GARY A MARIE BAKER	10046	24-10-07-0000	000	2,800											GARY A MARIE BAKER	10704	24-10-07-0000	100	2,800
TERESA PONTIERI	10046	24-10-07-0000	000	2,800											TERESA PONTIERI	10704	24-10-07-0000	100	2,800
EMILIO SCHMACK	10046	24-10-07-0000	000	2,800											EMILIO SCHMACK	10704	24-10-07-0000	100	2,800
JAMES D HARRIS	10046	24-10-07-0000	000	2,800											JAMES D HARRIS	10704	24-10-07-0000	100	2,800
PATRICK DAWSON	10046	24-10-07-0000	000	2,800											PATRICK DAWSON	10704	24-10-07-0000	100	2,800
SHARONICE BUTLER	10046	24-10-07-0000	000	2,800											SHARONICE BUTLER	10704	24-10-07-0000	100	2,800
DAVID G MURPHY	10046	24-10-07-0000	000	2,800											DAVID G MURPHY	10704	24-10-07-0000	100	2,800
ESTEE F FOURMOUR	10046	24-10-07-0000	000	2,800											ESTEE F FOURMOUR	10704	24-10-07-0000	100	2,800
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THOMAS P THOMAS	10046	24-10-07-0000	000	2,800											THOMAS P THOMAS	10704	24-10-07-0000	100	2,800
JAMES KRAUSE	10046	24-10-07-0000	000	2,800											JAMES KRAUSE	10704	24-10-07-0000	100	2,800
SANDRA MORAN	10046	24-10-07-0000	000	2,800											SANDRA MORAN	10704	24-10-07-0000	100	2,800
JOHN A HORTON	10046	24-10-07-0000	000	2,800											JOHN A HORTON	10704	24-10-07-0000	100	2,800
ELIJA BANTLEY	10046	24-10-07-0000	000	2,800											ELIJA BANTLEY	10704	24-10-07-0000	100	2,800
JOHN MARY CREAM	10046	24-10-07-0000	000	2,800											JOHN MARY CREAM	10704	24-10-07-0000	100	2,800
MUHAMMAD SALEM	10046	24-10-07-0000	000	2,800											MUHAMMAD SALEM	10704	24-10-07-0000	100	2,800
KRISTINE MC QUINN	10046	24-10-07-0000	000	2,800											KRISTINE MC QUINN	10704	24-10-07-0000	100	2,800
PETRA HARTY	10046	24-10-07-0000	000	2,800											PETRA HARTY	10704	24-10-07-0000	100	2,800
JAMES COTTER	10046	24-10-07-0000	000	2,800											JAMES COTTER	10704	24-10-07-0000	100	2,800
CARL S BOW COURTHOUSE	10046	24-10-07-0000	000	2,800											CARL S BOW COURTHOUSE	10704	24-10-07-0000	100	2,800
GEORGE A JONES	10046	24-10-07-0000	000	2,800											GEORGE A JONES	10704	24-10-07-0000	100	2,800
THOMAS J JONES	10046	24-10-07-0000	000	2,800											THOMAS J JONES	10704	24-10-07-0000	100	2,800
CRANFORD AVE															CRANFORD AVE				
THOMAS HAPPER SR	3408	24-10-12-01-0000	220	3,400											THOMAS HAPPER SR				
MARY BROWN	3408	24-10-12-01-0000	220	3,400											MARY BROWN				
EMERSON PARK	3408	24-10-12-01-0000	220	3,400											EMERSON PARK				
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EMERALD PARK	3408	24-10-12-01-0000	220	3,400											EMERALD PARK				
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DONALD L LUCKETT	3408	24-10-12-01-0000	220	3,400											DONALD L LUCKETT				
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ALDONA ZALEWSKA	3408	24-10-12-01-0000	220	3,400											ALDONA ZALEWSKA				
ROBERT JELONIA	3408	24-10-12-01-0000	220	3,400											ROBERT JELONIA				
BALOU SALAMA	3408	24-10-12-01-0000	220	3,400											BALOU SALAMA				
CHRYSTIE J LUK	3408	24-10-12-01-0000	220	3,400											CHRYSTIE J LUK				
DOROTHY LEONARD	3408	24-10-12-01-0000	220	3,400											DOROTHY LEONARD				
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LAND TRUST 1001	3408	24-10-12-01-0000	220	3,400											LAND TRUST 1001				
CHARLES J MC NEILL	3408	24-10-12-01-0000	220	3,400											CHARLES J MC NEILL				
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JOSE GARCIA	3408	24-10-12-01-0000	220	3,400											JOSE GARCIA				
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GREGORY JACH	3408	24-10-12-01-0000	220	3,400											GREGORY JACH				
LAWRENCE T MCHET SR	3408	24-10-12-01-0000	220	3,400											LAWRENCE T MCHET SR				
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EMERIT	3408	24-10-12-01-0000	220	3,400											EMERIT				
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EDWARD C. MORRIS	1162	24-30-06-00-000	250	1.00	2.10	EDWARD C. MORRIS	1162	24-30-06-00-000	250	1.00	2.10	EDWARD C. MORRIS	1162	24-30-06-00-000	250	1.00	2.10
MICHAEL J. MORRIS	1163	24-30-06-00-000	250	1.00	2.10	MICHAEL J. MORRIS	1163	24-30-06-00-000	250	1.00	2.10	MICHAEL J. MORRIS	1163	24-30-06-00-000	250	1.00	2.10
ROBERT J. MORRIS	1164	24-30-06-00-000	250	1.00	2.10	ROBERT J. MORRIS	1164	24-30-06-00-000	250	1.00	2.10	ROBERT J. MORRIS	1164	24-30-06-00-000	250	1.00	2.10
R. F. MORRIS	1165	24-30-06-00-000	250	1.00	2.10	R. F. MORRIS	1165	24-30-06-00-000	250	1.00	2.10	R. F. MORRIS	1165	24-30-06-00-000	250	1.00	2.10
CLARENCE M. MORRIS	1166	24-30-06-00-000	250	1.00	2.10	CLARENCE M. MORRIS	1166	24-30-06-00-000	250	1.00	2.10	CLARENCE M. MORRIS	1166	24-30-06-00-000	250	1.00	2.10
VERNON M. MORRIS	1167	24-30-06-00-000	250	1.00	2.10	VERNON M. MORRIS	1167	24-30-06-00-000	250	1.00	2.10	VERNON M. MORRIS	1167	24-30-06-00-000	250	1.00	2.10
WILLIAM A. MORRIS	1168	24-30-06-00-000	250	1.00	2.10	WILLIAM A. MORRIS	1168	24-30-06-00-000	250	1.00	2.10	WILLIAM A. MORRIS	1168	24-30-06-00-000	250	1.00	2.10
AMIE M. MORRIS	1169	24-30-06-00-000	250	1.00	2.10	AMIE M. MORRIS	1169	24-30-06-00-000	250	1.00	2.10	AMIE M. MORRIS	1169	24-30-06-00-000	250	1.00	2.10
MARGARET E. MORRIS	1170	24-30-06-00-000	250	1.00	2.10	MARGARET E. MORRIS	1170	24-30-06-00-000	250	1.00	2.10	MARGARET E. MORRIS	1170	24-30-06-00-000	250	1.00	2.10
JOHN B. MORRIS	1171	24-30-06-00-000	250	1.00	2.10	JOHN B. MORRIS	1171	24-30-06-00-000	250	1.00	2.10	JOHN B. MORRIS	1171	24-30-06-00-000	250	1.00	2.10
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WILLIAM A. MORRIS	1179	24-30-06-00-000	250	1.00	2.10	WILLIAM A. MORRIS	1179	24-30-06-00-000	250	1.00	2.10	WILLIAM A. MORRIS	1179	24-30-06-00-000	250	1.00	2.10
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ALYSON MURPHY	10810	24-15-308-025-103	071	240	8.00			
LAURA SCATENA	10810	24-15-308-025-104	071	240	8.00			
AMANDA DEMARIA	10810	24-15-308-025-105	071	240	8.00			
KAREN PRICHARD JR	10810	24-15-308-025-106	071	240	8.00			
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ELIANE T REARER JR	10810	24-15-308-025-108	071	240	8.00			
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ROSE QUADROS	17826 24-16-11-01-0000	270 2-78	38,386	BEVERLY B. T. 6-7-10	10019 24-17-30-02-0000	151 2-40	17,714	ENAMPT	12521 24-17-10-05-0000	210 0-00	0	WALTER J. VERLES	00244 24-05-01-03-04-0000	010 2-03	20,320					
JAN CASIMIRO	17827 24-16-11-01-0000	270 2-78	42,511	BRUCE R. HOFFMAN	10020 24-17-30-02-0000	151 2-40	18,081	ENAMPT	12522 24-17-10-05-0000	210 0-00	0	PAUL A. MACKELLAR JR	00245 24-05-01-03-04-0000	010 2-03	12,787					
PATRICIA J. JAKUBAS	17828 24-16-11-01-0000	270 2-78	41,463	THOMAS J. WITCHEY JR	10021 24-17-30-02-0000	151 2-40	18,081	ENAMPT	12523 24-17-10-05-0000	210 0-00	0	MAGOLIA LN								
DONALD K. KAPETA	17829 24-16-11-01-0000	270 2-78	41,463	SEEDER & MANOFRANCHI	10022 24-17-30-02-0000	151 2-40	18,081	ENAMPT	12524 24-17-10-05-0000	210 0-00	0									
JOHN QUADROS	17830 24-16-11-01-0000	270 2-78	41,463	CARL L. FLAMM JR	10023 24-17-30-02-0000	151 2-40	18,081	ENAMPT	12525 24-17-10-05-0000	210 0-00	0	JOSEPH R. FRANCESCA	11400 24-16-11-01-0000	210 2-04	28,116					
MUHAMMAD RAZZAGUE	17831 24-16-11-01-0000	270 2-78	41,463	M. M. KENDRICK JR	10024 24-17-30-02-0000	151 2-40	18,081	ENAMPT	12526 24-17-10-05-0000	210 0-00	0	ALMA BUCKER	11401 24-16-11-01-0000	210 2-04	28,116					
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THESSPOLES LUNA	17833 24-16-11-01-0000	270 2-78	41,463	FRANK G. MELE	10026 24-17-30-02-0000	151 2-40	18,081	ENAMPT	12528 24-17-10-05-0000	210 0-00	0	DAVID J. PUGH	11403 24-16-11-01-0000	210 2-04	28,116					
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DAVID ZANDY	8116	24-02-417-003-000	100	2-04	7,200	N & GARLIA	4228	24-02-710-008-000	330	2-34	23,310	EUGENE J. MULLER JR	18116	24-10-404-006-000	100	2-03	17,800	DAVID ZANDY	8116	24-02-417-003-000	100	2-04	7,200
BRIAN WILSON	8119	24-02-417-003-000	100	2-04	7,200	KEVIN ROBERTA MALDEN	4229	24-02-710-008-000	330	2-34	23,310	MARTHA M. BATTALIER	18119	24-10-404-006-000	100	2-03	17,800	BRIAN WILSON	8119	24-02-417-003-000	100	2-04	7,200
RICHARD SCHULTZ	8120	24-02-417-003-000	100	2-04	7,200	KEVIN ROBERTA MALDEN	4230	24-02-710-008-000	330	2-34	23,310	EVERETT JASPER	18120	24-10-404-006-000	100	2-03	17,800	RICHARD SCHULTZ	8120	24-02-417-003-000	100	2-04	7,200
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THOMAS E. HENSTON	8150	24-02-417-003-000	100	2-04	7,200	KEVIN ROBERTA MALDEN	4260	24-02-710-008-000	330	2-34	23,310	SCOTT LASCIO	18150	24-10-404-006-000	100	2-03	17,800	THOMAS E. HENSTON	8150	24-02-417-003-000	100	2-04	7,200
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THOMAS E. HENSTON	8159	24-02-417-003-000	100	2-04	7,200	KEVIN ROBERTA MALDEN	4269	24-02-710-008															

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STANLEY & ANGELA DRIVE	2960	24-12-31-04-0000	100	203	20,886	LAWRENCE & HERMAN	5636	24-08-12-02-1142	122	299	2,735	SOFT MOUNT CORP BTH FL	14221	24-15-10-11-02-0000	001	5-97	11,027	WALTER E BUEHEND	5112	24-16-22-04-0000	0000
ELISE SUCHAN 2130	3100	24-12-31-04-0000	100	203	19,895	LAWRENCE & HERMAN	5636	24-08-12-02-1142	122	299	2,735						CHOMELA	5114	24-16-22-04-0000	0000	
BRYAN & MAURA QUINLEY	3104	24-12-31-04-0000	100	203	19,843	DOROTHY RECK	5636	24-08-12-02-1142	122	299	2,735						ROBERT L WALKER	5116	24-16-22-04-0000	0000	
JACALANNE TAYLOR	3124	24-12-31-04-0000	100	203	19,835	DOROTHY RECK	5636	24-08-12-02-1142	122	299	2,735						WILLIAMS ERIK	5118	24-16-22-04-0000	0000	
DENNIS PHILIP	3108	24-12-31-04-0000	100	203	19,835	DOROTHY RECK	5636	24-08-12-02-1142	122	299	2,735						LUIS BASS	5120	24-16-22-04-0000	0000	
CATHERINE & ROCHÉ	3108	24-12-31-04-0000	100	203	19,847	DOROTHY RECK	5636	24-08-12-02-1142	122	299	2,735						RENEE & KAREN FRODO	5122	24-16-22-04-0000	0000	
HENRY DARTER/JOE	3112	24-12-31-04-0000	100	203	17,803	DOROTHY RECK	5636	24-08-12-02-1142	122	299	2,735						JOHN B BUNSTRIK	5132	24-16-22-04-0000	0000	
JAMES COTTELL	3112	24-12-31-04-0000	100	203	17,870	DOROTHY RECK	5636	24-08-12-02-1142	122	299	2,735						DAN DALTON ROCHA	5138	24-16-22-04-0000	0000	
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MARY KAWITZER	3112	24-12-31-04-0000	100	203	18,875	DOROTHY RECK	5636	24-08-12-02-1142	122	299	2,735						WILLIAM J NIEL	5138	24-16-22-04-0000	0000	
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RAYMOND JACOBSON JR	3333	24-11-13-07-0000	100	203	20,593	DOROTHY RECK	5636	24-08-12-02-1142	122	299	2,735						WILLIAM J NIEL	5138	24-16-22-04-0000	0000	
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EDWARD J ROY	3555	24-11-14-09-03-0000	100	203	20,347	DOROTHY RECK	5636	24-08-12-02-1142	122	299	2,735						WILLIAM J NIEL	5138	24-16-22-04-0000	0000	
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MATTHEW D KOCHERT	5524	24-16-11-01-0000-0000	122	278	20,209	CHICAGO TITLE T17831	5641	24-17-01-133-1003	140	298	8,637	BEVERLY RENZ	5840	24-17-01-014-1002	140	298	8,114	JOHN BOMBARD	4841	24-16-21-04-0000	0000
GEORGIA CHRISTOPHEROU	5532	24-16-11-01-0000-0000	122	278	20,586	CHICAGO TITLE T17831	5641	24-17-01-133-1003	140	298	8,637	BEVERLY RENZ	5840	24-17-01-014-1002	140	298	8,114	JOHN BOMBARD	4841	24-16-21-04-0000	0000
WILLIAM EDMAN	5536	24-16-11-01-0000-0000	122	278	20,586	CHICAGO TITLE T17831	5641	24-17-01-133-1003	140	298	8,637	BEVERLY RENZ	5840	24-17-01-014-1002	140	298	8,114	JOHN BOMBARD	4841	24-16-21-04-0000	0000
GAIL GARDIA	5536	24-16-11-01-0000-0000	122	278	20,586	CHICAGO TITLE T17831	5641	24-17-01-133-1003	140	298	8,637	BEVERLY RENZ	5840	24-17-01-014-1002	140	298	8,114	JOHN BOMBARD	4841	24-16-21-04-0000	0000
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COSMOS MANAGEMENT INC	3800	24-11-14-06-03-0000	100	517	33,848	CHICAGO TITLE T17831	5641	24-17-01-133-1003	140	298	8,637	BEVERLY RENZ	5840	24-17-01-014-1002	140	298	8,114	JOHN BOMBARD	4841	24-16-21-04-0000	0000
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7110	DEBORAH OPPENHAUSER	24-18-300-040-1004	180	278	11.84										
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7112	HENRY PAULINO	24-18-300-040-1006	180	278	11.84										
7113	JEAN Y DRUGON	24-18-300-040-1007	180	278	11.84										
7114	DAVID DRUGON	24-18-300-040-1008	180	278	11.84										
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7116	GEORGINA THOMPSON	24-18-300-040-1010	180	278	11.84										
7117	PRODIGE PETER	24-18-300-040-1011	180	278	11.84										
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7119	GALE FULLER	24-18-300-040-1013	180	278	11.84										
7120	WALTER MYSLIWEC	24-18-300-040-1014	180	278	11.84										
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7124	BRUNO J MEKUSI	24-18-300-040-1018	180	278	11.84										
7125	FAMILY BANK TRUST #786	24-18-300-040-1019	180	278	11.84										
7126	TRIN ENTERPRISES INC	24-18-300-040-1020	180	278	11.84										
7127	10TH AVE	24-18-300-040-1021	180	278	11.84										
7128	MURRAY	24-18-300-040-1022	180	278	11.84										
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Furry Forecaster Fitted with "Braces" To Straighten Teeth

What would you do if a woodchuck couldn't chuck wood because of crooked teeth? You would fit him with braces. At least that is what Brookfield Zoo's chief veterinarian, Dr. Tom Meehan, did for Stormy, a 5-year-old groundhog. And it appears to be working!

Groundhogs have two bottom and two top incisors that continuously grow throughout their lives. As the teeth grow, they are naturally worn down when the animal gnaws on wood and other objects. However, for unknown reasons, Stormy's bottom incisors began growing in crooked about 10 months ago, and thus not wearing down on their own. Every several weeks, Stormy has had his teeth trimmed so he is able to chew his food properly.

To find a "fitting" solution for Stormy's situation and hopefully to eventually reduce the number of trimmings, zoo veterinarians consulted with Dr. John Sheels, a dentist from Milwaukee who also specializes in animal dentistry. One option was to extract the teeth, but the procedure would be quite invasive. The teeth start back under the groundhog's ears and come through around to the lower jaw, forming a semi-circle to the front. Only about 10 to 20 percent of the teeth are visible. Another alternative, and the one that was chosen, was to fit him with a wire brace and continue to monitor the angle the teeth are growing - sort of like going to the orthodontist.

This past August, Dr. Meehan wired Stormy's bottom incisors together to help correct the crookedness. To keep the brace in place, notches were filed on the outside of each tooth. After several checkups, it appears the teeth are beginning to straighten. Although this procedure has not been attempted before at the zoo, veterinarians are quite optimistic that Stormy will not be called "metal mouth" or "tinsel teeth" for the rest of his life, nor will he have to endure the dreaded retainer or rubber bands.

Zoo guests can visit Stormy in the Children's Zoo. For now he is being housed separately from his exhibit mates - another groundhog, a skunk and a raccoon. But hopefully he will be able to take center stage on Feb. 2nd as all eyes will be on the zoo's resident meteorologists for their annual weather predictions.

Pumpkin Carving

Pumpkin carving will be featured at the Family Night cookout at The Children's Farm, 12700 Southwest Highway, Palos Park, on Sunday, Oct. 23, at 5 p.m.

Families with members from all generations are invited to attend. After a hayride to the pumpkin patch and a cookout dinner, families will carve jack-o-lanterns and then circle around a campfire with their pumpkins glowing. The evening climaxes with stories, songs, a witch-cackling contest, and marshmallows to roast on the campfire.

The Center's Camp Committee sponsors the family night dinners as benefits for the Camp Scholarship Fund, which enables children to come to summer camp who would otherwise be financially unable to do so.

Family Night programs cost \$12 per adult and \$6 per child, and require advance registration. For reservations and further information, interested persons should call The Center at (708) 361-3650.



Red Ribbon Week Planned For October

The red ribbon committee is planning the kickoff to their fall event on Friday, October 21st. Youth and their families are invited to join with teachers, business people, and other volunteers from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. on the Village green in the center of town. Games and activities are hosted by different schools and other groups. Refreshments are available at a nominal charge.

The theme selected for this year is "I have better things to do than drugs." The kickoff officially begins a weeklong celebration that continues with more activities and programs, sponsored individually by each school. The event coincides with the national red ribbon campaign, featuring drug and alcohol awareness and prevention.

Members of the red ribbon committee have been meeting since the beginning of the new academic year. Volunteering their time are representatives from schools, businesses, social service agencies, and non-profit organizations, including (left to right, seated) Joyce Skuhic of Oak Lawn-Hometown Middle School, Mary Egan of Oak Lawn Community High School District 229, Cindy Julian of Oak Lawn-Hometown Middle School, (left to right, standing) Ann Francis of Simmons Middle School, Maureen Schifferdecker of Saint Linus School, Laura Shallow of Fifth Third Bank, Jim Pacetti of the Oak Lawn Police Department, Kathy Stangel of Oak Lawn-Hometown Middle School, David Downen and Missy Godfrey of the YMCA Network. This red ribbon program is supported by the Oak Lawn Community Partnership, a non-profit association, designed to maintain and improve the health and wellness of the community. Members from healthcare, government, public safety, business, education, religion, social service, and more generally meet monthly to discuss initiatives.

COMPLETE 2005 CALUMET TOWNSHIP Proposed PROPERTY ASSESSED VALUATION LIST

Cook County Assessor James M. Houlihan, in an effort to provide taxpayers with more information, is publishing a list of 2005 proposed assessed values of residential property in Calumet Township. All Calumet Township properties are listed in a special section in this issue of the Oak Lawn Independent. Copies of this issue may be found at the Village Halls, some banks and some park districts in Calumet Township.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

OCTOBER 24 - Monday - School District 123 Board of Education Meeting, 4201 W. 93rd St., training center, 7:30 p.m.

OCTOBER 25 - Tuesday - Smorgasbord, Oak Lawn Community Church, 9000 S. Ridgeland Ave., 5:30 to 7 p.m.

OCTOBER 25 - Tuesday - OL Village Board Meeting, Municipal Building, 9446 Raymond, 8 p.m.

OCTOBER 25 - Tuesday - Village Hall open to 8 p.m.

OCTOBER 26 & 27 - Wednesday & Thursday - Seniors 55 Alive Review Course, Worth Township Center, 11601 S. Pulaski Rd., 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Register, call 371-2900, ext. 28.

OCTOBER 27 - Thursday - OL Senior Citizens Commission, 5330 W. 95th St., 10 a.m.

OCTOBER 27 - Thursday - Worth Township Regular Board Meeting, 11601 S. Pulaski Road, 7:30 p.m.

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Congressman Lipinski Raises Alarm About Skyrocketing Home Heating Costs

Congressman Dan Lipinski expressed his concern Oct. 11th over the alarming rise in natural gas prices and the effect they will have on home heating bills in the Chicago area this winter. He joined U.S. Representatives Jan Schakowsky, Bobby Rush, and Danny Davis of Illinois to hear expert testimony on the situation from state and city officials, as well as representatives from the Illinois Commerce Commission, Citizen Utility Board, Nicor Gas, Peoples Energy, and the American Gas Association.

Natural gas prices are increasing significantly and are having a huge impact on heating costs. Even before recent increases, Illinois residents were paying 44 percent more for natural gas than in 1999. And prices are expected to rise an additional 40 to 70 percent this year.

"The dramatic price increases will force some very hard decisions, especially for those on fixed incomes," Lipinski said. "Seniors will be forced to choose between paying for heat and medication, and some families will choose between heat and food. These are proud individuals, hard workers who will suddenly find themselves having to make difficult choices between basic necessities. I fear that the sky-high prices could even prove to have deadly consequences this winter."

"But we will not just feel this impact in our home heating bills," added Lipinski. "As a member of the Small Business Committee I have heard from a number of business owners in my district who are concerned about the impact of increasing natural gas prices. As some businesses pass on these costs, families will face rising prices on everything from milk to clothing. Those owners who cannot pass on the costs may have to lay off employees and possibly face the loss of their business."

"And I don't think that this is a problem that only affects people living 'somewhere else.' Many of those turning to my office for assistance with their heating bills come from communities like La Grange Park, Riverside and Palos Hills."

"I will continue to work with my colleagues in Congress, as well as local communities and businesses, to find tangible solutions to this problem."

Waive Reconnection And Deposit Fee

Gov. Rod R. Blagojevich announced on Oct. 11th that Illinois' major utility companies - Ameren, Nicor Gas and Peoples Energy - have agreed to his request to waive reconnection fees and suspend deposit requirements for customers receiving benefits through the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP). Commonwealth Edison will waive deposits for LIHEAP customers living in buildings heated entirely by electricity. In September, Gov. Blagojevich requested that the utilities suspend the fees and deposits to ensure that LIHEAP funding was being used directly for heating costs, not administrative add-ons, for low-income Illinois residents coping with unprecedented increases in home heating costs projected for this winter.

Waiving the reconnection fees and suspending deposits will allow disconnected customers to get their home heating service restored with a LIHEAP pledge to pay their past due balance. With LIHEAP funds covering actual usage charges only, and not administrative reconnection fees and security deposits which can add more than \$400 to a bill, the state can help thousands more low-income households with their heating costs this winter.

Through LIHEAP, a state and federally-funded energy assistance program run by the Illinois Dept. of Healthcare and Family Service, heating bill payments are made on behalf of households with incomes of up to 150 percent of the federal poverty level. Gov. Blagojevich made LIHEAP funding available on Sept. 1st to households with elderly or disabled members and those currently without home heating due to service disconnection to meet their winter heating needs. On Nov. 1st, all LIHEAP eligible households will be allowed to apply.

For a complete listing of LIHEAP's local administering agencies and additional information about the grant program, go to www.liheapillinois.com, or call the toll-free LIHEAP information line at 1(800) 252-8643.

October Wine Tasting & Charity A Good Combination

The Greater Chicago Chapter of the Society of Financial Service Professionals are noted for their philanthropy. Please don't miss this opportunity to share in our efforts to help the victims of Hurricane Katrina through contributing to the United Way of Metropolitan Chicago Hurricane Katrina Response Fund at the Double Tree Hotel (formerly known as the Hyatt Regency Oak Brook), 1909 Spring Road in Oak Brook, on Thursday, Oct. 27th. In exchange, we bring you a relaxing evening of wine and networking with fellow professionals. Networking will begin at 5:30 and end at 7 p.m. Members: No charge. Guests: \$15. You must register for this event. For more information and to register, contact Linda Failing, executive director, at (630) 571-8030.

The Greater Chicago Chapter of FSP is the standard bearer for excellence in professionalism, advanced continuing education and ethical guidance for the area's top financial advisers. Members pledge to pursue professional development and continuing education throughout their careers, and to adhere to a strict code of ethical behavior known as the Code of Professional Responsibility. In addition, society members assist the public in their efforts to achieve personal and business-related financial goals. Meetings, to include continuing education credits, for members and guests are scheduled throughout the year. For more information and upcoming meetings, visit our web site at SFSPnet/Chicago or contact Linda Failing.

Host Minority And Women-Owned Business Fair

The Chicago Park District hosts the 11th annual Minority and Women Owned Business Opportunity Fair on Wednesday, Nov. 9th from 5 to 8:30 p.m. at South Shore Cultural Center, 7059 South Shore.

The fair connects businesses with buying organizations committed to identifying qualified MBE/WBE firms. It is also an excellent networking opportunity for professionals to meet potential partners. The firms encouraged to attend are distributors, construction contractors (all trades), manufacturers, professional services, landscape services, janitorial services, financial services, legal services, and printing and graphic design.

In 2004, the District awarded a total of \$15.5 million or 25.4% of total contract dollars awarded to MBE firms - \$6.2 million or 10.2% of total contract dollars awarded to WBE firms.

The cost to participate in the fair is \$25 per person. Registration deadline is Nov. 2nd. On-site registration will be available at \$35 per person. Free but limited parking is available. For more information, call (312) 742-4430.

Haymarket Workshop

The fourth of five workshops for professionals practicing in the field of addictions has been scheduled by Haymarket Center for Saturday, Oct. 22nd. The workshops are held on Saturdays into November. Sherry Kostman, Psy.D., CADC, will lead the Oct. 22nd session, Educating the Community About Sexual Assault.

Qualified attendees can earn five hours of continuing education units for each seminar. All sessions will take place at Haymarket Center's conference facility, 124 N. Sangamon in Chicago's West Loop. Sessions begin at 9 a.m. and end at 2:30 p.m. The final session, I Am Woman, Help Me Soar, is scheduled for Nov. 5th.

Workshops are \$95 each, with discounts for group registrations and for students and senior citizens. Continental breakfast and lunch are included in the registration fee. For information, contact Carol Blyskal at (312) 226-7984, ext. 314, or fax her at (312) 226-8048.

Tilden Tech Hall Of Fame Inductees

Tilden Tech High School Alumni Association's 34th annual Hall of Fame Dinner and Reunion honoring the January and June classes of 1955 will be held Friday, Nov. 4 at the Lexington House, 7715 W. 95th St., Hickory Hills. Five outstanding graduates of Tilden Tech will be inducted into the Tilden Tech Hall of Fame.

Leroy T. Carlson, class of 1933, is founder, chairman emeritus and director of Telephone and Data Systems, Inc. TDS has 6.4 million customers in 36 states with 11,600 employees. TDS owns U.S. Cellular and TDS Telecom operating in the Chicago area. TDS had revenues of \$3.72 billion in 2004.

Donald J. Feeley, class of 1946, served as president of the Tilden Tech Alumni Association in 1990. He served in the U.S. Army at the end of World War II, worked as a firefighter for 12 years, went to mortuary school and opened a funeral home, the Central Funeral Chapel near 63rd and Central in Chicago. He passed away on Aug. 20, 2004 at age 76 of colon cancer.

James Paziopoulous, class of 1955, has a B.A. from Roosevelt University, M.A. from Chicago State University, and a Ph.D. from Loyola University. He was principal in the Oak Lawn-Hometown School District 123 for 30 years. In 1996 he was appointed Superintendent of Schools of District 123 and he retired in 2005.

Louis T. Stewart III, class of 1946, had an outstanding military career of 22 years, which included service during the Korean War. Following retirement from the military, he was employed as an instructor in the JROTC program at Roosevelt High School in Gary, Indiana for 18 years. He was a 1st Sgt. in the 5th U.S. Army Band.

Albert B. Strelow class of 1939. After military service in World War II, he began work for the Chicago Board of Education. He was Chief Engineer, followed by promotion to District Supervising Engineer, a position he held until he retired. He was a Fourth Degree, Grand Knight of Madonna Council, Knights of Columbus. He was Commander of the Stock Yards Post #33 and a member of Richard J. Daley Post #1576 of the American Legion. He belonged to Post #3940, William R. Kennelly Post 512 and Bridgeport Post #5076 of the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

The Tilden Tech alumni association has almost 1,000 former students in active membership.

For more information call Ed Winkler at (708) 599-3058 or C.J. Murzyn (773) 582-7411; e-mail kmurzyn@aol.com.

Renovate Harold Washington College

Mayor Richard M. Daley joined City Colleges of Chicago (CCC) Chairman James Tyree, CCC Chancellor Wayne Watson and Harold Washington College President John Wozniak recently for the rededication of a newly renovated Harold Washington College (HWC). The three-year renovation project was funded through the sale of city bonds and managed by the Public Building Commission of Chicago (PBC).

The \$35 million facelift for the 43-year-old HWC structure at 30 E. Lake St. features an expanded multi-media library, new computer labs, enhanced art department labs, science facilities and student service areas including a one-stop support center and a new student union. There is also an expanded lobby and an enlarged multi-purpose theater space.

Other recent or pending capital improvements at the City Colleges of Chicago include renovations at Malcolm X College, Olive-Harvey College, Daley College, Truman College and Wright College. An entirely new campus for Kennedy-King College will be the largest project funded by the 1999 bond issuance for City Colleges of Chicago capital improvements.

Host Northwestern Memorial Hospital Presentation

The Moraine Valley Community Lecture Series will co-host with Northwestern Memorial Hospital a presentation on "An Integrative Approach to Female and Male Health" on Tuesday, Nov. 1, from 7 to 8 p.m., in Moraine Rooms 2 and 3, located on the second floor of the College Center, on campus at 10900 S. 88th Ave., Palos Hills. Admission is free.

Dr. Judy Fulop, a doctor of Naturopathic Medicine at Northwestern Memorial Hospital, will make the presentation. She will highlight the use and effectiveness of alternative, complementary, and integrative medicine; the nutritional/supplemental herbal approaches to improved health; and the identification of inflammatory pesticides in foods and their effects on health.

Naturopathy is a holistic medical system that treats health conditions by using the body's innate ability to heal. Fulop has been practicing in the field since 1999, focusing on functional nutrition, botanical medicine, preventive medicine, homeopathy, hydrotherapy, detoxification, allergies, immunity, lifestyle counseling, behavioral medicine, and exercise. Her medical principles include supporting the healing power of nature, treating the whole person with individualized medicine, identifying and treating the cause, teaching prevention as the best cure, and supporting the doctor's role as a teacher of principles and practices for healthy living. Dr. Fulop also believes that patients are in charge of their health and receive the best care when open communication is maintained with their physicians and other practitioners.

Fulop earned a Naturopathic Doctor's degree at the National College of Naturopathic Medicine in Portland, Oregon, and a Master of Science degree at Avila College in Kansas City, Missouri. She is a member of the Center for Integrative Medicine in Northwestern Memorial Hospital's Physicians Group.

This event is sponsored by a Carl D. Perkins Grant, a federal grant awarded to institutions of higher learning to develop more fully the academic, vocational, and technical skills of secondary and post-secondary students who enroll in Technical Education Program.

For more information on the program, call Frieda Burke at (708) 608-4152. For news media inquiries, call Josh Reinhart, public relations generalist, at (708) 974-5742, or e-mail reinhart@morainevalley.edu.

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Congressman Dan Lipinski Announces Re-Election Campaign

U.S. Rep. Dan Lipinski announced on Oct. 12th that he will seek reelection as Congressman for the Third District in 2006.

"Serving as the U.S. Representative of the Third District has been a great honor," said Lipinski, a Western Springs resident. "More importantly, it has given me a tremendous opportunity to help improve the quality of life for the people I represent."

Although a Member of Congress for only nine months, Lipinski, a former educator, has already built a reputation as a public servant who is accessible to his constituents — he has held more than a dozen town hall meetings, roundtables, and other similar events — and who can work with his colleagues to help his constituents and for the good of the country. For instance, Lipinski was able to obtain \$126 million in funding for transit improvements in and around the Third District in the recently enacted Transportation Bill.

Illinois General Assembly Speaker Michael Madigan called Congressman Lipinski a public official who keeps his word and gets the job done, especially on projects like CREATE.

"I am proud to endorse Dan because he understands that a public official's first priority is to work with the people in his district to help make their lives better," said Madigan, who also serves as Chairman of the Illinois Democratic Party. "His leadership, especially on the CREATE program and other transportation projects, will mean a better quality of life for his constituents."

State Sen. Louis Viverito of Burbank pointed to Congressman Lipinski's push to move the Central Avenue Overpass Project forward in endorsing his reelection.

"The Congressman has really hit the ground running in pushing for this vital project that will make life much easier for those who live, work, shop and commute in our region," Viverito said.

Cook County Commissioner John Daley said another project championed by Congressman Lipinski — authorizing funding to extend the CTA's Orange Line Elevated Train down Cicero Ave. to Ford City — will mean more economic opportunity for the entire Chicago area.

"With the Orange Line extension, people from all over the region will be able to easily access the booming area around Midway Airport without putting more cars on the roads," Daley said.

As a member of the Committee on Small Business and the Committee on Science, Rep. Lipinski has been a leader in preserving and creating the jobs that built the American middle class. He sponsored and guided through the House of Representatives the Steel & Aluminum Act, which would help the metals industry research and invest in new technologies to remain globally competitive. Lipinski also has worked diligently to level the economic playing field with countries like China, and recently brought to Bedford Park a Field Hearing of the Committee on Small Business to discuss preserving American manufacturing jobs.

Lipinski has also been a leader in the fight to improve our health care system. The Congressman's Hospital Price Disclosure Act would make the costs of common medical procedures available on the Internet to help consumers become better educated about medical costs and to inject more competition into the health care industry. Working with Republican colleagues, he co-sponsored the Fair

Care for the Uninsured Act, which provides tax credits for individuals to purchase health care coverage.

Gerald Bennett, the mayor of Palos Hills and a health care executive, said Congressman Lipinski's proposals were an "excellent approach to helping American families become better health care consumers."

"The Congressman should be lauded for working with colleagues in both parties to craft initiatives that will not only improve health care availability and delivery, but also have a great chance of being enacted," Bennett said.

Lipinski has also responded quickly to the challenges facing the communities in his district, from skyrocketing gasoline prices to an Army Corps of Engineers plan to dump dredging from the Cal-Sag Channel in the Village of Worth.

"When you are facing an organization like the Army Corps of Engineers, it is good to know your Congressman is in your corner with you," said Worth Village President Ed Guzdzio.

Lipinski thanked the 3rd District leaders for their endorsements.

"I am gratified that this broad cross-section of elected officials, many of whom have decades of service to their communities, believe I am doing a good job and deserve another term in Congress," he said. "I will continue to work diligently to meet their expectations, as well as to improve the quality of life for the people of the Third District and our nation."

Open House

Moraine Valley Community College will host an open house on Saturday, Nov. 12, from 10 a.m. to noon. Prospective students and parents are invited to tour the campus and speak with Moraine Valley faculty and staff who will offer advice and information about academic programs, services, financial aid, advising, and extracurricular activities. Assistance with registration will also be available.

For more information, contact the Admissions Office at (708) 974-5355. Visit Moraine Valley on the Web at www.morainevalley.edu.

Marshall Field's State St. Store Soon To Become A City Landmark

Mayor Richard M. Daley recently introduced an ordinance into the Chicago City Council seeking to designate the world-renowned flagship store for Marshall Field and Company at 111 N. State St. as a Chicago Landmark.

The Marshall Field and Company Building has long been the "grand dame" of department store buildings in Chicago known for its famous clocks which proudly adorn both State St. corners of the structure, its holiday window displays and Christmas tree, and elegant Walnut Room restaurant.

The mayor noted that the popularity of the Field store extends well beyond the city and that it was often prominently featured in films and books about Chicago. The store's most celebrated feature, the great clocks, serve as a popular meeting place and were immortalized by celebrated artist Norman Rockwell on a 1945 cover of the Saturday Evening Post.

In 1881, Marshall Field I commissioned one of Chicago's leading architectural firms, D.H. Burnham and Company, to design the building which boasts finely detailed design in the Classical Revival style. The importance of the building's architecture has long been recognized. This past August, the Chicago Commission on Landmarks unanimously voted to grant the store preliminary Landmark Status. In 1978, it was listed as a National Historic Landmark. It is also listed in the Chicago Historic Resources Survey. Field's new owner, Federated Retail Holdings, Inc., has consented to the designation.



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Cook County Property Tax Rate Drops For Tenth Consecutive Year

Recently released tax rates by the Cook County Clerks Office reveal that for the tenth consecutive year, the property tax rate for Cook County Government has declined. Between 1995 and 2004, Cook County's property tax rate has declined 40.3%.

"When I was first elected, I pledged to reduce the reliance on property taxes to fund Cook County Government and the tax rates demonstrate that we have accomplished that. While other governments have increased the burden on property owners, we have done everything imaginable to reduce our portion," said Cook County Board President, John H. Stroger. "This deliberate financial strategy has saved property owners in Cook County more \$1.8 billion over the past 10 years."

Officials noted that the County continues to represent a small portion of the average property tax bill—approximately 8.5% of the 2004 taxes. When the Forest Preserve District is considered, these two units of government combined account for less than 10% of the average property tax bill. The local school districts continue to constitute the major portion of the average property tax bill.

Property tax revenues continue to represent a declining share of the County's total revenues. In fiscal year 1995, property taxes represented 32.2% of total revenues, while in FY2005 property tax revenues represented only 23.7% of total revenues, yet they fund one of the nation's largest court and public health systems as well as the country's largest single site jail which houses on average 10,000 detainees daily.

The decline in Cook County's property tax rate in 2004 from 2003 was 5.9%. This decrease was the largest year-over-year decline of any other major taxing body within the City of Chicago. The Equalized Assessed Valuation (EAV) of Cook County increased 8.2% in 2004 to \$121.7 billion. Suburban Cook County, which represents 54.5% of the total EAV, increased 11.8% in 2004 to \$66.3 billion, while the City of Chicago EAV increased 3.9% to \$55.3 billion.

"Faced with rising assessments, the County has been sensitive to residential and commercial property owners by not raising our property tax rate," Stroger said.

SCORE Workshop

Attend a half-day work-shop on Tuesday, Oct. 25th from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., offered by SCORE, Counselors to America's Small Business. Learn to protect yourself and your business from potential damage and lawsuits. You will also learn the basics of record keeping, federal, state and local taxes. The workshop is one required for a SCORE Workshop Completion Certificate, helpful when seeking a loan. Attendees should be in business or planning to start a business.

Register and pay the \$35 fee on line, www.scorechicago.org. Walk-in same day registration and pay at the door \$45. Space is limited. Call (312) 353-7724 any weekday morning with questions.

SCORE, a resource partner of the U.S. Small Business Administration, is located in the Citicorp Center, Suite 1250, 500 W. Madison St. in downtown Chicago. For more information, call (312) 353-7724 or visit the web site www.scorechicago.org

Picnic Permits

Last Wednesday (10/5) Cook County Forest Preserve District Board President John Stroger announced that the Forest Preserve District of Cook County's internet-based picnic permitting system – designed and developed in conjunction with Cook County government's Bureau of Information Technology and Automation (BITA) – has been awarded the Center For Digital Government's 2005 "Best of the Web" designation in the Government-to-City County category.

In 2004, the District approached BITA to develop an online process for submitting picnic permit applications. The two organizations worked closely together and, just over four months later, a small, three-member BITA development staff opened the site to District staff for administrative setup. Two weeks later, the site was launched to the public. On the first day of the 2005 permitting season, the District sold over 800 picnic permits, 60% of which were purchased online. To date, the District's internet picnic permit sales of 3,548 represent just over 47% of the 7,526 sold for the year.

The District encourages picnic permit seekers to utilize their web site to purchase permits. To visit the site, go to www.fpdcc.com and click on the picnic permit link.

Business Ownership Training

In a continuing effort to help entrepreneurs start new businesses and expand on established small businesses in the First Congressional District, U.S. Rep. Bobby L. Rush, in cooperation with SCORE "Counselors in America's Small Business" will hold a business training workshop on Wednesday, Oct. 26th at the Congressman's south suburban office at 3235 W. 147th St. in Midlothian from 3 to 5 p.m. The workshop will provide training, counseling on financing options, business strategy, marketing tactics, product development, cash flow and management. Participants can RSVP by calling (708) 385-9550 or sending an email to: yousuleman@mail.house.gov

For more information on this or upcoming business training workshops, visit www.house.gov/rush.



All Points Southwest

By THOMAS E. GAVIN

One of the joys of being a sport's fan is getting the opportunity to sing the praises of one's favorite team. The 2005 Chicago White Sox have provided their fans with the premier stage to showcase their season-long achievements by earning a spot in the 2005 World Series. How Sweet It Is! After waiting 46 years for a return date to the big dance, this year's White Sox team has revitalized the city and state. Not since the "Go-Go White Sox" of 1959, have the Southsiders been so dominant, eliminating each foe which stands in their way of winning a world championship.

The 2005 White Sox are not your father's team. They sport a different look...silver and black and play in a new stadium...U.S. Cellular Field. However, they play with the same intensity and purpose that the '59 White Sox showed those of us old enough to experience that magical season. We had an indelible impression burned into our hearts and minds and it has taken 46 years to once again savor the sweet taste of World Series nectar with our own White Sox.

The series final begins here in Chicago this Saturday (10/22). As of this writing, the White Sox, champions of the American League, will face the winner of the Houston Astros vs. St. Louis Cardinals National League finals.

We are proud of the great season that the White Sox have achieved to date and encourage all of Chicagoland to get behind them in their quest for the 2005 World Championship.

All Points has learned that Governor Rod Blagojevich has proclaimed October as Domestic Violence Awareness Month in Illinois, and the Illinois Department of Labor (IDOL) has launched a statewide program on VESSA, the Victim's Economic Security and Safety Act, which provides at-work support to employees who are victims themselves or who have a family or household member who is a victim of domestic or sexual violence.

VESSA provides employees who are victims of domestic or sexual violence or who have a family member who is a victim of domestic or sexual violence with up to 12 work-weeks of unpaid leave from work, without fear of being fired by their employers. VESSA requires employers to help a worker who has been a victim with accommodations that may include a modified work schedule or transfer to a different location or department. VESSA went into effect on Aug. 25th, 2003.

People interested in learning more about VESSA can call IDOL at (312) 793-6797.

Moraine Valley's Economic Development Council for the Southwest Suburbs (EDCSS) will honor its 2005 Small Business Person of the Year, Entrepreneur of the Year and Business Advocate of the Year, and will present the Training Excellence Award at its 11th Annual EDCSS Small Business Awards Luncheon on Wednesday, Oct. 26th. The luncheon begins at 11:30 a.m. at the Silver Lake Country Club, 147th and 82nd Ave. in Orland Park.

The Small Business Person of the Year is Brad Peterson, president of 1st Choice Limousine Service in Chicago & Mokena. The Entrepreneur of the Year Award will go to Steven Warrick Sr., president of ACI Enterprises, Inc., a recycling company in Blue Island. The award for Business Advocate of the Year will go to Maribeth Hearn, president of Inertia Group, a marketing, consulting and technology services firm she established in 1999. The Training Excellence Award will be presented to the Wiring Components Division of Panduit Corp. in Tinley Park. Tickets to the luncheon are \$35. For more information or reservations, call Carol Malina at (708) 974-5714 or e-mail her at malina@morainevalley.edu.

The Stickney Township Regular

Democratic Organization will hold their Annual Dinner Dance at the Lexington House, 7717 W. 95th St. in Hickory Hills, on Friday evening, Oct. 28th, according to Committeeman Louis Viverito. Cocktails will be served at 6:30 p.m. with dinner scheduled for 7:30 p.m.

Committeeman Louis Viverito has led the Stickney Township Democratic Organization for the past 36 years and is viewed by members of both state political parties as one of the most capable elected officials in Illinois. Mr. Viverito also serves as a State Senator and the Supervisor of Stickney Township, a nationally recognized and highly acclaimed governmental service body. For more information or reservations, call (708) 430-2669.

The Illinois State Bar Association (ISBA) has informed All Points that their Lawyer Finder Service has added a toll-free phone number to compliment its existing service to the public. People seeking legal representation can access the Lawyer Finder Service by calling 1(800) 922-8757. The service is also available on the Internet at www.illinoislawyerfinder.com.

Attorneys who participate in the Lawyer Finder Service have agreed to grant an initial 30 minute consultation to any referred client for a fee not to exceed \$15. After this consultation, the lawyer is not obligated to take the case, and the client is not obligated to retain him or her. If the caller requests a meeting, the lawyer will grant an appointment as soon as possible after the request is made, and will provide a fair agreement on charges for any further legal services.

A lawyer who participates in the service must have a valid Illinois license to practice law and have authorized the ISBA to determine his or her status with the Attorney Registration and Disciplinary Commission (ARDC). Further, the lawyer also must carry professional liability insurance.

The Catholic High School Honor Roll has announced the second annual selection of its best 50 secondary schools in America. By recognizing the nation's top 50 high schools, the Honor Roll promotes quality Catholic secondary education.

Among this year's top 50 is Chicago's Brother Rice High School (www.brice.org). The all-male, 1,200 student school is run by the Congregation of Christian Brothers, and is a repeat honoree from last year. Further, Brother Rice is also listed as a category leader (top 20 in the country) in both its Catholic identity and in academics. It is truly a distinct honor for Brother Rice to be considered among the top 50 Catholic high schools in the country.

Brother Rice APEX Honors Director, Br. P.B. Martin, said of the school's selection, "We were the only school in the Archdiocese of Chicago and Diocese of Joliet to receive the honor."

The primary goal of the Honor Roll is to encourage schools to educate students as effectively as possible, in a way that integrates Catholic faith and prepares students for active engagement with the world. In promoting rigorous education, the Honor Roll desires to better prepare students for fruitful vocations in politics, business, and the Church.

Messages From Katrina's Aftermath

By Dennis Heaney, President, The Christophers

Much like the images of 9/11, the scenes most of us saw on television of the devastation from Hurricane Katrina are probably etched forever in our minds. In the years ahead many of us will hear "New Orleans" or "Biloxi" and be taken back to the television coverage of those days when the waters were rising in those beautiful cities to levels we could not even imagine. However, I hope that whenever I recall the aftermath of Katrina I'll also think about the unbelievable way that so many people reached out to help those who lost everything in that catastrophic event.

We saw the shelters, big and small, that housed so many, but I also read of people as far away as Salt Lake City, Utah opening their homes to the evacuated from New Orleans. On one blog someone wrote that they had a home in Mississippi for sale and empty but they would take it off the market so that a family who lost their home in the hurricane could live in it for a couple of months.

On a Catholic Press Association blog people from cities as far away as Baltimore, Cincinnati and St. Paul opened their homes to colleagues in Louisiana and Mississippi who needed housing. A woman from the Midwest saw a story on television about a Comfort Inn in Atlanta, Georgia, that was housing people evacuated from New Orleans. She called the motel, gave them her credit card number and told them to charge her for housing a family for one month. She then asked the motel clerk to have the family call her collect and let her know what other personal items they needed.

Health care personnel, public safety professionals and others went into areas where they were needed, and the best they could hope for was cold food to eat and a tent to sleep in. Pilots of small aircraft from around the U.S. flew their own planes - and bought very expensive aircraft fuel - into regional airports near New Orleans to help evacuate the sick and elderly.

Madigan Files Lawsuit Against Natural Gas Provider

Attorney General Lisa Madigan filed a lawsuit on Oct. 13th in Cook County Circuit Court alleging a natural gas supply company providing service to 15,000 customers in northern Illinois has reneged on its fixed-rate, long-term contracts, a move that could force consumers who thought they had locked in rates for the winter to pay much higher prices for natural gas.

Santanna Natural Gas Corporation, doing business as Santanna Energy Services, is a Texas corporation with local offices in Hinsdale. The company sells natural gas to northern Illinois consumers participating in the Nicor Customer Select program and the People's Energy Choices for You program. The programs allow commercial and residential customers in eligible service areas to select alternative, non-regulated utility gas suppliers.

Madigan's lawsuit charges Santanna with violations of the Illinois Consumer Fraud and Deceptive Business Practices Act for allegedly misrepresenting its fixed rate offer during the course of making telemarketing solicitations to consumers to enter into contracts with the gas supply company. The telemarketing campaign, which promoted Santanna's fixed price program, solicited consumers through Aug. 13th, 2005.

Santanna allegedly has begun to notify customers that effective Oct. 1st, 2005, it will no longer provide gas at the fixed price that many consumers signed up for during its recent telemarketing campaign. The letter of notification gave customers the option of remaining Santanna customers at a fluctuating market rate for gas or discontinuing with Santanna and going back to Nicor or People's Gas.

Santanna's fixed price program allegedly offered consumers the opportunity to buy lower-priced gas during the summer for use during the winter months. During calls from independent telemarketing representatives, interested consumers orally agreed to participate in the program.

Consumers were then contacted by a third-party verifier and enrolled in the program. Finally, the interested consumers received a Welcome Letter that set forth the terms and conditions of their agreement. According to Madigan's lawsuit, there was no modification clause included in either the oral or written agreement that would allow for a change in the fixed price agreement.

Madigan's lawsuit asks the court to prohibit the defendant from advertising or offering an advanced payment and storage-based natural gas supply program and from further violating Illinois' consumer protection laws. The lawsuit also seeks a civil penalty of \$50,000 and additional penalties of \$50,000 per violation found to have been committed with the intent to defraud.

Ten Free Trees

Ten free trees, autumn classics, will be given to each person who joins The National Arbor Day Foundation during October.

The free trees are part of the nonprofit Foundation's Trees for America campaign.

The ten trees are two Sugar Maples, Scarlet Oak, Sweetgum, Red Oak, Silver Maple, White Dogwood, Washington Hawthorn and two Red Maples.

The trees will be shipped postpaid at the right time for planting between Nov. 1 and Dec. 10 with enclosed planting instructions. The six to 12 inch trees are guaranteed to grow, or they will be replaced free of charge.

To receive the free trees, send a \$10 membership contribution to Autumn Classic Trees, National Arbor Day Foundation, 100 Arbor Ave., Nebraska City, NE 684-10, by Oct. 31 or go online at arborday.org.

The graduates of our Christopher Leadership Course in the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston got together and visited shelters around their area, focusing on those with victims who spoke only Spanish and needed translation help.

I read of a number of organizations and churches collecting clothing for shipping to victims that were so inundated that they had to ask donors to stop dropping off items for a day so that the volunteers could catch up with the packing.

While it is almost impossible for most of us to imagine the extent of the devastation or to grasp the emotional toll it takes on victims, when we see the personal response to the pain there is a message that comes through loud and clear: we are a caring people and we do respond when our brothers and sisters are hurting.

The pain of Hurricane Katrina will be with all of us for a long time. The challenge the victims face in trying to rebuild their lives is mind-boggling, and we know that there will be much needed discussion about the pros and cons of official relief efforts. However, I hope and pray that we do not forget the overwhelming response made by organizations and individuals when the call for help went out. We tried to bring God's hope and love to those who needed it, asking nothing in return except that others know we care!

For a free copy of the Christopher News Note: Keep Hope In Your Heart, write: The Christophers, 12 East 48th St., New York, NY 10017; or e-mail: mail@christophers.org.

Police Seek Robber

Armed with a sawed-off shotgun, an unidentified man committed eight robberies since Aug. 20th, hitting Orland Park, Midlothian, Glenwood, Homewood, Merriotte Park, Matteson, Monee and Naperville. The police departments of these municipalities are looking for the suspect. He has robbed gas stations, convenience stores, electronic stores and hardware stores on main roads according to authorities and in recent robberies has taken money from patrons of the stores. When he began his robberies, the man wore a ski mask over his face. Since then, he has not tried to hide his identity. He has been caught on video surveillance tapes during his crimes. According to authorities he has threatened to kill anyone who doesn't cooperate with him.

The suspect is described as being black, in his late 20s or early 30s, about 6 feet tall with a heavy build. During each robbery, he took the shotgun out of a black bag that has the Chicago Art Institute in white lettering. He was seen driving a maroon and tan, mid-1990s, four-door Ford Explorer with damage to the front end and right front fender. It was observed that the right front tire might be a spare and was much different from the other tires. The window was tinted and the vehicle has a black luggage rack.

It was stated that the Orland Park police are offering a \$500 reward for information that leads to an arrest. Anyone with information is encouraged to call (800) 973-9212.

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ENTERTAINMENT NEWS

Host "Halloween Haunts" Festivities

Following three howlingly successful years, Symphony Center will again host "Hallowed Haunts" - a special Halloween concert for families featuring the Civic Orchestra of Chicago - on Saturday, Oct. 29th at 3 p.m. Orchestra hall will turn into a giant haunted house for the event, complete with ghoulish-looking musicians and spine-tingling music. The Civic Orchestra, led by conductor Alastair Willis, will be joined by the Magic Circle Mime Company to present a program titled "Phantoms of the Orchestra," featuring spooky favorites by Bach, Kodaly, Dukas and Mussorgsky. This concert is recommended for ages five and up, and youngsters five to 17 years old receive special pricing.

The annual "Hallowed Haunts" pre-concert festivities begin at 1:30 p.m. in the Grainger Ballroom, with Halloween games and crafts for children. All patrons, young and old, are encouraged to come dressed in costume for trick-or-treating.

On Friday, Oct. 28th, the Hallowed Haunts concert program will be presented for students in free back-to-back performances at 10:15 a.m. and 12:15 p.m. Members of the student audience are invited to attend the concert in costume. Questions regarding the student matinees should be directed to the CSO Dept. of Education, Community Relations and Diversity at (312) 294-3410.

Halloween Spooktacular

The annual Halloween Spooktacular, a free, all-age family program sponsored by the Forest Preserve District of Will County, will be on Saturday, Oct. 29th at 7 p.m. at Plum Creek Nature Center in Beecher.

Come out, if you dare, for a spooky evening around a campfire. Scary stories, games, a strange witch, singing monsters, plus some cool surprises, are planned for all. Shake off the cobwebs and join us as we celebrate Halloween under the waning harvest moon. Kids are encouraged to wear their costumes to the program.

Plum Creek Nature Center is located in Goodenow Grove Forest Preserve, 1.25 miles east of the intersection of Routes 1 and 394 on Goodenow Rd., south of Cretc. For more information, call (815) 727-8700.

Annual Halloween Ball

On Friday, Oct. 28th, the Department of Cultural Affairs presents the 6th annual Halloween Ball at the Chicago Cultural Center, 78 E. Washington St., at 6:30 p.m. The "spooktacular" evening celebrates Mayor Daley's favorite holiday by featuring a sumptuous dinner buffet, dancing, surprise performances, and more. The entire Cultural Center building is adorned with an array of Halloween decorations like haystacks, pumpkins, spider webs, and gargoyles. The evening's attire is black tie with a mask or full costume.

Highlights include the following: Halloween-themed cocktails served in Preston Bradley Hall under the world's largest Tiffany stained glass dome; special performances by cast members of Broadway in Chicago's *Wicked* - *The Untold Story of the Witches of Oz*; palm reader tents; and Mardi Gras-style music by the Mystic Krew of Laff.

The Halloween Ball benefits the Chicago Cultural Center Foundation, which supports the hundreds of public programs and visual and exhibitions presented annually at the Chicago Cultural Center at no cost to the public. Individual tickets for the Halloween Ball start at \$500 each and are available by calling (312) 744-6630.

Leno Gives Proceeds

The Tonight Show host and comedian Jay Leno has named Concerns of Police Survivors, Inc., as the beneficiary of proceeds from his new book. *How to Be the Funniest Kid in the Whole Wide World (Or Just in Your Class)*, written by Jay Leno and illustrated by S. B. Whitehead, was released by Simon and Schuster Books for Young Readers in October 1st, ISBN: 1-4169-0631. COPS is a nationwide organization that provides life-rebuilding resources for the families of law enforcement officers killed in the line of duty. The COPS National Office is in Camden, MO.

Jay Leno has hosted *The Tonight Show* with Jay Leno for more than 13 years and has received his own star on Hollywood's Walk of Fame. *How to Be the Funniest Kid in the Whole Wide World (Or Just in Your Class)* helps kids looking to find what Leno calls their "funny." In addition to jokes, Leno describes how he discovered his own "funny," his first "professional" gig, what makes the best jokes, how to build a routine, what to do when being heckled, how to combat stage fright—not to mention sidebars full of information on other famous comedians and legendary acts, mini-routines and words to live by.

Jay Leno has quietly assisted surviving law enforcement families in California for many years. After talking with Andy Powell, President of the Southern California Chapter of COPS, Jay made the decision to support law enforcement survivors nationwide by donating proceeds from his newest book to COPS.

For more information about Concerns of Police Survivors, Inc., or to help support COPS' programs, contact COPS at (573) 346-4911, or e-mail cops@nationalcops.org. Visit the COPS website at www.nationalcops.org.

For more information about Concerns of Police Survivors, Inc., Illinois Chapter contact (815) 438-2497 or e-mail contact@ilcops.org. Visit the Illinois COPS website at www.ilcops.org.

Tickets are \$13-\$46 and can be purchased by calling PhoneCharge at (312) 294-3000 or (800) 223-7114, or by visiting the Symphony Center box office at 220 S. Michigan Ave. in Chicago. For group rates, call (312) 294-3040.

"Worldly Wonders"

The Southwest Symphony Orchestra is proud to present "Worldly Wonders," its fifth year partnering with Trinity Christian College. The season begins on Saturday, Oct. 22nd at 8 p.m. Included in the program will be *Orpheus in the Underworld* by Offenbach and *The Creation of the World* by Milhaud. The exploration of the cosmos will culminate in Holst's *The Planets*, visually enhanced with projected astrological and mythical images.

The annual Christmas Festival will be performed at St. Julie Billiard Church, 7399 W. 159th St. in Tinley Park, on Sunday, Dec. 11th at 3 p.m. The SSO will team up with St. Julie Billiard's music ministry and the Oak Lawn Voices of the Valley. Two talented young musicians from the southwest region will be showcased in February, followed by Rachmaninoff's epic *2nd Symphony*. The Cross Keys Irish Dancers kick up their heels with the SSO in the Orchestra's symphonic pops concert in March. Take part in the raffle fundraiser for a chance to win two round-trip tickets to Ireland. An intercollegiate collaboration with the Trinity Christian College and St. Xavier University Concert Choirs will end the season with Mozart's immortal *Requiem*.

Adult tickets start at \$20, seniors \$16, students \$5, and children under 12 are free. Call (708) 802-0686 for additional ticket information or to order your tickets in advance.

Music, Food & Quizzes At The Carraig Pub At Gaelic Park

The Carraig Pub at Gaelic Park, 6119 W. 147th St. in Oak Forest, hosts many fall events including Kieran Conway and his one-man show performing every Wednesday night in November. Kieran's musical style, known all over Chicago, includes rock and roll, blues, country and Irish tunes upon request. Kieran is not just a musician as he adds a bit of humor as well.

On Friday and Saturday nights at the Carraig Pub, enjoy free musical entertainment. This month's guests include: Bluestack on Friday, Nov. 4th; Mulligan's Stew on Saturday, Nov. 5th; Joe McShane on Friday, Nov. 11th; The Ploughboys on Saturday, Nov. 12th; After School Special on Friday, Nov. 18th; Jerry Eadie on Saturday, Nov. 19th; 3 Men in Kilts on Friday, Nov. 25th; Bernie Glim & Country Roads on Saturday, Nov. 26th.

Also, check out the Pub Quiz every Tuesday night beginning at 8 p.m. There is a \$5 per person entry fee with prizes bestowed upon the winners. Teams are limited to 5 players. The Carraig also has great food for a wide variety of tastes. Check out a full menu and daily specials at www.chicagogaelpark.org.

Spooky Seas At Shedd

Spend the night in the aquarium's hallowed galleries, as The John G. Shedd Aquarium will host a very special Halloween event for children, ages 0 to 12, and their families on Friday, Oct. 28th. From 6 to 10 p.m. There will be a party featuring spooky sea stories and other deep-sea delights. You are asked to come dressed in costume for the parade of best-dressed guests. Dancing will follow.

Don't forget your sleeping bag and pillow. Families will spend the night in the aquarium with reef residents and other aquatic animals in the aquarium galleries, from 6 p.m. to 9 a.m.

Admission for the evening event is \$30 (\$20 for members). Children age 2 and under are free. Fee for the overnight event is \$60 (\$50 for members). Children must be 5 years old to sleep over. For more information, call (312) 692-3333 for reservations or visit www.shedd-aquarium.org for more information.

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Haunted Farm

The Children's Farm, 12700 Southwest Highway in Palos Park, will host its annual spooky Haunted Farm on Friday and Saturday evenings, Oct. 28th and 29th.

Nearly 200 volunteers will be dressed as ghouls, ghosts, witches, bats, cats and zombies to scare 1800 visitors who will tour through the Haunted Barn and then travel across the farm fields by hayride to the cemetery and giant maze in the Haunted Forest. Along the way, the visitors will be treated to Spider Cider from the witches cackling around a large black cauldron, and to scary stories by professional storytellers Karen and Jim Decker of Barrington.

According to Center program director Lois Lauer, the Haunted Farm is scary, but not terrorizing; it's wholesome family fun, full of spooky surprises. Lauer recommends the event for children age 8 and older, and reminds visitors that all children and teens need to be accompanied by adults. Advance tickets are required and cost \$10 per person. Tickets are currently available at The Center Lodge on the west side of 12700 Southwest Highway. For further information, call (708) 361-3650.

CLASS REUNIONS

St. Nicholas of Tolentine Grammar School class of 1956 is looking for graduates for a 50th anniversary celebration in June 2006. Call Joe Rice at (773) 229-2273.

Plato Academy Alumni Association - Reunion on Oct. 23rd at Rosewood Restaurant, 9421 Higgins Rd. Call (847) 470-8500.

Mary Seat of Wisdom Parish - 50th anniversary dinner-dance, Oct. 29th, 7 p.m. at White Eagle Banquets, \$48. Call (847) 825-8686, ext. 14.

DuSable High School class of 1985 is looking for classmates. Call (312) 603-0523 or (773) 544-3086.

Lourdes High School - Class of 1955 is looking for classmates for an October reunion. Call (708) 448-8874.

Argo Community High School, classes of 1954 and 1955, will meet in the fall of 2005. Call (708) 598-4460 or (708) 458-4067.

Farragut High School, classes of 1952-1954, are looking for classmates. Call Carolee (Fotka) Michalek at (815) 407-1934.

Calumet High School class of June 1955 will have its 50-year reunion on Oct. 28th. For more information, call Carol (Mueller) Heywood at (630) 420-1777 or Beverly (Voels) Cregar at (708) 301-5550.

Spooky River Tour

The Chicago River has witnessed many of local history's tragic and gruesome events. Get warmed up for Halloween with Friends of the Chicago River, on a walking tour of the "Spooky" River, and hear the tales of disasters, fires, massacres, and disease sure to send chills down one's spine. Friends invites participants to share in a haunting evening along the river enjoying an unusual river experience. The Spooky River walking tour is Tuesday, Oct. 25, at 6:30 p.m. The 90 minute tour starts at Pioneer Court, 401 N. Michigan Ave., and fees are \$10 per person. Call Maggie at (312) 939-0490, ext. 10 to register.

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Chicago Lights Up The Holiday Season

Start the holidays with a real 'highlight,' one that is 85 ft. tall, as the City of Chicago hosts the 92nd Annual Holiday Tree Lighting Ceremony, on Friday, Nov. 25th, at the Daley Plaza, Washington and Dearborn St. Enjoy holiday music beginning at 4 p.m. and at approximately 5 p.m., the switch is flipped and Chicago's Holiday Tree is illuminated. The 85-foot Holiday Tree is comprised of more than 100 smaller Balsam Fir trees. It glows with hundreds of ornaments and thousands of lights. The tree is the heart of an authentic German holiday marketplace complete with Santa Clause.

You can visit Santa Claus and his friends at Santa's House on Daley Plaza, beginning Nov. 24th from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., Nov. 25th through Dec. 23rd, from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m., and on Dec. 24th, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Families are welcomed to take their own pictures or they can purchase a photo memento of the occasion.

The Christkindlmarket returns to celebrate its 10th Anniversary on Daley Plaza. The market will be open beginning Nov. 24th, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., the Nov. 25th to Dec. 22nd; Sunday through Thursday, 11 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Friday and Saturday 11 a.m. to 9 p.m.

The Christkindlmarket is a four week open-air market modeled after the famous Nuremberg Christmas market dating back to 1545. The market offers exceptional shopping opportunities including a large selection of European holiday ornaments, live traditional Bavarian glass blowing, hand-carved wood and holiday delicacies. Thursday through Sunday evening, a German-American folk band will play live music in the Festival Tent. Admission is free. For more information, call the German American Chamber of Commerce of Chicago, (312) 644-2662 or visit www.christkindlmarket.com

Halloween Benefit Concert

The Saint Xavier University Music Department and the Saint Xavier Collegiate Chapter of Music Educators National Conference will present a Halloween benefit concert on Saturday, Oct. 29 at 2 p.m. in the Warde Academic Center's Rehearsal/Performance Space on the university's Chicago campus, 3700 W. 103rd St. The one-hour musical program is specifically designed for children under the age of 10 and will include musical performances, theater, sing-a-longs and Halloween treats. The event will also feature a creative costume contest and parade. Tickets for the concert are \$3 in advance and \$5 at the door. All proceeds from the concert will benefit the VHI Save the Music Foundation.

The VHI Save the Music Foundation is a non-profit organization dedicated to improving the quality of education in America's public schools by restoring music programs in cities across the country and raising public awareness about the importance of music participation for America's youth. The foundation uses donations to purchase musical instruments for schools that lack the funding to do so themselves.

To purchase tickets in advance or make a separate donation to the foundation, contact the Music Department at (773) 298-3421.

Fashion Show

St. Laurence High School Mothers' Club is presenting its "Summer In Paradise" Fashion Show on Thursday, Nov. 10th from 6 to 10 p.m. at the Lexington House in Hickory Hills. Dinner, show and cocktails are included in the price of the ticket, which is \$40 per person.

For more information and tickets, contact Sharoo at (708) 425-1276 or Gail at (708) 388-4031 by Nov. 1st.



It's time to wish and rhyme along with your dragon friends as they soar to new heights in Dragon Tales Live "Missing Music Mystery," playing at the Star Plaza Theatre from Thursday, Oct. 20 through Sunday, Oct. 23.

Dragon Land has lost its music! Max, Emmy and their dragon friends seek help from Mr. Pop in Dragon Tales Live "Missing Music Mystery."

Save the date for Mayor Daley's Holiday Sports Festival. This all ages event begins Wednesday, Dec. 28th through Friday, Dec. 30th at McCormick Place in Halls A & B, 2301 S. Marth Luther King Drive. Admission and interactive zones are free of charge. Activities take place daily from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tournament hours may vary depending on the sport. Interactive zones include Golf, Climbing Walls, Football, Skills Area, Obstacle Course, Tot's Zone, Bowling, Martial Arts, Table Tennis, Inflatable Tumbling, Tennis, Badminton, Boxing, Fishing Ponds, Footbag, Giant Slide, 50-Yard Dash, Cheerleading Clinics, Double Dutch Jump Rope and 2-ball, Skateboarding/Blading area and much more!

If you are looking for something to do for New Year's Eve, at 10 p.m. on Dec. 31, sparkling lights illuminate the lakefront to end 2005 at Chicago's annual New Year's Eve Fireworks show in Grant Park. The celebration begins with recorded music at Chicago's landmark Buckingham Fountain located at Congress Parkway and Columbus Drive. The countdown to the New Year begins just before midnight when the fountain comes alive with fireworks. This will be followed by a spectacular display of pyrotechnics over the harbor, choreographed to a variety of musical genres. Ring in the New Year with the City of Chicago. Admission is free! For more information, call the Mayor's Office of Special Events (312) 744-3370 or visit www.cityofchicago.org/specialevents.

Navy Pier will host a separate New Year's show at the same time; each show features different pyrotechnic display but will be choreographed to the same music and will happen simultaneously.

For more information on Navy Pier's events, call (800) 595-PIER.

Season-Long Celebration Of Mozart's 250th Birthday

In celebration of the 250th birthday of Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart and the 100th birthday of Dmitri Shostakovich, The Women's Association of the Chicago Symphony Orchestra will present an educational seminar titled "Sophistication and Satire In the String Quartets of Mozart and Shostakovich" on Friday, Oct. 21 at 10 a.m. The seminar topic will be explored by Dr. John Gibbons and brought to life musically in a recital by CSO musicians Yuan-Qing Yu and Russell Hershow, violin; Yukiko Ogura, viola; and Richard Hirschl, cello. Tickets for this event, held in Symphony Center's Buntrock Hall are \$30 and may be purchased by calling (312) 294-3170.

Dr. Gibbons is a teacher of piano, composition, and music theory, as well as a sought-after lecturer. He currently teaches music appreciation at the University of Chicago Graham School of Continuing Education, and piano at the Cappelli Institute of Music in Oak Park. Dr. Gibbons' compositions have been performed by the Contemporary Chamber Players, the Minneapolis Chamber Symphony, the Minnesota Opera New Music Ensemble, the Harmonie Chamber Winds, the Northern Chamber Winds and at the Rockefeller Piano Competition in Carnegie Hall.

MS Fundraiser

During the summer of 2004, Natalie Hansen, a recently engaged young marketing professional living in the Chicago area, received news that would change her life. She was diagnosed with multiple sclerosis and became one of more than 400,000 Americans battling an incredibly frustrating and

limiting disease.

One way that Hansen has chosen to fight is by organizing Cocktail'n for the Cause, a semi-formal event that raises money for the National Multiple Sclerosis Society-Greater Illinois Chapter to support research, education programs and services provided to 18,000 Illinoisans living with MS. On Friday, Nov. 4th from 7 to 11 p.m. the second annual Cocktail'n for the Cause event takes place at Galleria Marchetti, 825 E. Erie in Chicago. The benefit features an elegant night filled with dinner, drinks and dancing. Tickets are \$100 and can be purchased online at www.msillinois.org.

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Castle Games

On Saturday, Oct. 22nd, Beverly Unitarian Church (the Castle) at 103rd & Longwood Drive hosts 'Castle Games '05' from 2 to 10 p.m. Castle Games provides an opportunity for individuals, both adults and children, to have fun playing games, while at the same time it serves as a fundraiser to help maintain our neighborhood's historic Castle. There will be a fee for participation in games, which will vary depending on the anticipated length of the game, plus prizes for winners.

Games to be offered include: bean bag toss (championship), boggle, monopoly, bingo, "500" rummy, scrabble, hearts and trivial pursuit. Participation fees for games, and for the consumption of food and drinks, will be waived for those who have purchased a sufficient quantity of raffle tickets, while they will be cut in half for those who have purchased a lesser amount of raffle tickets.

Interested individuals who would like to know more about the event should contact Allan Lindrup at (773) 643-8061 or alvusj@att.net.

Winter Flower Show

Celebrate the holidays at Garfield Park, 300 N. Central Park Ave., with the Holiday Flower Show. The Holiday Show features more than 1,000 poinsettias. Along with Christmas trees, plants such as Jerusalem Cherry, Christmas peppers, plumbago and begonias will be featured.

The Holiday Flower Show begins Nov. 25th and goes through Jan. 8, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily and from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Thursdays. Admission is free!

The Lincoln Park Conservatory, 2391 N. Stockton Dr., will host a winter flower and Train Show, Dec. 10 through Jan. 8, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily. Several model trains, including an old-fashioned steam engine, freight train and trolley, wind their way through a miniature village set in a field of vibrant red, delicate white and soft pink poinsettias. The village, comprised entirely of natural materials including willow, spruce and birch woods, features a variety of Chicago style homes and famous buildings such as the neighborhood bungalow, Chicago Theatre and Chicago Water Tower Place. For more information, visit www.chicagoparkdistrict.com.

Children's Humanities Festival

An incredible collection of writers, illustrators, storytellers, musicians, and performers is coming to Chicago this fall to entertain and educate, as part of the Children's Humanities Festival, from Oct. 29 through Nov. 10. Programs span two weekends, and encompass a broad variety of disciplines, including animation, music, theater, storytelling, art and illustration, workshops, and much more. Best of all, teachers, students and children under 17 are admitted free.

The Children's Humanities Festival, now in its sixth year, has quickly grown to become one of the country's leading cultural festivals for young people. A production of the Chicago Humanities Festival, the Children's Festival was created to awaken children and teens to the joys of the arts and humanities. Each year, it echoes the annual theme of the larger fall festival which, this year, examines the notions of Home and Away. Target is the presenting sponsor of the Children's Humanities Festival.

The Children's Humanities Festival takes place from Oct. 29 to Nov. 10. Tickets are on sale through the CHF ticket office at (312) 494-9509 or may be ordered online at www.chfestival.org.

Rice Fashion Show

Join the Brother Rice Mothers' Club as it presents "Rice Revue," celebrating 50 years of Crusader History.

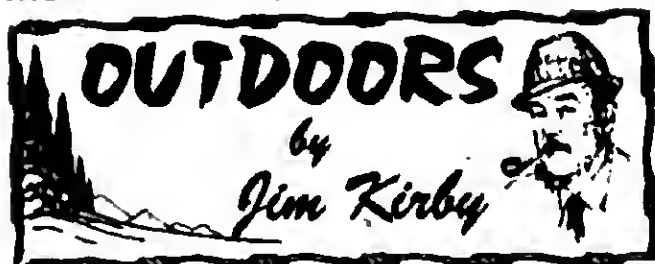
This year's event will premier at Gaelic Park, 6115 W. 147th St., Oak Forest, on Sunday, Nov. 13 beginning at 12 noon.

Fashions, luncheon and entertainment will be featured. Tickets are \$40. For further information, call Helen Kay at (708) 425-1745.

Trial And Errors

The Orland Park Theatre, Friday, Oct. 21st at 8 p.m.; Saturday, Oct. 22nd at 8 p.m.; Sunday, Oct. 23rd at 2 p.m. production entitled "Trial & Errors" by David Meyer at the Civic Center, 14750 S. Ravinia Avenue in Orland Park. Admission is \$12 for adults, \$10 for Seniors and \$8 for children. For further information, call (708) 403-PARK.

The performances will be PARK.



A RUMOR THAT WE ALL HOPE ISN'T TRUE: A usually reliable source called to tell me he heard that four fishermen on four different occasions saw 'big head carp' leap out of the water at Wolf Lake. Wolf Lake has an outlet to Lake Michigan, which means the dreaded carp are in the "Big Pond."

The second electric barrier that's supposed to keep the big head and silver carp from entering the Great Lakes via the Chicago River and Cal Sag Canal is still under construction. In previous columns I gave many reasons why the barriers would not keep the Asian Carp out of the Great Lakes.

Eddie Landmichl, Sr. and Perch America are concerned enough about the sightings at Wolf Lake to attempt to raise enough money to sponsor a carp bow-fishing tournament on the lake and other waters. The carp are taken by bow on the Mississippi and Illinois Rivers. It is the only way to take those fish, netting can work on occasion.

The tournament would hopefully attract those bow-fishermen, who make the taking of carp a sport. The Asian carp, when excited by the sound and turbulence in the water by the outboard motors, leap out of the water, and often leap into the boat. The bow-fish hunters have to shoot the carp in mid-air.

To contact Landmichl or Perch America, call (708) 594-1164 or (773) 734-6720.

CELEBRITY QUAIL HUNT: Hunters and other supporters of the youth hunting programs are invited to participate in the 12th Annual Illinois Conservation Foundation Celebrity Quail Hunt from Nov. 6th to 8th at Rend Lake Resort.

The hunting package includes lodging, meals, refreshments, hunting guides, shells, gifts, and a sporting clays, trap and five-stand competition. Individual hunt packages are just \$500.

Celebrities who have attended the event include Kurt Becker, Mark Clark, Danny Cox, Jackie Smith, Whitey Herzog, Mike Shannon, Tim Norman and Jim Thome. All proceeds benefit the ICF's extensive youth hunting programs and activities. For reservation information, phone Bob Ruff at (217) 782-7181 or go online at www.ilcf.org.

BUT THIS WAS BEFORE KATRINA AND THE NEW ORLEANS DISASTER: The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers has proposed an \$8.3 billion plan to build seven new locks to ease shipping congestion and improve local ecosystems in the Mississippi River region.

The plan was the latest recommendation by the Corps in the last decade to upgrade the 70-year-old lock and dam system on the Mississippi and Illinois rivers. Congress must approve the Corps report.

An earlier Corps draft was criticized after it predicted that grain exports shipped on the Mississippi and Illinois rivers would rise between 1995 and 2000, but they fell. The National Research Council, part of the National Academy of Sciences, has said the Corps plan is flawed and lacks credibility in large part because of its optimistic grain predictions.

MISSOURI APPROVES FISHING WITH BARE HANDS: It will now be legal to plunge into some Missouri rivers and grab catfish by hand-fishing that is not for the faint of heart.

Known as noodling or hogging, hand-fishing has long been a misdemeanor, punishable by fines, because state officials fear it depletes breeding-age catfish. It can also be dangerous: Noodlers hold their breath for long periods under water and sometime come up with fistfuls of agitated snakes or snapping turtles.

That does not discourage enthusiasts who insist there is great sportsmanship in fishing with their bare hands. So, after years of urging by noodlers, and lopsided legislative support for easing up on hand-fishers, the Missouri Conservation Commission has approved an experimental hand-fishing season next summer. Forms of hand-fishing are already legal in 11 states, including Oklahoma, Arkansas and Illinois. Credit: Great Lakes Basin Report.

TURKEY HUNTERS BENEFIT FROM SAFETY TASK FORCE: When the National Wild Turkey Hunting Safety Task Force met recently, members were reminded just how safe turkey hunting has become: "When this Task Force first met in 1991, the incident rate for turkey hunting was 8.1 injuries per 100,000 hunters. Today, that rate has fallen to 2.95 per 100,000 hunters, even though numbers of turkey hunters have increased," said Rob Keck, CEO of the National Wild Turkey Federation. "Turkey hunting is one of the safest outdoor activities whether you're talking about team sports, other types of hunting or outdoor hobbies such as mountain biking."

The task force featured specialists from a broad range of backgrounds including wildlife agency administrators, hunter education coordinators and instructors, International Hunter Education Assoc. Reps. hunting/shooting industry experts, biologists, educators, wildlife law enforcement officers, and NWTf volunteers.

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Grabowski To Trick-Or-Treat With Fans

New Chicago Rush mascot Grabowski is so excited for his first Halloween he has volunteered to help Rush fans trick-or-treat and to host a pumpkin decorating contest.

Grabowski will auction off his availability for Halloween trick-or-treating duty with one Chicagoland neighborhood, with all proceeds going to the American Red Cross Hurricane Relief Fund.

Fans wishing to bid to have Grabowski trick-or-treat in their neighborhood on Halloween should e-mail their bid to tgg@chicagorush.com (minimum opening bid \$250). The auction will close at 5 p.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 26th and the winning bid will be announced at noon on Oct. 27th. Fans can track the current bidding each day on the team's Web site, www.chicagorush.com.

In addition, Grabowski also is hosting the team's inaugural Halloween pumpkin decorating contest. Rush fans are encouraged to decorate or carve a pumpkin with anything Rush in mind. Some of Grabowski's suggestions include decorating in the likeness of a Rush player, coach or even team owner Mike Ditka.

The winner of the contest - which will be judged by a team of Rush staff, players, Adrenaline Rush Dancers and coaches - will receive a football autographed by Mike Ditka and four tickets to the Rush home opener in February.

To participate, fans should e-mail a digital photo of their pumpkin creations to tgg@chicagorush.com. All photos will be posted in the photo gallery on the Rush Web site and the contest winner will be announced on Nov. 1st.

SXU Sports News Buchmeier Named All-Tourney

Junior Jessica Buchmeier (Steger/Bloom Trail) was one of just six players named to the Cornerstone University (Mich.) Golden Eagle Invitational All-Tournament Team Saturday as the Saint Xavier University volleyball team split its four matches at the Invite over the weekend picking up wins over St. Ambrose University (Iowa) and Indiana Tech in Grand Rapids, Mich. With the 2-2 outing at Cornerstone, the Cougars improve to 13-13 overall this season.

In Friday's first match against Urbana University (Ohio), SXU played well behind a team-high 20 kills from Buchmeier, but fell in the end losing the match in 5 games 26-30, 30-27, 26-30, 31-29, 11-15. Sophomore setter Traci Looby (Orland Hills/Andrew) finished with 52 assists for the Cougars, while senior libero Stephanie Huppenthal (Cedar Lake, Ind./Hanover Central) recorded 21 digs. Senior Carrie Mockovak (Burbank/Queen of Peace) also played tough defense for Saint Xavier with a team-high 15 total blocks (four solos).

Saint Xavier came storming back in the next match Friday defeating St. Ambrose University (Iowa) in four games 30-26, 27-30, 30-22, 30-21. Buchmeier led the Cougar offensive attack again with 18 kills, while junior Paige Pedigo (Chicago Ridge/Queen of Peace) turned in 15 kills for SXU. Looby finished with 43 assists and Huppenthal was solid as well on the defensive side with a team-high 23 digs.

On Saturday, SXU got off to a hot start in the morning winning the first two games of its opening match with Spring Arbor College (Mich.) 30-27 and 30-24. However, the Cougars could not sustain the momentum dropping the final three games 24-20, 29-31 and 17-19. Pedigo led Saint Xavier both offensively and defensively with 24 kills and 32 digs, while Buchmeier stayed hot on the weekend with 20 kills and 25 digs. Looby tallied 64 assists on the match, while junior Danielle Keller (Worth/Alan B. Shepard) recorded five service aces.

The Cougars avenged the loss to Spring Arbor in its next match Saturday with a three-game win over Indiana Tech 30-23, 30-21, 30-28. Buchmeier finished with a team-high nine kills in the winning effort, while Mockovak tallied seven kills and seven total blocks (three solos). Huppenthal led Saint Xavier in digs with 26, while senior setter Amy Stephens (Bowen, IL/Camp Point Central) had 32 assists and 23 digs.

Players Of The Week

St. Xavier University senior libero Stephanie Huppenthal, junior outside hitter Jessica Buchmeier and sophomore setter Traci Looby all received CCAC Player of the Week honors in their respective positions when the awards were announced by the league office in Joliet recently. In addition, Huppenthal and Looby also received NAIA Region VII Libero and Setter of the Week honors, respectively, for their parts in leading SXU to a 4-2 record last week.

Huppenthal played at the libero position in all six of St. Xavier's matches last week. In five of the six matches, she finished with dig totals of 20 or more, while also averaging less than one reception error (0.96) per game in the 23 total games the Cougars played on the week.

Playing in five of SXU's six matches on the week, Looby was the primary setter in those five matches leading the Cougars with 216 assists on the week. Looby also finished with 60 digs and nine total blocks (eight assisted) which showed her versatility around the court.

Buchmeier earned the CCAC Volleyball Player of the Week honor after being named to the Cornerstone University (Mich.) Golden Eagle Invitational All-Tournament Team over the weekend. She played in all six matches for St. Xavier and recorded 91 kills, 85 digs and 15 blocks (eight solo) on the week.

Sports Valve

By Brad Allen

Once again, leave your troubles behind and join me inside this week's Sports Valve. Remember to shut the valve behind you. This week, I have wallpapered the valve in white and black in honor of the White Sox.

In the valve cupboard is an unopened bottle of champagne, but it isn't for impending celebration as you might think. It's to beat myself over the head with ... because I'm a Cub fan.

Pro Sports Valve: As I am typing this column, I have the radio on. Suffice to say that the Rally Monkey may be looking for a new job in the off-season. Konerko has just fielded the final out in the LCS, thereby clipping the wings of the Angels. The White Sox are in the World Series!

I am viewing this White Sox glory-run, of course, through the eyes of a Cub fan. Therefore, comparisons between the two teams are inevitable in my mind.

Managerial Comparison: With a 3 games to 1 lead in this 2005 LCS, the White Sox played with the intensity and focus of a team for whom there was no tomorrow. Therefore, they created their own tomorrow. Killer instinct is another way to put it. With a 3 games to 1 lead in the 2003 LCS, the Cubs seemed to play laid back. Therefore, they got laid out! Doesn't that describe the managers?

Also, Ozzie plays the hot hand regardless of how fair or unfair it is to certain players. I refer you to Jenks and Hermanson. On the other side of town, the player who seems to have earned the most loyalty plays - period.

Further, Ozzie goes with his gut feeling. He's wrong sometimes, but you always have the sense that he manages hands-on and treats each situation as unique from the last. On the other side of town, there seems to be this pre-prepared list of general baseball theorems, which the manager dully applies to specific situations, i.e. taking a pitcher out after he's reached a certain pitch count - even if he's still fresh and effective that specific day.

Organizational Comparison: Kenny Williams took a chance on a supposed troublemaker, A.J. Pierzynski, because he figured his fire, intensity and talent might lead to more victories. If any trouble would have ensued, Ozzie Guillen was entrusted with the task of keeping the peace.

The 2005 Cubs, on the other hand, got rid of anybody who was supposedly considered to be a potential hothead. I guess they decided that the loss of Kent Mercker's 2.54 ERA and Moises Alou's 100+ RBI were small prices to pay in order to achieve the ultimate goal of having a warm and fuzzy fan-friendly ticket-selling team. I thought Dusty was supposed to be a clubhouse guru at handling players.

Finally, if he's the best guy for the job at the moment, the White Sox will play a player even if he's a little banged up. That player will be put on the shelf only as a last resort. Witness Frank Thomas. During the brief stretch of the season when he played, he played wounded, but the Sox bagged an extra few wins because of the temporary offensive boost he provided.

The players on the Cubs, on the other hand, are deactivated at the drop of a hat especially if they happen to be fan favorites who may put future butts in the seats. Don't tell me that the Cubs' primary goal has more to do with financial investments than winning ballgames.

Before my blood pressure raises any further, I'll congratulate the Sox one more time before hurrying off to the purer-natured amateur section of the sports valve.

Amateur Sports Valve:

So, you say there's not enough scoring in soccer! It came to my attention that Mount Carmel recently tallied an insane total of 22 goals in one game. I had to contact the school to verify this one. Responding to my interrogation, they insisted that: a) It actually happened; b) The other team's goalkeeper was there; and c) The other team's players' shoes were not tied together.

In football last week, Mark Williams of Richards High School, not only scored six touchdowns (narrowly missing a seventh), but he amassed 347 yards despite carrying the ball only 16 times. That's 1041 feet - with big, angry testosterone-filled teenagers trying to stop him! I haven't run that far since I chased that noisy ice cream truck down the street after it woke me up from a nap with its incessant jingle - and the only people in my way were a couple of small sobbing children with ice cream cones conspicuously missing from their little hands. If that happens again, I'll just turn Mark Williams loose.

Sports Tip Valve:

I guess this week's tip should be run to first base even if the catcher catches a strike three on the fly! Ha! Just kidding, Sox fans. We all know that ball hit the dirt! Truth be told, it was one of those magic baseballs that can hit the ground at 90 MPH without kicking up any dirt!

Seriously, since it is still baseball season (for some people) let me tell you how I learned how to teach kids the art of hitting an off-speed pitch. Most batters who sit dead-red on a fastball transfer their weight forward too fast to have chance of hitting that surprise change-up.

Well, I always knew how to deliver a change-up - basically, you just keep the same arm speed, but lift your fingertips off the ball which delays release and slows pitch speed. However, I never knew how to combat against a change-up until I coached a kid from the projects named Carl. Actually, without knowing it, he coached me! He never had a problem hitting a change-up and I wondered why. So, I studied him until I figured it out.

He was treading time! He would delay his forward momentum by rising upward instead. He rose on his toes. When the pitch finally arrived he wasn't so forward-committed that he couldn't hit the pitch. Thanks, Carl. Na, Na, Hey, Hey. Good Bye. Exit valve.

Hall Of Fame Inductees

St. Xavier University women's volleyball coach Bob Heersema and men's basketball coach Tom O'Malley were both inducted into the 2005 class of the CCAC Hall of Fame on Sunday at the Butler Reception Room on SXU's Chicago campus. With the additions of Heersema and O'Malley, SXU now has a total of six inductees in the CCAC Hall of Fame, which began in 1991.

Heersema is in his 19th season as head coach of the Cougar women's volleyball program. His teams have posted 390 wins during his career. In 1989, 1998 and 2000, Heersema was named the CCAC Coach of the Year. In 1989 and 1998, he was the NAIA District 20 Coach of the Year, and the NAIA Region VII Coach of the Year following the 2000 season. Heersema has coached two NAIA All-Americans and led his squads to three conference championships (1997, 1998 and 2000) and one national tournament appearance (2000).

Entering his ninth year at the helm of the SXU men's basketball program, O'Malley has put together some impressive seasons. However, the 2004-05 season may have been his finest ever with the Cougars earning a school record-tying 30 wins and posting their best-ever finish at the NAIA National Tournament with an Elite Eight appearance. O'Malley has a 212-73 overall record at SXU and his teams have averaged 26 wins a season during his eight-year tenure.

Besides Heersema and O'Malley, six other CCAC coaches made up the 2005 class of CCAC Hall of Fame inductees. These included: Al Bruehl (Robert Morris College men's basketball coach), Denny Fox (Cardinal Stritch University men's basketball coach), Elliot Johnson (Olivet Nazarene University baseball coach), Rich Panella (Cardinal Stritch University women's basketball coach), Ritchie Richardson (Olivet Nazarene University softball coach) and Brenda Williams (Olivet Nazarene University volleyball coach).

The previous four CCAC Hall of Fame members from SXU were former softball coach Lynn O'Linski (1991), former baseball coach John Morrey (1991), former men's basketball coach Mike Keasler (1992) and current baseball coach Mike Dooley (2002).

Moraine Valley Men's Golf Team On Par To Compete This Season

The Moraine Valley men's golf team is "driving" forward in competing for a Skyway conference championship this year. With four returning players and five competitive first-year school players on board, the Cyclones are poised for success.

Bob Freudenthal, the golf team coach, is excited about the potential of his team and the efforts of its individual performers.

Team members this year include James Carrick, a long driver who's distance makes him a threat to shoot low every outing; Kevin Farrell, a consistent freshman player who sprung up from a great program at Lockport Township High School; Jesus Erik Hernandez, a mature freshman from Mexico with a sound swing; Stevyn Holdefer, a first-year, highly motivated player with a constant eagerness to improve; Jeff Shunick, a second-year player from Carl Sandburg High School who brings experience, talent and power to the tee box; Pat VerSchave, a good team player from Oak Lawn High School whose work habits will contribute to his continuous improvement; Andrew Walter, a first-year player from Kennedy High School whose experience in the golf industry consistently helps his contributions; Tom Williams, a freshman power-hitter whose long game always sets him up in score low and Rich Zubek, a veteran from Stagg High School with a very consistent game.

The Cyclones finished second in the Skyway Conference standings last year.

Player Of The Week

Saint Xavier University senior quarterback John Perryman (Oak Lawn/Richards) was one of two NAIA football players named National Offensive Player of the Week in the latest issue of Don Hansen's National Weekly Football Gazette released Wednesday. Perryman was instrumental in the No. 6 ranked Cougars' 35-16 road win over William Penn University (Iowa) Saturday in Oskaloosa, Iowa.

Perryman completed 24 of his 36 pass attempts for 298 yards, three touchdowns (one rushing) and one interception. Both his touchdown passes came in the first half of Saturday's win to help the Cougars build a 16-9 halftime advantage. Perryman also finished the game with six carries for 13 yards and a fourth-quarter score on the ground. Dakota State University senior quarterback Art Solis was the other National Offensive Player of the Week recognized this week by the Football Gazette.

October Programs

Camp Sagawau, Environmental Education Center, in Lemont, is offering a variety of free interpretive nature programs on weekends in October. The meeting place for most programs is the red farmhouse at Camp Sagawau, located at Il. Rt. 83, 100 yards E. of Archer Ave. (171).

Camp Programs will include a visit to the only rock canyon in Cook County. Be prepared to get your feet wet in varying levels of water as you wade the creek. Bird banding demonstrations will help you learn as the Chicagoland Bird Observatory researchers, trap and band migratory and resident birds.

Other programs include a fall color tour where you can learn why trees turn color in the fall; a fall prairie tour to see the seasons' last flowers; a restoration work day where you can help revive our ailing ecosystems; a fall and winter bird feeding to learn how to attract a variety of birds by the feed you offer.

Off-site programs include a waterfowl watch at McGinnis Slough and a fossil hunt.

For more information or to make reservations for any of the camp programs, call (630) 257-2045, weekdays between 7:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Moraine Valley Women's Soccer Team Heads For Conference Title

With one-third of the 2005 women's soccer season complete, the Lady Cyclones are off to a good start.

This year's team has a strong nucleus of returning players, led by last year's All-Conference selections Rachel Corsi (Lemont High School) and Sonia Navejar (Argo H.S.). Also returning for their second year are experienced sophomores Megan Connolly (Stagg H.S.), Nicole Fitzgerald (Maria H.S.), Alicia Mauricio (Eisenhower H.S.), Chelsea Peglow (Sandburg H.S.) and Lucy Wodziak (Oak Lawn H.S.).

First year players who are looking to make an immediate impact with their speed, precision and stamina include Jacqueline Arenas (McAuley H.S.), Karen Depke (Argo H.S.), Ashley DeValk (Reavis H.S.), Claudia Esparza (Eisenhower H.S.), Jillian Griffith (Queen of Peace H.S.), Reina Hernandez (Argo H.S.), Cecelia Nunez (Maria H.S.), Vanessa Vazquez (Maria H.S.), and goalkeeper Monica Pacheco (Richards H.S.).

This year's Lady Cyclones have a strong defense to build on, but also have potential for some offensive output with new coach Jim Knawa at the helm. Knawa replaces Jim Harkness, who ran a successful soccer program at the college for the past five seasons. Knawa has been actively involved in coaching various youth sports since 1983 in several capacities. He began coaching soccer on a recreational basis in 1990 and has been associated with high school competitive teams in their off-seasons, as well as being involved in several youth athletic boards and councils.

Knawa is assisted this year by Alfonso Carillin.

Bulls Present 4th "Preps with Pros" Season

The Chicago Bulls' "Preps with Pros" program will tip off its fourth season in December with a 17-game schedule featuring local elementary, high school and community college teams. Each season "Preps with Pros" offers elementary schools, high schools and colleges the unique experience of playing on the Bulls' United Center court while raising funds for each respective institution. Seventeen regular season basketball games featuring 33 schools are planned from Dec. 5th through Feb. 24th.

"Preps with Pros" allows schools to purchase Bulls tickets at a discount and resell them at face value to raise funds for their respective institutions. The purchased tickets serve as admission to the school's afternoon game and the Bulls' home contest on that date.

Discounted tickets for "Preps for Pros" games can be purchased through each school or by visiting www.bulls.com, selecting Group Events, and then the game of choice. Tickets at regular prices are available at the United Center box office. Ticketmaster locations, online at www.ticketmaster.com or by calling 1(800) 4NBA-TIX.

Schools interested in participating in the program should contact the Bulls' group events department at (312) 455-4000.

Basketball Camp

St. Rita High School will be offering a basketball camp for boys in grades 6th-8th. The camp will be held on Monday, Oct. 24th to Wednesday, Oct. 26th.

For more information, contact John Bonk at St. Rita, (773) 925-6600, ext. 6641.

PREP SPORTS ROUND-UP

BOYS FOOTBALL

Friday, 10-14-05

Bremen 42; Rich East 0
Argo 41; Reavis 7
T.F. South 17; Richards 7
Brother Rice 34; Providence Catholic 10
Lincoln Way Central 34; Lockport 13
Lincoln Way East 38; Homewood-Flossmoor 13
Andrew 47; Shepard 3
Hillcrest 41; Kankakee 0
Oak Forest 40; Romeoville 6
Lane Tech 33; Curie 17
Rich Central 18; Evergreen Park 0
St. Viator 27; Marist 7
Tinley Park 35; Rich South 28
Carmel 56; Marian Catholic 30
T.F. North 41; Eisenhower 14
Sandburg 44; Joliet Township 0
Bishop McNamara 34; St. Laurence 15

BOYS SOCCER

Tuesday, 10-11-05

Lincoln Way Central 2; Andrew 0
Sandburg 8; Bolingbrook 0
Mount Carmel 22; Guerin Prep 0
Lincoln Way East 3; Homewood-Flossmoor 0
Reavis 4; Romeoville 1
Rich East 6; Rich South 0
Oak Forest 6; Tinley Park 1
Argo 6; Richards 0
Bremen 6; Shepard 0
Lockport 4; Stagg 2

BOYS SOCCER

Wednesday, 10-12-05

Mount Carmel 2; St. Rita 0

Brother Rice 0; Providence 0
St. Ignatius 5; Gordon Tech 0
Eisenhower 1; Stagg 1
Oak Lawn 3; Richards 1
Andrew 2; Homewood-Flossmoor 0
Marist 6; Nazareth Academy 0

BOYS SOCCER

Friday, 10-14-05

De LaSalle 3; Aronzeville 0
Morgan Park Academy 5; St. Benedict 0

BOYS SOCCER

Friday, 10-14-05

Morgan Park Academy 4; Noble Street Charter 2
Francis Parker 6; Chicago Christian 2

GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

Tuesday 10-11-05

Mother McAuley d. Queen of Peace 25-12, 25-12
Marist d. St. Viator 25-16, 25-15
Joliet Catholic Academy d. Benet Academy 25-14, 25-12
Stagg d. Joliet Township 25-16, 25-19
Sandburg d. Lockport 25-17, 25-18
Lincoln Way East d. Bradley 25-14, 23-25, 25-23
Providence Catholic d. Marian Catholic 19-25, 25-23, 25-22
Tinley Park d. Bremen 25-22, 25-18
T.F. North d. Thomson 25-7, 25-13
Chicago Christian d. Walther Lutheran 25-21, 25-15
Shepard d. Argo 20-25, 25-14, 25-17
Illiana Christian d. Luther South 25-8, 25-5
Evergreen Park d. Hillcrest 25-9, 25-20
Morgan Park Academy d. Lake Forest Academy 25-15, 25-16
Lemont d. Fenton 25-14, 22-25, 25-12
Lincoln Way Central d. Homewood-Flossmoor 25-11, 25-13
St. Ignatius d. Regina Dominican 25-10, 25-21

De LaSalle d. St. Francis de Sales 25-15, 25-20
Guerin Prep d. Maria 25-22, 26-24
Oak Forest d. Eisenhower 25-19, 25-12
Rich East d. Rich Central 25-23, 25-14
Oak Lawn d. Romeoville 17-25, 25-15, 25-15

GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

Wednesday 10-12-05

Morgan Park d. Marshall 25-11, 25-10
Thornwood d. Thornridge 25-17, 25-18
Oak Lawn d. Reavis 25-6, 25-12
T.F. South d. T.F. North 25-19, 23-25, 25-21
Tinley Park d. Hillcrest 25-19, 25-16
Richards d. Shepard 22-25, 25-18, 25-14
Illiana Christian d. Beecher 25-14, 25-20
Evergreen Park d. Eisenhower 25-12, 26-24
Hersey d. Marian Catholic 25-21, 25-9

GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

Friday 10-14-05

Andrew d. Maria 25-19, 25-23
Andrew d. Gordon Tech 25-15, 25-12
Stagg d. Evanston 25-12, 25-22
Stagg d. Hoffman Estates 25-17, 25-14

GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

Monday 10-17-05

Stagg d. Lockport 25-14, 18-25, 25-21
Marist d. Providence Catholic 25-12, 25-16
Sandburg d. Bolingbrook 25-15, 25-21
Andrew d. Lincoln Way Central 18-25, 25-23, 26-24
Illiana Christian d. Mount Assisi 25-22, 25-15
Lincoln Way East d. Homewood-Flossmoor 25-14, 25-12
Marian Catholic d. Queen of Peace 25-15, 25-13
Morgan Park Academy d. Willow Academy 25-15, 25-11
McLure Park d. Mather 25-18, 25-13

BOYS GOLF

Tuesday 10-11-05

Normal University High 294; Lockport 305.
Mahomet-Seymour 308
Mt. Clayton Parkhill, Champaign Central, 68

GIRLS SWIMMING

Tuesday, 10-11-05

Thornion Fractional co-op 105; Oak Lawn 82
Lincoln Way East 113; Hinsdale South 72

GIRLS SWIMMING

Wednesday, 10-12-05

Oak Forest 95; Evergreen Park 89
Lincoln Way Central 105; Andrew 83
Kankakee 145; Bremen 98; Maria 25

GIRLS SWIMMING

Friday, 10-14-05

Mother McAuley 281; Marian Catholic 211
Richards 200; Evergreen Park 189
Nequa Valley 367; Homewood-Flossmoor 228
... Lyons Township 207

GIRLS SWIMMING

Monday, 10-17-05

Lincoln Way Central 108; Oak Forest 78

BOYS HOCKEY

Tuesday, 10-11-05

Mount Carmel 4; Providence Catholic 3

LOOK HERE WEEKLY



Commended Students

Principal James Muting of St. Laurence High School has announced the names of seniors who have been recognized as Commended Students in the 2006 National Merit Scholarship Program and those named as AP Scholars and AP Scholars with Honors in the Advanced Placement Program of the College Board.

Three seniors were among the approximately 34,000 Commended Students throughout the nation who have been recognized for their exceptional academic promise by the 2006 National Merit Scholarship Program. Commended Students placed in the top five percent of more than one million students who entered the 2006 competition by taking the 2004 Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test. The Commended Students are Casimir Ksiazek of Justice (seated, left), Matthew Tucker of Oak Lawn (standing, left) and Michael Clark of Garfield Ridge (seated, right).

Senior Matt Alvin of Burbank (standing, right) and Clark were recognized as AP Scholars in the Advanced Placement Program of the College Board. Ksiazek was named as an AP Scholar with Honors in the same program.

Principal Muting commented, "We are extremely proud of these young men and their accomplishments. It is wonderful to see their hard work and diligence being recognized by these programs. These seniors are fine examples of our motto - St. Laurence is the school 'Where Leadership Begins.'"

South Suburban PADS Volunteers

South Suburban PADS is looking for additional volunteers for its homeless shelters, which opened for the season on Oct. 17th. Nine churches in Oak Lawn, Burbank, Chicago Ridge, Worth, Palos Hills and Oak Forest take turns providing shelter.

PADS volunteers are asked to work one four or five-hour shift per month. There are four different shifts available between 6 p.m. and 7 a.m. The greatest need is for volunteers on the late night and early morning shifts, from 10:45 p.m. to 3 a.m. and 2:45 to 7 a.m., but all shifts need additional volunteers. There is also an urgent need for volunteers on Sunday night and early Monday morning.

Those who want to volunteer or request additional information may call Linda Seyller at 857-1039.

Three Men Indicted In Shooting

Three men, accused of fatally shooting two victims at Frankie's Beef and Pasta, 5721 W. 95th St. were indicted for the crimes on Thursday, Oct. 20th. Edan Maya, 20, his brother, David, 19 & Flugencio Osorio, 20 were indicted on multiple counts of first-degree murder. It is alleged that they shot Carlos Flores-Lopez, 27, of Alsip & Alberto Rodriguez, 21, of Worth, who worked at Frankie's.

According to reports, on Sept. 17th, Edan Maya and Flores-Lopez argued over a job that had been given to Flores-Lopez. The argument escalated into a fight. It was stated that Maya returned from Mexico to find that while he was gone, Flores-Lopez was given his job as head fryer at the restaurant.

Allegedly, Maya, who brought two semi-automatic weapons, his brother and Osorio returned to the restaurant the next morning. While Flores-Lopez and Rodriguez were preparing food, Edan Maya allegedly shot them both.

Edan Maya is being held without bail in the Cook County jail. David Maya is being held on \$4 million bail and Osorio is being held on \$1 million bail.

POLICE CALLS

On October 4th Demetrius Sprowles-Caples, 21, of Chicago was arrested and charged with retail theft after security at the store, where he was employed reviewed tapes from September 30th and observed Sprowles-Caples under ringing menswear.

On October 5th Keith Ambrose, 28, of Oak Lawn was arrested and charged with driving under the influence and leaving the scene of an accident. According to a witness, Ambrose drove his car into a light pole near Southwest Highway and Sproat. Ambrose exited his car to check the damage, then drove away. Police followed the trail of leaking antifreeze to the van, a short distance away.

On October 7th Jeffery Nazar, 27, of Chicago Ridge was arrested and charged with battery after a verbal argument escalated into Nazar punching the victim in the head several times.

Bright Red Apple Award

Oak Lawn-Hometown School District 123 recently earned the 2005 Bright Red Apple Award of excellence.

SchoolSearch, the judge and presenter of the award, is an education industry entity dedicated to helping families make informed school choices.

The award, given to only 10% of Illinois schools, is based on 5 primary family-favored categories, the first being Academic

Performance. 76.67% of all 3rd, 5th & 8th graders in the district who take the Illinois Standards Achievement Test must meet or exceed Illinois standards.

The second category has to do with classroom size. The student/teacher ratio must be less than or equal to 19.4 to 1.

To satisfy the third category, a district must spend a sufficient amount of money to provide students with a well rounded education. Operating expenditure per pupil must be at least \$7,928.

The fourth and fifth categories concern themselves with teachers' educational level & salary. Pursuantly, at least 48.6% of the teachers in the district must have a master's degree or better, and the average teacher's salary must be \$45,884 or greater.

For other recipients of this award visit www.schoolsearchrankings.com.

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SHOP AND SAVE IN OAK LAWN

OLCHS Alumni Hall Of Fame Inductees

Oak Lawn Community High School inducted James K. Purpura and Timothy G. Purpura to the Alumni Hall of Fame on Fri., Oct. 14th. The ceremony was scheduled for 7 p.m. in Gym 101. The induction ceremony was in conjunction with the 2005 Homecoming Events & the Academic Letter Ceremony.

James Purpura graduated from Oak Lawn Community High School in 1973. He received a bachelor's degree from Northern Illinois University in meteorology in 1977 and a second bachelor's degree in computer science in 1988 from the University of Central Oklahoma.

Christmas Program

Wesleyan Community Church has reached out to the community by providing free quality entertainment while sharing the Christmas message with over 15,000 people since the outreach began.

This year, the church's Adult Community Choir will be presenting another wonderful Christmas program at 8844 S. Austin, called "Wondrous Gift."

Performances will be on Dec. 10th at 6 p.m. and Dec. 11th at 7 p.m. Also, the children will present their own very special program on Dec. 18th at 10 a.m. However, they could use your help.

Funding for this year's productions will mostly be derived from Wesleyan's "Silent Auction and Italian Dinner" on Friday, Nov. 11th at 6:30 p.m., also at 8844 S. Austin. The dinner is free, but business owners and individuals in the area are donating items to be auctioned off at the silent auction.

If you would like to be involved as a donator, bidder, helper, etc., contact the church at (708) 599-3660.

He is the Meteorologist in Charge at the National Weather Service office in San Diego, California. James supervises 25 people, including meteorologists who issue weather and water forecasts and warnings in an area serving over 9 million people in Southern California.

James has been with the National Weather Service since 1982. He has received numerous awards including both Gold and Silver Medals for meritorious service from the U.S. Dept. of Commerce. These are the highest awards a civilian can receive from the U.S. Dept. of Commerce. James has appeared as a weather expert on numerous national and local news programs as well as documentaries on The

Weather Channel, The Learning Channel (TLC), IMAX Theater Presentations, and the History Channel.

Interestingly enough, James' interest in weather was influenced by the Oak Lawn tornado of April 1967. As a result, he spent 15 years in Oklahoma training thousands of volunteer observers to spot and report tornadoes and other severe storms.

Timothy Purpura graduated from Oak Lawn Community High School in 1976. He received a bachelor's degree in psychology from Loyola University of Chicago and a law degree from Thomas Jefferson School of Law in San Diego.

On Nov. 1st, 2004, Tim was promoted to General Manager for the Houston Astros. Prior to his promotion, Tim served as the assistant general manager and directed the operation of the club's player development system and six minor league affiliates. He assisted with all aspects of Major League operations, including player trades and free-agent acquisitions, contract negotiations & coordination of Major League scouting efforts.

Tim joined the Astros after spending two seasons as a founding staff member of the Arizona Fall League, a successful development league operated by Major League Baseball

that serves as a finishing school for top prospects. In 2003, Tim was elected to the Board of Directors for the National Association, the governing board of minor league baseball.

The Oak Lawn Community High School Alumni Hall of Fame Committee was pleased to honor James & Timothy Purpura. The Oct. 14th Alumni Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony was open to the public.

Home Invasion Investigated

On Saturday, Oct. 15th at 1 a.m., a home invasion began at a home around 97th Place and Kilpatrick in Oak Lawn. A husband and wife were held captive.

Seven hours later, the wife was allowed to leave the house. She went to her job at Charter One Bank on Pulaski and 120th Street

and removed a large sum of money.

She then set the money outside the bank where somebody picked it up and left.

Oak Lawn Police and the FBI are still sorting through this apparent home invasion/bank robbery and will release information as they are able.



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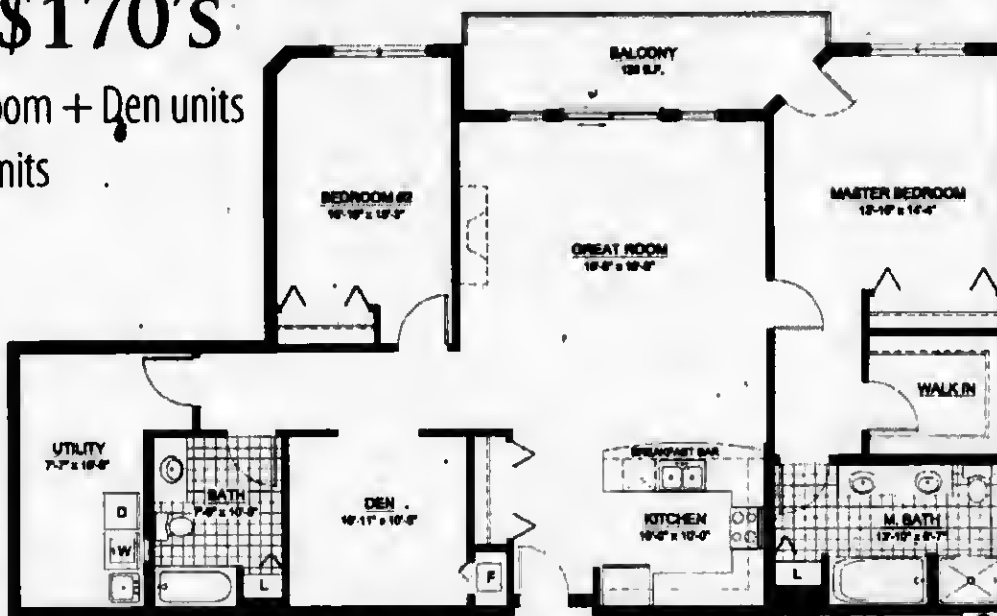


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Thoughts On Health & Nutrition

by
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THE NICKEL ALLERGY

Ever find your eyes suddenly becoming swollen and itchy, or an annoying rash on your tummy around your belly button? You are not using cosmetics, and you have not changed your soap, lotion, medical cream, or jewelry...so what is this?? It could be a nickel allergy!

NICKEL—A BRIEF HISTORY

Nickel is one of the most abundant elements in the earth's crust, and comprises about 3% of the composition of the earth. In 1751, the Swedish chemist AF Cronstedt isolated nickel and denoted it as the element number 28 on the Periodic Table of Elements (for all you scientists) where it is referred to as Ni. The name nickel comes from the German word *kupfernickel* meaning *devil's copper or false copper*. Historically, this silver-white metal has been used by man since antiquity for many reasons—for example, as a natural alloy for weaponry and armor.

Back in the 19th century nickel was found in Flying Indian Head cents and three-cent pieces. Since then, five cent nickels have contained nickel, except for those issued during some of the World War II years.

ALLERGY PRESENTATION

Clinically a nickel allergy can present as an itchy, raised, and/or red dermatitis (skin inflammation), sometimes having little red vessels. In children, the allergy classically appears on earlobes, the neck, wrists, and in the area of blue jean snaps. Women are more prone to nickel allergies than men, due to jewelry, hair underwires, etc. Sweat can readily dissolve nickel, along with pressure, moisture and friction, creating a nickel rash. When compounded as stainless steel, however, nickel is so firmly bound that it does not leach out at levels significant enough to cause dermatitis.

Today, nickel is widely used for producing nickel alloys and nickel cast iron. As a result, potential exposure sources include: zippers, safety pins, door knobs, keys, scissors, bracelets, eyelash curlers, belt buckles, metal eyeglass frames, razors, thumbtacks, coins, tools, appliances, household utensils, alkaline batteries, and many more. Ear piercing is a major source of nickel sensitization, first through the piercing process and then through the use of nickel-containing jewelry.

DIET AND SMOKING/INHALATION

Diet and smoking, along with industrial inhalation, also represent huge sources of nickel exposure. In sensitized patients, nickel in the food you eat can cause a relapse of dermatitis. In fact, in a recent study I have come across involving nickel-sensitive persons, a low nickel diet was effective in controlling the symptoms in almost half of them.

To aggravate the situation, food processing and storage methods apparently add to the nickel levels already present in food, as do the leaching of nickel from kitchen utensils, cookware and water pipes.

Smoking also represents a significant form of nickel exposure, since a typical cigarette contains a notable amount of nickel. When you factor in that many Americans smoke almost a pack of cigarettes per day, you are talking about twenty times that.

In room air, the level of nickel inhalation is small, but there are higher levels present in contaminated air, such as sewage incinerators, diesel fuel-burners, recycling products, and output from glass and ceramic factories. The presence of nickel in some orthopedic prostheses can be as high as 35%, according to the medical journal *Skin and Aging*, May, 2005. This is sufficient to induce a rash in nickel-sensitized persons and medical personnel working with these items.

Dermatologists can patch test for a nickel allergy, if you are suspicious of a recurring rash, or one that just won't go away. Process of elimination on your own, however, is one way to start your investigation into a nickel allergy. There are also foods you can avoid which contain nickel, (see list below) if you want to try testing by the trial and error technique. However you proceed, it is wise to find the culprit of your rash if you want to put yourself out of terrible, itchy misery!

SOME FOODS TO AVOID WHICH CONTAIN NICKEL

Asparagus
Baking powder
Beer (sorry)
Cocoa and dark chocolate
Dry legumes
Gelatin
Hazelnuts
Oatmeal
Oysters
Soy beans and products
Sunflower seeds
Wine (red)

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Top Five Travel Destinations For Seniors

Peripatetic seniors can gather terrific ideas at a presentation by travel experts Kathleen Gaffney and Aggie Lewis at the Smith Village Information Center, 10400 S. Western Ave. in Chicago's Beverly neighborhood on Tuesday, Oct. 25, at 1 p.m. These popular experts will provide insiders' perspectives about the "Top Five Travel Destinations for Seniors."

Owner of Gaffney Travel since 1969, Gaffney and her colleague Aggie Lewis, an agent with 14 years of experience, have extensive experience servicing local seniors and promise insights about planning hassle-free adventures from personal experience and those of these discriminating clients.

Their presentation will include great ideas for vacations in the United States and abroad. They'll explore wonderful excursions like European river cruising and luxury train travel that allow travelers to have one, wonderful home base from which to visit many sites.

Also, many seniors enjoy organized bus tours, but there are tips that can help select the best one. "Look for tours that spend a few nights in each location," says Gaffney. "That way you get to enjoy each place more and you're not constantly on the move. Also, some bus companies pick you up right at your home which makes departure a breeze."

While at the Smith Village Information Center, visitors may enjoy complimentary refreshments, view a scale model of Smith Village, and learn more about the community that will reinvent retirement living in Beverly and the surrounding area.

Smith Village will provide independent living, assisted living, memory support and skilled nursing care. Its newly constructed campus will feature nine different spacious floor plans to choose from and a host of services and amenities.

Smith Village is one of the highly-regarded Smith Senior Living communities in the southwestern region of metropolitan Chicago. Smith-sponsored communities make it possible for seniors to enjoy a vibrant, active lifestyle. The not-for-profit organization established its first community in 1924.

To make reservations for the "Top 5 Travel Destinations for Seniors" presentation, or for more information about how Smith Village can help seniors enjoy their retirement, call (773) 881-4950 or visit www.SmithVillage.org.

Historic Health Care Hearings Kicked Off

Struggling under the burden of ever-increasing health care costs citizens are being given a chance to get involved and speak out on the need for a comprehensive health care plan that would open the door to affordable health insurance for all by 2007. Everybody IN and Nobody OUT was the consensus being aired by consumers, providers and others at this first public hearing.

A wide range of testimony occurred from working families unable to afford comprehensive health insurance, self-employed individuals, small businesses and a growing number of individuals who are underinsured. Nearly 1 in 3 Illinoisans (3.6 million) under the age of 65 were uninsured for all of 2003 and 2004 or for a large period of that time. The vast majority of the uninsured were workers and members of working families.

Over the next seven months, public hearings to assist the State Legislature implement the innovative Health Care Justice Act will be held in all 19 Congressional Districts. "This is the culmination of years of effort by people and organizations all across the state," said Jim Duffett, a member of the State Health Care Task Force. "A broad coalition of organizations and consumers throughout the state will be mobilizing for each of these public hearings and forming local groups to hold our elected officials accountable for the implementation of the Health Care Justice Act."

Lupus Education Program

The Lupus Foundation of America will conduct free public and professional education programs on the "State of the Art Approaches from Lupus Experts" on Oct. 22nd at the Hilton Chicago, 720 S. Michigan Ave. The programs aim to educate physicians, individuals with lupus, and their families on the latest advances in the management and treatment of lupus. Lupus experts will discuss genetics, skin disease, renal disease, and clinical challenges of lupus, including osteoporosis, atherosclerosis and pregnancy.

A program for health professionals will be held from 8 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. The target audience is specialists in nephrology, dermatology, rheumatology, immunology, and internal medicine. The afternoon program from 1 until 4 p.m. is for individuals with lupus and their families.

To register on-line or for additional information, visit the Lupus Foundation of America web site at www.lupus.org. To register for these programs by telephone, dial 1(800) 238-9620 and enter PIN 7451 for the patient program or PIN 5240 for the professional program.

Authentic Pilates Class

Looking for a great way to relieve stress and become more energized? St. Francis Hospital & Health Center is offering "Authentic Pilates"—an innovative, mind-body exercise class.

The six-week class will take place on Thursdays, Oct. 27 through Dec. 8, 6 to 7 p.m. There is no class Nov. 24.

Authentic Pilates is an effective way to improve one's posture and body awareness, gain flexibility, strength, energy and mental focus. The class will focus on beginner as well as advanced participant levels.

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Veterans And Soldiers News

By Lori Taylor Ph: 708.388.2425

Great Lakes Naval Hospital and North Chicago VA have been combined to become the nation's first joint Navy-VA hospital. North Chicago VA and Great Lakes Hospitals have been operating for years about one and a half miles apart. The Navy hospital will close and a new \$100 million naval hospital will be built next to the North Chicago VA Medical Center. The plans state construction will begin sometime in 2007 and be finished in 2009. The old Navy hospital will be torn down.

There will be separate entrances for veterans and naval personnel but everything else will be shared. The operating rooms are to be in the VA building. It is estimated the renovation will cost about \$13 million.

The Naval Hospital will serve military personnel and their families and the VA hospital will serve veterans but the two merged hospitals will share the same doctors.

Governor Blagojevich and Lt. Gov. Pat Quinn met with U.S. Secretary of the Army, Dr. Francis J. Harvey, on Oct. 12th to describe problems Illinois families have had with the Army's procedures for notifying next of kin when a soldier is killed. The two also presented recommendations for improving the Casualty Assistance protocol in Illinois, which is the program for providing death notification and follow-up support for families of fallen Illinois soldiers. The Governor and Lt. Governor requested the meeting with the Army's highest official after hearing from several Illinois families who encountered insensitive casualty assistance officers, delays in notification and other problems after their loved ones were killed in the line of duty.

Blagojevich and Quinn specifically asked the Army to implement the following changes: Better officer training for grief counseling for families, including dealing with distraught relatives and carefully managing local media; Better organization to ensure proper body transport from overseas to the family, military, and local funeral home; Complete and prompt delivery of all the service member's awards and decorations to the family; Better training to secure all state and federal benefits/programs available to the family; And, create a mentoring program to allow officers to volunteer and learn "on the job" rather than be assigned to the Casualty Assistance Program.

Our "Outdoors" columnist Jim Kirby and I received the same communication from the Illinois Department of Resources regarding a special pass being available to military members who live in Illinois and who have served abroad, including guard or reserve members called to active duty. The special pass provides camping, fishing and hunting fee exemptions for qualified military members. Guard and reserve members can apply if it is within two years of their return from abroad or release from mobilization.

The pass also offers a combined Sportsman's License and Habitat Stamp for hunting and fishing, and an archery or firearm deer permit if requested and available. Military members are eligible for free sport fishing, hunting and camping for one year for each year (and portion of one year) served.

To receive an Armed Forces Special Pass from the Illinois Department of Natural Resources, qualifying military members must appear in person at the IDNR Headquarters, One Natural Resources Way, Springfield, within two years of their return from abroad or release from mobilization, provide verification of dates of service, and provide a photo ID.

Since Mr. Kirby is our sports specialist I will quote his comment on having to go all the way to Springfield in person to receive this special pass. "It seems unreasonable to require these returning heroes to have to travel all the way to Springfield to receive these passes. Why can't this be done at local IDNR regional offices throughout the state?" I will follow this up with Kirby and let you know how we are doing in the future to possibly get someone in this area to issue the passes.

We express our deepest sympathy to the family of Army National Guardsman James T. Grijalva of Burbank who died in Iraq last week. Grijalva, 26, died from a noncombat-related injury, according to the Military Affairs Department. He was a part of the Urbana based 2nd Battalion 130th Infantry. He enlisted in the Army in 1999 and is a graduate of Curie High School in Chicago. May God bless his family and loved ones during this time of deep sorrow.

Cadet Adam Friedrich Werner, son of Kevin and Debra Werner of Worth, completed Cadet Basic Training at the U.S. Military Academy. Werner entered the Academy on June 27, 2005. He graduated from Alan B. Shepard High School in 2004. Werner plans to graduate in 2009 from West Point and be commissioned a second lieutenant in the U.S. Army.

Navy Seaman Todd V. Eskra, son of Terry Phillips of Palos Hills, participated in Hurricane Katrina and Rita relief efforts while assigned to Naval Mobile Construction Battalion (NMCB) 40 home-based in Port Hueneme, California. Eskra is a 2004 graduate of Amos Alonzo Stagg High School in Palos Hills.

Navy Seaman Apprentice Lucyna Mol, daughter of Maria and Andrzej Mol of Burbank, recently completed U.S. Navy basic training at Recruit Training Command, Great Lakes. Mol is a 2000 graduate of Curie High School in Chicago.

Navy Petty Officer 1st Class Edreal L. Evans, son of Tawanda Adams of Dixmoor and Edward Evans of Chicago, returned from a four-and-a-half month deployment while assigned to the amphibious assault ship USS Boxer, home-ported in San Diego. Evans joined the Navy in December 1994.

Good-bye until next week and God bless you and God bless America.

ExxonMobil Settlement

Attorney General Lisa Madigan Oct. 11th joined the U.S. Department of Justice and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency in announcing that a settlement has been reached with ExxonMobil to reduce air, water and land pollution at the oil company's refineries nationwide, including its Joliet refinery.

ExxonMobil has agreed to install and implement innovative control technologies at its seven U.S. oil refineries to reduce the refineries' annual emissions of harmful air pollutants, including nitrogen oxide and sulfur dioxide. The company also will upgrade its leak detection and repair practices, minimize flaring of hazardous gases, reduce emissions from its sulfur recover plants and adopt strategies to ensure the proper handling of hazardous benzene wastes at each refinery.

The expected cost for ExxonMobil to implement the emission control improvements at the Joliet refinery is \$180 million. It is estimated that the improvements will decrease the amount of nitrogen oxide emission by approximately 1,800 tons per year and the amount of sulfur dioxide emissions by 24,000 tons per year.

In addition, ExxonMobil will provide \$9.7 million nationwide for supplemental environmental projects (SEPs), including \$2.2 million for projects in the Joliet area. ExxonMobil also will pay \$8.7 million in state and federal civil penalties, including \$275,000 to the Illinois Attorney General's State Projects and Court Ordered Distribution Fund, \$275,000 to the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency's (IEPA) Special State Projects Trust Fund and \$100,000 to the Illinois Environmental Protection Trust Fund.

The \$2.2 million designated for SEPs in the Joliet area will fund projects including: the retrofitting or replacement of municipal bus fleets in the communities surrounding the Joliet refinery to reduce diesel emissions from those vehicles; the installation of air control technology on heaters at the Joliet refinery to reduce the plant's carbon dioxide emissions, which is not otherwise required by law; the creation of the Midewin National Tallgrass Prairie Restoration Project to conserve and restore the native populations of fish, wildlife and plants; and the purchase and upgrade of emergency response equipment for the Will County Emergency Management Agency.

This proposed settlement resolves many pending civil claims for environmental violations at ExxonMobil's seven U.S. refineries, including the Joliet refinery and refineries in California, Louisiana, Montana and Texas. For a period of 30 days, the public may submit comments on the proposed consent decree. These seven refineries represent approximately 11 percent of the total refining capacity in the United States.

The Office of the Illinois Attorney General filed two lawsuits against ExxonMobil in the past seven years alleging numerous air pollution violations at the Joliet refinery. In August 2005, Madigan's office reached a settlement with ExxonMobil for violations alleged in the second lawsuit, filed in 2002. That lawsuit alleged that on two separate occasions, in 1999 and 2002, dangerous contaminants were released into the air from the refinery's coker unit.

Congressional Ratings

The Council for Citizens Against Government Waste (CCAGW) recently released its 2004 Congressional Ratings. Since 1989, CCAGW has tracked roll call votes to separate the good stewards of taxpayer dollars from the politicians who support wasteful programs and pork-stuffed spending bills. For the 108th Congress, second session, both Republicans and Democrats were rated at their lowest levels ever. The entire House had an average of 39 percent and the Senate averaged 40 percent. The number of Taxpayer Heroes (a score of 80 percent or higher) dropped from 68 in the House in 2003 to 59 in 2004 and in the Senate from 11 to 10.

"In 2004, Congress wasted tax dollars like never before. Very few members of Congress are working to ease the tax and regulatory burden of a cumbersome, bloated federal government," CCAGW President Tom Schatz said.

CCAGW rated 40 key votes in the House and 16 key votes in the Senate. Senate votes ranged from reducing the cost of the highway reauthorization bill by \$62 billion to maintaining the moratorium on Internet taxation. In the House, votes included a one percent across-the-board reduction on several appropriations bills and permanently eliminating the marriage tax. Of special note are the House votes on budget reform.

"The budget process is in shambles, devoid of accountability, transparency, and enforcement measures," Schatz continued. "A vote for the status quo is a clear sign of contentment with the spending explosion in Washington."

The average score for Republicans in the House was 63 percent and for House Democrats was 11 percent. In the Senate, the average was 63 percent for Republicans and 16 percent for Democrats. All categories are rated lower than the previous year.

In 2004, two House members attained Superhero status (a score of 100 percent): Reps. Tom Feeney (R-Fla.) and Jeff Flake (R-Ariz.). There were no Superheroes in the Senate for the third year in a row. For Senate Republicans, the high score went to Sen. Jon Kyl (R-Ariz.) with 94 percent. The lowest rated Republicans in the Senate were Olympia Snowe (R-Maine) and Lincoln Chafee (R-R.I.) at 31 percent. In the House, the lowest rated Republicans were Reps. Rodney Alexander (R-La.) and Ray LaHood (R-Ill.) and Billy Tauzin (R-La.) at 29 percent. For House Democrats, the high score of 47 percent went to Rep. Gene Taylor (D-Miss.). Twenty-four House Democrats, including Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi (D-Calif.), had a rating of zero. For Senate Democrats, the highest score went to Sen. Zell Miller (D-Ga.) at 80 percent, while four senators had a rating of zero.

"Until Congress sets priorities and restrains all spending, members will continue to get failed ratings for protecting the interests of taxpayers," Schatz concluded.

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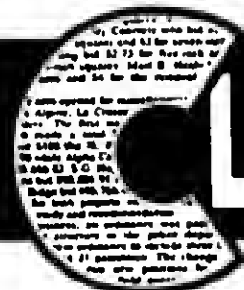
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Chase Manhattan Mortgage Corporation, Plaintiff, vs. William S. McKenna, et al., Defendants. No. D4Ch-18268. NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE Fisher & Fisher file #62D09 (It is advised that interested parties consult with their own attorneys before bidding at mortgage foreclosure sales.) PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered on April 11, 2005 in the amount of \$145,014.10, Kallen Financial & Capital Services, Inc. as Selling Official will at 11:30 a.m. on October 27, 2005 at 175 W. Washington Street, Chicago, IL, sell the following described real property to the highest bidder at auction for cash: C/K/A: 2711 W. 98th Pl., Evergreen Park, IL 60805. The improvements on the property consist of a wood-frame two-story single-family dwelling with separate garage. The property will NOT be open for inspection. Sale terms: property offered "as is," with no express or implied warranties; sale subject to general real estate taxes, special taxes, special assessments, and superior liens, if any; 10% of the successful bid to be paid at conclusion of auction and balance by noon the next business day, built by cashier's checks; and no refunds. After confirmation of the sale by the court, the successful bidder will receive a Selling Official's Deed. For information, contact the Sales Officer at the office of the Plaintiff's attorneys, Fisher & Fisher, 120 N. LaSalle Street, Chicago, IL (312) 372-4784, between 1:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. Monday through Friday; however, under Illinois law the Sales Officer is not required to provide information in addition to that contained in this notice. 135870C IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for First Financial Mortgage Group, Inc., or its successors or assigns, Plaintiff, vs. Abdulnaser Hamdan a/k/a Abdel Naser Hamdan a/k/a Abdel N. Hamdan, et al., Defendants. Case No. 05Ch-6837. PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on June 22, 2005, The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 a.m. on October 28, 2005, in its office at 33 N. Dearborn St., 10th Floor, Chicago, IL 60602-3100, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as: 8421 S. Mansfield Ave., Burbank, IL 60459 The real estate is improved with a white brick quad level house with attached 2 car garage. The judgment amount was \$343,054.00. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; the balance, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale. The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information. For information: Visit our website at http://service.ally-pierce.com, between 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. only. PIERCE & ASSOCIATES, Plaintiff's Attorneys, One N. Dearborn St., Ste. 1300, Chicago, IL 60602. Tel. No. (312) 476-5500. Please refer to file number PADSD3239. NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act you are advised that Plaintiff's Attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. 135882C	IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Argent Mortgage Company, Plaintiff, vs. Robert Overman, et al., Defendants. No. 03Ch-5736. PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on May 15, 2003, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Tuesday, November 15, 2005, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 W. Madison St., Suite 718A, Chicago, IL, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described mortgaged real estate: Commonly known as: 14202 S. Springfield, Crestwood, IL 60445. The improvement on the property consists of a single family residence. The sale shall be subject to general taxes, special assessments, and to a prior recorded first mortgage. Sale terms: Bidders must present, at the time of sale, a cashier's or certified check for 10% of the successful bid amount. The balance of the successful bid shall be paid within 24 hours, by similar funds. The property will NOT be open for inspection. For information call Ms. Kristie Taylor at Plaintiff's Attorney, James, Gustafson and Thompson, Ltd., 1001 E. Chicago Ave., Naperville, IL 60540. (630) 369-3535. 135180C IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Flagstar Bank, FSB, Plaintiff, vs. Craig Chiette, et al., Defendants. No. D4Ch-12691. PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on August 2, 2005, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Friday, November 4, 2005, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 W. Madison St., Suite 718A, Chicago, IL, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described property: Commonly known as: 7941 S. Artesian Ave., Chicago, IL 60652. The improvement on the property consists of a single family residence with a detached two car garage. Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, by certified funds. No refunds. The judgment amount was \$161,283.12. The property will NOT be open for inspection. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the premises after confirmation of the sale. For information: Visit our website at http://service.ally-pierce.com, between 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. only. PIERCE & ASSOCIATES, Plaintiff's Attorneys, One N. Dearborn St., Ste. 1300, Chicago, IL 60602. Tel. No. (312) 476-5500. PIERCE & ASSOCIATES File No. PA04D5310. 136396C IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. M & I Bank, FSB, Plaintiff, vs. Michael E. Schneider, et al., Defendant. No. 05Ch-527D. PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on June 1, 2005, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Tuesday, November 1, 2005, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 W. Madison St., Suite 718A, Chicago, IL, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described mortgaged real estate: Commonly known as: 5638 W. 109th St., Chicago Ridge, IL 60415. The improvement on the property consists of a single family residence. Sale terms: Bidders must present, at the time of sale, a cashier's or certified check for 10% of the successful bid amount. The balance of the successful bid shall be paid within 24 hours, by similar funds. The property will NOT be open for inspection. For information call Ms. Diane Thomas at Plaintiff's Attorney, Freedman, Anselmo, Lindberg and Rappe, LLC, 1807 W. Diehl Road, Naperville, IL 60563-1890 (877) 729-6734. 136458C	IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Argent Mortgage Company, LLC, Plaintiff, vs. Adam Naji, et al., Defendant. No. 05Ch-1825. PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on August 8, 2005, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Wednesday, November 9, 2005, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 W. Madison St., Suite 718A, Chicago, IL, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described mortgaged real estate: Commonly known as: 11162 S. Columbus Dr., Worth, IL 60482. The improvement on the property consists of a single family residence. Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, by certified funds. No refunds. The judgment amount was \$312,262.75. The property will NOT be open for inspection. For information call Mr. Iia T. Nevel at Plaintiff's Attorney, Law Offices of Iia T. Nevel, 175 N. Franklin St., Chicago, IL 60606 312/357-1125. 135721C IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Argent Mortgage Company, LLC, Plaintiff, vs. Joan Cain, et al., Defendants. No. D4Ch-20256. PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on August 8, 2005, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Thursday, November 10, 2005, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 W. Madison St., Suite 718A, Chicago, IL, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described property: Commonly known as: 7832 S. Christiana Ave., Chicago, IL 60652. The improvement on the property consists of a single family residence with no garage. Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, by certified funds. No refunds. The judgment amount was \$157,181.68. The property will NOT be open for inspection. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the premises after confirmation of the sale. For information: Visit our website at http://service.ally-pierce.com, between 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. only. PIERCE & ASSOCIATES, Plaintiff's Attorneys, One N. Dearborn St., Ste. 1300, Chicago, IL 60602. Tel. No. (312) 476-5500. PIERCE & ASSOCIATES File No. PAD409694. 135695C IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. National City Mortgage Company, Plaintiff, vs. Suzanne Martinez a/k/a Suzanne T. Martinez a/k/a Suzanne F. Martinez, et al., Defendants. No. D5Ch-3241. PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on June 16, 2005, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Thursday, November 17, 2005, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 W. Madison St., Suite 718A, Chicago, IL, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described property: Commonly known as: 4350 W. Ford City Dr., Unit 5DS, Chicago, IL 60652. The improvement on the property consists of a condominium residence. Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, by certified funds. No refunds. The judgment amount was \$81,874.39. The property will NOT be open for inspection. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the premises after confirmation of the sale. For information: Visit our website at http://service.ally-pierce.com, between 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. only. PIERCE & ASSOCIATES, Plaintiff's Attorneys, One N. Dearborn St., Ste. 1300, Chicago, IL 60602. Tel. No. (312) 476-5500. PIERCE & ASSOCIATES File No. PA0501583. 135139C	IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Wells Fargo Bank National Association, as Trustee for First Franklin Mortgage Loan Trust 2003-FFH1 By: Saxon Mortgage Services, Inc., as its Attorney-in-Fact, Plaintiff, vs. Renee Goslon, et al., Defendant. No. 04Ch-15967. PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on December 9, 2004, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Monday, November 14, 2005, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 W. Madison St., Suite 718A, Chicago, IL, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described mortgaged real estate: Commonly known as: 8608 S. Tripp Ave., Chicago, IL 60652. The improvement on the property consists of a single family residence. Sale terms: Bidders must present, at the time of sale, a cashier's or certified check for 10% of the successful bid amount. The balance of the successful bid shall be paid within 24 hours, by similar funds. The property will NOT be open for inspection. For information call Ms. Olene Thomas, at Plaintiff's Attorney, Freedman, Anselmo, Lindberg and Rappe, 1807 W. Diehl Road, Naperville, IL 60563-1890. (877) 729-6734. 135173C IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Wells Fargo Bank, NA as Trustee, Plaintiff, vs. Myral Weiss, et al., Defendants. No. D5Ch-6168. PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above entitled cause on May 25, 2005 Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Friday, November 11, 2005 at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 W. Madison St., Suite 718A, Chicago, IL, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described mortgaged real estate: Commonly known as: 11440 S. Nashville Ave., Worth, IL 60482. The mortgaged real estate is improved with a single family residence. Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance, by certified funds, within 24 hours. No refunds. The property will NOT be open for inspection. For information call William E. Dutton, Jr./Barbara J. Dutton at Plaintiff's Attorney, Dutton & Dutton, P.C., 10325 W. Lincoln Hwy., Franklin, IL 60423, (815) 806-8200. 135689C IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., Plaintiff, vs. Roberta Wilmot, et al., Defendants. No. 04Ch-20235. PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on August 4, 2005, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Friday, November 4, 2005, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 W. Madison St., Suite 718A, Chicago, IL, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described property: Commonly known as: 3637 W. Benck Dr., Alsip, IL 60803. The improvement on the property consists of a single family residence with above ground pool. Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, by certified funds. No refunds. The judgment amount was \$149,279.02. The property will NOT be open for inspection. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the premises after confirmation of the sale. For information: Visit our website at http://service.ally-pierce.com, between 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. only. PIERCE & ASSOCIATES, Plaintiff's Attorneys, One N. Dearborn St., Ste. 1300, Chicago, IL 60602. Tel. No. (312) 476-5500. PIERCE & ASSOCIATES File No. PAD409550. 136384C	IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. U.S. Bank N.A., as trustee for the registered holders of Structured Asset Securities Corporation, Mortgage Pass Through Certificates, Series 2004 GEL1, Plaintiff, vs. Christopher D. Barnett, et al., Defendants. No. 04Ch-118D3. PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above entitled cause on January 20, 2005, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Monday, October 31, 2005 at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 W. Madison St., Suite 718A, Chicago, IL, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described mortgaged real estate: Commonly known as: 7755 S. St. Louis, Chicago, IL 60652. The mortgaged real estate is improved with a single family residence and will NOT be open for inspection. The judgment amount was \$130,369.84. Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance, by certified funds, within 24 hours. The sale shall be subject to general taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and any prior first mortgages. The subject property is offered for sale without any representation as to quality of title or recourse to Plaintiff. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information. For information: Sale Clerk, Shapiro & Kreisman, 4201 Lake Cook Road, 1st floor, Northbrook, IL 60062. (847) 498-9990, between the hours of 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. only. 136495C IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., Plaintiff, vs. Antonette Sciacotta a/k/a Antinetta Sciacotta, et al., Defendants. No. D5Ch-587D. PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above entitled cause on June 1, 2005, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Tuesday, November 15, 2005 at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 W. Madison St., Suite 718A, Chicago, IL, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described mortgaged real estate: Commonly known as: 16444 Craig Dr., Oak Forest, IL 60460. The mortgaged real estate is improved with a single family residence and will NOT be open for inspection. The judgment amount was \$133,952.89. Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance, by certified funds, within 24 hours. The sale shall be subject to general taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and any prior first mortgages. The subject property is offered for sale without any representation as to quality of title or recourse to Plaintiff. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information. For information: Sale Clerk, Shapiro & Kreisman, 4201 Lake Cook Road, 1st floor, Northbrook, IL 60062. (847) 498-9990, between the hours of 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. only. 135176C	Sell Your Unwanted Items In The Classified Section Call (708) 388-2425 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. ABN AMRO Mortgage Group, Inc., as Assignee of Home Mortgage, Inc., Plaintiff, vs. Dominic Oellorto, et al., Defendant. No. 03Ch-6103. PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above entitled cause on August 23, 2004 Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Monday, November 7, 2005 at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 W. Madison St., Suite 718A, Chicago, IL, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described mortgaged real estate: Commonly known as: 3746 W. 115th Pl., Alsip, IL 60803. The mortgaged real estate is improved with a single family residence. This information is considered reliable but is not warranted. The judgment amount was \$107,760.04. Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance, by certified funds, within 24 hours. This sale is subject to unpaid real estate taxes, assessments, caveats, conditions, easements and restrictions of record. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. This pleading is a communication for the purpose of collecting the mortgage debt, under the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act. If you fail to dispute, in writing, the validity of this debt within thirty days, it will be assumed to be valid. Finally, any information you provide will be used for the purpose of collection. Upon payment, of each portion of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Receipt of Sale. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the mortgaged real estate after confirmation of the sale. The property will NOT be open for inspection, except by the arrangement and agreement of the current owner or occupant. For information: Jaros, Title & O'Toole, Ltd., Plaintiff's Attorneys, 20 N. Clark, Suite 510, Chicago, IL 60602. 312/750-1000. Phone calls will be taken only between the hours of 9:00 thru 11:00 A.M. When calling, please refer to file number D4-29199. 135744C

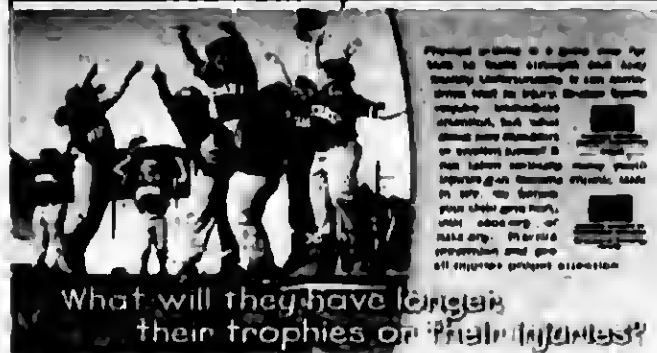
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New Report Finds Toxic Chemicals In Baby Products

Toxic chemicals can be found in common baby products, according to a new report released by Illinois Public Interest Research Group (PIRG). "The Right Start: The Need to Eliminate Toxic Chemicals from Baby Products" documents toxic chemicals, including phthalates and polybrominated diphenyl ethers (PBDEs), in teething, bath books, and sleep accessories.

Illinois PIRG tested 25 commonly used baby products and found 18 of them high in these toxic chemicals. Seven of the products tested were infant sleep accessories, such as mattress pads and sleep wedges. They were tested for the presence of PBDEs or toxic flame retardants, which is found in foam materials. The other 18 products were commonly found items such as bath books and teething. They were tested for the presence of a set of chemicals known as phthalates, often times found in plastic to improve flexibility. Illinois PIRG found that three of the seven infant sleep accessories tested contained toxic flame retardants in the form materials. One product, Sassy's "Who Loves Baby? Photo Book," was labeled "phthalate-free." Illinois PIRG research discovered two types of phthalates, DEHP and DBP, in this product. These two chemicals are banned in children's products in the European Union. Fifteen of the 18 bath books, teething, bath toys and other products tested for phthalates contained these chemicals in their materials. For example, a teething made by Gund contained DEHP, a type of phthalate classified as a reproductive toxicant and banned in the European Union.

Illinois Teenager Scholarship Pageant Accepting Applications

The 36th annual Illinois Teenager Scholarship Pageant is now accepting applications for the junior and senior competition to be held on March 3rd and 4th in Wheaton.

America's National Teenager Scholarship Pageant recognizes young women ages 12-18 for their academic achievement, community and school involvement, and communication skills. Contestants will also compete in evening gown and casual wear competitions. There is no swimsuit competition.

The pageant organization features competitions for titles of Miss Illinois Junior Teenager (ages 12-15) and Miss Illinois Senior Teenager (ages 16-18). Winners and runners-up are selected in both age divisions. College tuition awards and cash scholarships are awarded to both division winners. The state winners go on to compete at the National Teenager Pageant in Nashville, TN. Ashley Kramer of Wheaton won the National Pageant in 2003 and won over \$11,000 in cash scholarships, and Dianna He of Peoria was named 1st Runner-Up at the National Pageant in 2005.

"We are searching for teens that exhibit a positive attitude towards family and community and who are not afraid to express their individuality and teen spirit!" says Rick Crooks, state director.

There are optional categories for talent, public speaking and modeling. Winners will receive cash awards. Courtney Sturgeon of Green Oaks, IL, won the National Public Speaking Award this year in Nashville.

For information about participating in the Illinois Teenager Scholarship Pageant, contact Rick Crooks at (319) 339-4793.

"Merging Magic" Workshop

Lewis University will host a workshop entitled "Merging Magic" on Friday, Nov. 18 and Saturday, Nov. 19 on the Lewis main campus on Route 53 in Romeoville. Offered for one hour of academic credit, this workshop will present the terminology related to and fundamental concepts necessary for a successful mail merge. The workshop is scheduled for 6 to 9 p.m. on Friday, and 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday in Room S119 of the Academic Building on campus.

A mail merge allows computer users to combine information from separate documents to create many final documents, with each containing customized or personalized information. Mail merging users can create their own data in MS Word, Excel, Access, or Outlook Contacts, as well as form files in MS Word to expedite repetitive word processing tasks. It also can be used to generate letters, mailing labels, envelopes, distribution lists, certificates, personalized invitations, name tags, and much more.

In this workshop, one of the fun components will be learning how to use Microsoft Word to create a personalized holiday letter to send to friends and family, in addition to mailing labels for the mass mailing.

For more information, contact Melissa Eichelberger at (815) 836-5583. To register for the workshop, call (815) 836-5133.

Polybrominated diphenyl ethers, or PBDEs, are a set of chemicals used to slow the spread of fire. These chemicals have been linked to a host of health concerns, including impaired learning and memory, reproductive defects, cancer, and impaired immune systems. In addition, levels of these chemicals found in the breast milk of American women and some fetuses are approaching levels shown to impair learning and cause behavior problems in mice.

Phthalates are a family of chemicals used in many plastic products to improve flexibility and in personal care products to bind fragrance to the product. These chemicals have been linked to premature birth, reproductive defects, and early onset of puberty. People are exposed to phthalates through everyday contact with household and personal care products, as well as through contact with indoor air and dust.

For a tip sheet and survey, parents should visit www.safefromtoxics.org. For a full report visit www.illinoispirg.org.

Buddhist Monks To Visit Lewis University

Lewis University will welcome Buddhist Monks to campus on Monday, Oct. 31st for the creation of a mandala sand painting. An opening ceremony will be held at noon in the University Dining Hall located in the Academic Building on the Lewis main campus in Romeoville. Free and open to the public, the ceremony will consecrate the site of the sand painting with chants, music and mantra recitation, making it conducive for creating the mandala.

The mandala sand painting is a Tibetan circular design containing deities, geometrical forms, and symbols that represent totality, the self, or the universe. It will take approximately three days to complete, and the public is welcome to view the work in progress throughout the monks' visit.

The design for the sand painting is based on sacred geometry as presented in ancient Buddhist scripture. Throughout the creation of mandala, the monks will deposit millions of colorful grains of sand from traditional metal funnels, called chakpur. The finished mandala is approximately five feet by five feet in size.

On Thursday, Nov. 3rd at 3 p.m. the monks will conclude their creation of the sand mandala with a closing consecration ceremony, requesting the continuous blessings of the invoked deities of the mandala. The monks will dismantle the mandala, sweeping up the colored sands to symbolize the impermanence of all that exists. Half of the sand will be distributed to the attendees in small bags. The remainder of the sand will be carried in a procession by the monks, accompanied by the public, to a flowing body of water into which it is ceremonially poured to disperse the healing energies of the mandala throughout the world.

The Buddhist Monks' mandala ceremony and "Creating Your Mandala" is offered through Lewis' Arts & Ideas program, which offers cultural and educational activities for students and the community, free of charge or at a nominal fee. Events include concerts, films, lectures, performances, plays and seminars. For more information or a free listing of all upcoming Arts & Ideas events, call (815) 836-5482.

Soldier Field Landscape Architect Recognized For Design

The Illinois Chapter of the American Society of Landscape Architects is scheduled to honor the Soldier Field project in December with the 2005 Illinois Chapter American Society of Landscape Architects Honor Award in the Design-Public category.

The 2005 Illinois Chapter American Society of Landscape Architects Honor Award recognizes the improved public landscape, the children's garden, and the landscape's creativity and intricate design.

The new Soldier Field has won 16 awards since reopening to the public in September 2003. Praise for the stadium, which was one of the city's largest public works projects in recent history, includes honors from construction associations and publications, civic organizations and environmental groups.

Originally constructed in 1924, Soldier Field has been the home of the Chicago Bears for more than 30 years. The City of Chicago completed the renovation of the stadium in September 2003.

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NAMI Meeting

The new Medicare Prescription Drug Plan will be explained at the NAMI educational meeting at 7 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 27th in the Church of Christ, 206th and Crawford Ave. (Pulaski Rd.) in Matteson.

The speaker, Thanh Lu, coordinator for the Make Believe Work Project of the Center for Independent Living, will explain the many aspects of the new plan that will take effect on the first of January, 2006, and will provide information on enrollment deadlines. Mr. Lu emphasizes that a good understanding of what the Medicare D drug program entails is important for everyone and especially for individuals with disabilities, such as mental illnesses, and for their families.

The information provided will also benefit personnel of mental health agencies who are involved with services to clients. For the NAMI audience, he will give particular emphasis to the special provisions impacting consumers of mental health services who have both Medicare and Medicaid. He will also correct misinformation that has been discovered of late in material being distributed by the Federal government.

The October NAMI meeting will provide an opportunity for those who have questions about the Prescription Drug Plan to ask them of a professional who is well versed on the subject.

There are no fees for NAMI meetings, which are open to anyone who would like to attend. For more information, call John Rowley at (708) 798-3862.

Presidential Museum Marks Six Month Anniversary

Oct. 19th marked six months since President George W. Bush, Governor Rod Blagojevich and other distinguished guests participated in the official opening of the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Museum. Museum officials expect to welcome their 400,000th visitor a day ahead of the six month milestone.

The 400,000 visitors are not just from right here in Illinois, but from almost every state in the nation. Overseas guests include Germany, England, Australia and Japan, to name a few. School children also make up a significant portion of visitors. Many schools have crossed state lines to expand their knowledge of Lincoln.

Looking ahead, the Museum anticipates as many as 600,000 visitors by April 19, 2006. Upcoming events that are sure to prove popular include the Nov. 25th debut of a new temporary exhibit "Christmas at the White House," the Inaugural Jim Edgar Lecture Series featuring David McCullough, the Inaugural Governor's Conference Series in November examining the life and legacy of Adlai Stevenson, plus a blockbuster temporary exhibit on America's First Ladies, opening in May, 2006.

West Nile Virus Latest

Dr. Eric E. Whitaker, state public health director, on Oct. 13th announced the death of a 74-year-old man from suburban Cook County who had been hospitalized with West Nile neuroinvasive disease.

The man, who had not yet been reported as a case, died on Oct. 3rd after being released from the hospital. His physician indicated that other conditions contributed to his death.

In addition, six other new cases of West Nile have been identified in the state, bringing to 218 the number of cases reported so far this year.

West Nile virus is transmitted through the bite of a mosquito that has picked up the virus by feeding on an infected bird. Most people with the virus have no clinical symptoms of illness, but some may become ill three to 14 days after the bite of an infected mosquito.

Only about two persons out of 10 who are bitten by an infected mosquito will experience any illness. Illness from West Nile disease is usually mild and includes fever, headache and body aches, but serious illness, such as neuroinvasive disease, and death are possible.

Neuroinvasive disease is the most severe form of the West Nile virus and affects a person's nervous system. Specific types of neuroinvasive disease include: West Nile encephalitis, West Nile meningitis or West Nile meningoencephalitis. Encephalitis refers to an inflammation of the brain, meningitis is an inflammation of the membrane around the brain and the spinal cord, and meningoencephalitis refers to inflammation of the brain and the membrane surrounding it. Persons older than 50 years of age have the highest risk of severe disease.

Additional information about West Nile virus can be found on the Department's Web site at www.idph.state.il.us/cvhealth/wny.htm or people can call the West Nile Virus Hotline at (866) 369-9710 Monday through Friday between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m.

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Southwest Area Obituaries

Dorothy M. Roedl

Services were held on Friday, Oct. 14th at Hickey Memorial Chapel, Midlothian, for Past President of VFW Auxiliary 2580, Dorothy M. Roedl, wife of the late Harold.

She is survived by her children, Carol Ann, Richard, Harold "Casey" (Peggy), and Cynthia (Robert) Mandarino; six grandchildren; and siblings, Rita Reed, Charles Fuesting, Thomas Fuesting and Mary Sullivan.

Donald G. Slattery

Mass was said on Tuesday, Oct. 18th, at St. Christopher Church, Midlothian, for WWII Navy Veteran, Donald G. Slattery, 82, husband of the late Charlotte.

He is survived by his children, Donna, Charles (Karen), Michael (Linda), Donald (Dawn), Terry, Terese (Ken Atkin) Allender, Cathy (John) Sanchez and Michele (David) Hawksworth; 17 grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; and sister, Eileen.

Jeffrey A. Vrba

Mass was said on Monday, Oct. 17th at St. Michael Church, Orland Park, for Jeffrey A. Vrba, 53.

He is survived by his wife, Josefina; his children, Maria (Chris) Gore & Donna Lung; four grandchildren; his mother, Josephine; and siblings, George Jr. (Sharon), Susan (Tom), Jacqueline, Melinda (Bob) and Gary (Mary).

Br. Edwin F. Hennessy

Mass was said on Tuesday, Oct. 18th, at St. Albert The Great Church, for former Leo High School and Brother Rice High School Principal, Br. Edwin F. Hennessy, 67, who first became a principal at the young age of 29.

He is survived by his mother, Theresa; his siblings, Thomas (Jeanne), Judy (James) Budler and Mary (Hugh) Rankin.

Frank J. Sedevie, Jr.

Services were held on Saturday, Oct. 15th at Thompson & Kuenster Funeral Home, Oak Lawn, for Frank J. Sedevie, Jr., 60.

He is survived by his wife, Barbara; his children, Joseph (Fiancee, Lyn) and Daniel (Laura) Sedevie; his mother, Margaret; and siblings, Thomas, Richard, Chester, Sandra Broach and Linda Paige.

Slawomir Piliszek

Mass was said on Monday, Oct. 17th at St. Fabian Church, Bridgeview, for Slawomir Piliszek, 47.

He is survived by his wife, Elzbieta; his children, Rafal Piliszek & Monika (Steven) Day; one grandson; and siblings, Stanislaw (Jerzy) Filag, Barbara (Jozef) Wojcik, Maria Piliszek and Tadeusz (Elbieta) Piliszek.

John Flores

Mass was said on Saturday, Oct. 15th at St. Michael Church, Orland Park, for Veteran, John Flores.

He is survived by his children, John A. (Marilyn), Stephen (Dolly), Ralph (Jana) Flores and Susan (Dieter) Limper; eight grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; and siblings, Lupe (Ruben) De LaPaz, Silverio (Mary) Flores, and Ramona Hurtado.

Agnes Agatha Olins

Mass was said on Saturday, Oct. 15th at St. Catherine of Alexandria Church, Oak Lawn, for Agnes Agatha Olins, 100.

She is survived by many friends.

Nicole Marie & Devin James Westerhoff

Mass was said on Saturday, Oct. 15th at Our Lady of the Ridge Church, Chicago Ridge, for Nicole Marie Westerhoff, 23, and her son, Devin James Westerhoff, 4.

Nicole Marie is survived by her husband, Harry; her parents, Michael and Kimberly Donovan; and sibling, Kristopher.

Devin James is survived by his father, Harry Westerhoff; and his grandparents, Michael and Kimberly Donovan.

Colette A. May

Services were held on Tuesday, Oct. 18th, at Blake-Lamb Funeral Home, Oak Lawn, for Colette A. May.

She is survived by her children Colette and Michael May; one grandchild; and her brother, Gerald (Nancy) Berresheim.

Robert D. Thormann

Mass was said on Wednesday, Oct. 19th, at St. Alexander Church, Palos Heights, for Veteran Robert D. Thormann, 57.

He is survived by his wife, Deborah; his daughter, Dana (Dereck) Wright; his mother, Genevieve; and his siblings, Joseph (Deanna) Thormann, Noreen (Rich) Van Leeuwen and Anne (John) Jula.

Jane F. Marren

Mass was said on Saturday, Oct. 15th at St. Germaine Church, Oak Lawn, for Jane F. Marren.

She is survived by her siblings, Margaret McNulty, Mary Pike, Nancy Trainor, Rita Therese and John O'Riordan; and many nieces and nephews.

Rosemary C. Cahillane

Mass was said on Saturday, Oct. 15th, at St. Catherine of Alexandria Church, Oak Lawn, for Rosemary C. Cahillane, wife of the late Thomas.

She is survived by her stepchildren, Therese, Margaret, Thomas K. and P.J. Gregory; and siblings, Lucille Boyce and Peter.

Kenneth E. Gilbert

Mass was said on Saturday, Oct. 15th at St. George Church, Tinley Park, for Kenneth E. Gilbert.

He is survived by his wife, Deborah; his children, Stacy, Kati and Josh Gilbert; his parents, Paul and Lucille Gilbert; and his siblings, Steve (Julie), Dan, John (Toni), David (Janice), Kathy, Martha, Mary Lu Bulow and Chris Austin.

Violet L. Schultz

Services were held on Saturday, Oct. 15th, at Becvar & Son Funeral Home, Crestwood, for Violet L. Schultz, 80, wife of the late Arthur.

She is survived by her children, Linda Yaksieh, Lydia (Kurt) Vedder and Diana (Elbert) Vires; seven grandchildren; one great-grandchild; and siblings, Elizabeth Center and Loraine Wolf.

Marie Keck-Rolando

Services were held on Monday, Oct. 17th at Blake-Lamb Funeral Home, Oak Lawn, for Marie Keck-Rolando, 99, wife of the late Thomas Rolando.

She is survived by her sister, Virginia Devine.

Wilma J. Fennema

Services were held on Monday, Oct. 17th, at Colonial Chapel, Orland Park, for Wilma J. Fennema, 88, wife of the late George J.

She is survived by her children, George (Ruth), Richard (Elsa), Rev. William (Pat), Lynnell (David) Julien and Terry (Ruth); sixteen grandchildren; twenty-two great-grandchildren; and brother, Richard (Frances) Aizenga.

Denis J. Pyne, Sr.

Services are being held this Thursday, Oct. 20th, at Schmaedeke Funeral Home, Worth, for Denis J. Pyne, Sr., 45.

He is survived by his children, Denis J. Jr., Jackie and Samantha Pyne; and siblings, David J. Pyne and Debbie (Bill) Credille.

Wilma Laschober

Services were held on Monday, Oct. 17th at Schmaedeke Funeral Home, Worth, for Wilma Laschober, 83, wife of the late Albert C.

She is survived by her son, Albert J.; and siblings, Shirley Burkett, Joseph (Mary Ann) Kamer, Alma O'Neal and Herbert (Patricia) Kamer.

John W. Bergman

Services were held on Sunday, Oct. 16th at Sheehy & Sons Funeral Home, Palos Heights, for John W. Bergman, 61.

He is survived by his children, Diana (Chris) Wicks, Daniel (Patricia) Bergman and Deborah Bergman; his mother, Janet; five grandchildren; and siblings, James (Smadar) Bergman and Jane (Richard) Cohen.

Doris Margaret Berghoff

Services were held on Saturday, Oct. 15th, at Edgar Funeral Home, Oak Lawn, for Doris Margaret Berghoff, 94, wife of the late Jack. She was an activist for the Infant Welfare Society and member of the Women's Association of the Chicago Symphony as well as several other organizations.

She is survived by her children, Robert (Carolyn), John, Jr. (Jean, and Paul (Kathryn); ten grandchildren; and ten great-grandchildren.

Josephine Van Valey

Services were held on Saturday, Oct. 15th at Brady-Gill Funeral Home, Tinley Park, for Josephine "Josie" Van Valey, wife of the late Avery "Van".

She is survived by her daughter, Roxanne (Bill) Jollay; her grandchild, Nicole; and sibling, Frances Frasson.

Edward A. Crown

Services are being held this Thursday, Oct. 20th, at Hickey Memorial Chapel, Midlothian, for owner of Ed Crown Painting, Edward A. Crown.

He is survived by his wife, Lillian "Sonny"; his daughter, Pattie (Kevin) McGrath; two grandchildren; 2 great-grandchildren; and siblings, Horace "Duke" Crown & Alice Ross.

Othelia M. Freka

Services will be held on Friday, Oct. 21st at Becvar & Son Funeral Home, Crestwood, for Othelia M. "Tillie" Freka, 95, wife of the late William R.

She is survived by her children William J. (Norita) and Irene (Gary) Thelen; five grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

James T. Grijalva

Mass is being said this Thursday, Oct. 20th, at St. Albert The Great Church, Burbank, for Amy Specialist James T. Grijalva, 26.

He is survived by his parents, Carlos and Esther; sister, Leticia (Cesar) Castro; and other family and friends.

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"Pure Entertainment" Concert And Dinner

Trinity Evangelical Covenant Church, 9230 S. Pulaski, will host a "Pure Entertainment" Concert and Dinner Show on Sunday, Oct. 30 at 5 p.m. The concert will feature Lee Maloney from the Beautiful Sound Company who will present a program of "Pure Entertainment" on the organ. This will be a fun program with a number of surprises, including a sing-a-long! The evening is geared to family and friends who want to laugh and be entertained.

Maloney is the organist at the Chicago Theater and has played for the Lee Capades, Holiday on Ice and Ringling Brothers Circus. He has a wonderful repertoire and spirit of the lighter side of organ music. A freewill offering will be collected and child-care will be provided.

A ham dinner with all the trimmings will be held in Peterson Hall following the concert. Cost for the dinner will be \$5. Reservations are necessary for the dinner. Call the church office at (708) 422-5111.

PLOWS Membership Drive Begins

The 2005/2006 Annual Membership Drive for PLOWS Council on Aging is underway. Memberships are a source of financial support for the services and programs, which PLOWS, a non-profit social service agency, provides for the senior citizens in Palos, Lemont, Orland, and Worth Townships.

Membership in PLOWS is not restricted in any way. Individuals over age 60 or under age 60, businesses, and organizations are invited to join.

Annual dues for PLOWS memberships are as follows:

Individual (over age 60)	\$5.00
Individual (under age 60)	\$10.00
Organizations	\$20.00
Lifetime Member (open to all)	\$100.00

All members receive the PLOWS bi-monthly newsletter as well as special mailings about various programs or events of importance to senior citizens. Members are also entitled to vote for the Executive Board Officers and Members each October at the Annual Business Meeting.

PLOWS welcomes all individuals, clubs, agencies, businesses and corporations to consider taking membership. The support is appreciated and necessary as they strive to continue bringing vital services to seniors so they may have an improved life.

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Robbery At Wake

On Friday night, the wake was held for Frank Sedevic, the Beggar's delivery man, who was beaten to death last Monday in Markham.

As if the sorrow of Sedevic's death wasn't enough for the family to endure, an unidentified woman posed as an acquaintance of Sedevic and stuffed her purse with several envelopes containing over \$200 of condolence money intended for the family. Sedevic's mother-in-law was the one who first noticed the woman's suspicious activity. Sedevic's nephew, a Chicago Police Officer, was alerted. He examined her purse and then detained her until Oak Lawn police arrived.

Rosenbaum Is Elected

Steven F. Rosenbaum, president and chief executive officer of Prospect Federal Savings Bank, Worth, has been elected to the board of directors of the Illinois League of Financial Institutions, a statewide trade association serving the state's savings and community banking institutions.

Rosenbaum will serve on a board of 20 directors and officers for a three-year term beginning October 1st. As a director he will participate in board policy decisions on legislative and other matters affecting Illinois' saving and community banking institutions and saving and borrowing public.

Rosenbaum is not new to the League's board, having just completed a one-year appointed term as a League director. He also served as League chairman in 2003.

Rosenbaum holds an undergraduate degree from DePaul University and a master's degree from the Keller Graduate School of Management. He joined Prospect Federal in 1987 and was elected to the organization's board of directors in 1996.

Abdullah To Address Greater Oak Lawn Senior Club

Askia Ahdullah, an official for Eugene Moore, Cook County Recorder of Deeds, will speak before the Greater Oak Lawn Senior Club, Friday, October 21st at 12:30 p.m. at the Oak Lawn Activity Center, 9000 S. Menard, Oak Lawn.

Adele Oprondek, coordinator, announced that Abdullah will explain the workings of the Recorder of Deeds Office.

In his position, Askia is responsible for marketing the office to the general public and professional market sector. He circulates press releases concerning issues and accomplishments of the office and represents the office and Recorder of Deeds at public forums.

Library Offers Free Movie

Fans of classic horror and science fiction films are invited to attend a free movie showing at the Oak Lawn Public Library, 5300 W. 95th St., on Thursday, Oct. 27th at 7 p.m. in the lower level meeting room. Pick up free tickets in advance at the Youth Services Desk.

For more information, call (708) 422-4990.

Prior to joining Prospect Federal, Rosenbaum was a lobbyist and manager of the workers' compensation and unemployment insurance programs for the Illinois State Chamber of Commerce.

During the past year he served as a member of the League's convention, finance and nominating committees.

Active in numerous civic and professional organizations, Rosenbaum is a member of the America's Community Bankers' mutual institutions committee, a member of the Illinois Board of Savings Institutions and a trustee of the Village of Oak Lawn.

Garden Club Meeting

The Oak Lawn Garden Club will hold its October meeting on Thursday, Oct. 27th at 4625 W. 110th St. at 9:30 a.m.

The speaker will be Carolyn Stillman, an actress, reviewer and Master Gardener. She will review and act out Princess Grace of Monaco's book entitled "My Book of Flowers." The Princess was an expert on flowers and flower legends. This review is quite a treat for both mind and spirit. Residents of surrounding communities are welcome to attend a meeting as guests.

Hostesses will be Florence Bordoshuk, Helen Fett and Norine Barrett. For further information, call (708) 424-4846.

Smorgasbord

The Oak Lawn Community Church, 9000 S. Ridgeland Ave., will hold its annual Fall Smorgasbord on Tuesday, Oct. 25th from 5:30 to 7 p.m. There will be an array of home-cooked foods along with desserts and beverages. Adults \$6.30, children 4-12 years old \$3.50, and kids 3 and under are free. Bring your whole family and friends and enjoy a great meal together.

For more information, call the church office at (708) 599-4025.

NIU Graduate

Northern Illinois University has announced the names of students who received graduate and undergraduate degrees at the end of the summer session, Aug. 6th.

Elizabeth K. Macey of Oak Lawn received her bachelor degree in English.

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Halloween Safety Tips

Halloween is a time of great fun for children, but it can be a little scary for parents and drivers. Children are often out after dark, crossing busy streets and perhaps going to unfamiliar homes.

By following some simple advice, parents, children, drivers and homeowners can all have a safe, enjoyable time:

This year Halloween falls on a school day, which means trick-or-treating is more likely to take place at dusk or later. If children are out at night, drivers need to be particularly careful at dusk and when driving either over a hill or around a curve, where visibility is limited. Use high beams to see and be seen.

Trick-or-treaters should always be accompanied by an adult or travel in a group. Children should be told not to eat any unwrapped candy or treats until they return home where their parents can see them. Making sure kids have already eaten before heading out may help.

Parents should incorporate reflective tape in costumes or add bright colors to increase visibility. Make-up rather than masks should be worn to help ensure that children have an unobstructed view of their surroundings.

Trick-or-treaters may be caught up in the excitement of the day and not be as careful as they should. They should always cross at corners and look both ways before crossing. Drivers need to keep a careful eye on the road and on the sidewalk, in case anyone darts out from between parked cars.

Children should stay on the sidewalk or if none is available, walk facing the lane of traffic, and they should carry a flashlight.

Homeowners should clear their yards of anything that can be tripped over and be sure to have a front door or walkway light on, and refrain from decorations that use an open flame that could ignite a child's costume.

A free brochure with more advice, "Halloween Safety Tips," is available by calling 1-800-2TEACHERS or visiting its website at www.teachers.com.

General Meeting

The Worth Township Seniors' next general meeting will be on Friday, Nov. 4th. The meeting will start at 12:30 p.m. We still have a few tickets for our Christmas luncheon. The cost will be \$8 and sold to members only.

The luncheon will be served by Mrs. Pitlock. This meeting is held in the gym of the Worth Township Center, 11601 S. Pulaski in Alsip. For more information, you can call (708) 371-2900, ext. 28.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

OCTOBER 30 - Sunday - Concert and Dinner Show, Trinity Evangelical Covenant Church, 9230 Pulaski Rd., 5 p.m.

NOVEMBER 1 - Tuesday - Civil Service Commission, 9446 Raymond, 5:30 p.m.

NOVEMBER 2 - Wednesday - Appeals Board, 9446 Raymond, 8 p.m.

NOVEMBER 3 - Thursday - Alzheimer Support Group, Christ Hospital, 4440 W. 95th St., 6 p.m.

NOVEMBER 3 - Thursday - Historic Preservation Commission, 9446 S. Raymond, 7 p.m.

NOVEMBER 3 - Thursday - Athletic Club Meeting, VFW Hall, 9514 S. 52nd Ave., 8 p.m.

NOVEMBER 3 - Thursday - Traffic Review Committee Meeting, Municipal Center auditorium, 9446 S. Raymond, 8 p.m.

NOVEMBER 4 - Friday - Worth Township Senior Citizens Org. Meeting, Worth Township Center, 11601 Pulaski Rd., 12:30 p.m.

NOVEMBER 5 - Saturday - District II "Trustee Is In," Municipal Center, 9446 Raymond, 9 a.m. to noon.

Program On White- Tailed Deer

"The Largest Mammal in Illinois," a free, family program for persons at least 12 years of age, will be Saturday, Nov. 12, 7:30 p.m. at Plum Creek Nature Center, in Beecher. Registration for this Forest Preserve District of Will County program is required by Nov. 11.

When pioneers first reached the Illinois country, they encountered a number of large mammals. Today, only one mammal can claim the title of largest mammal in Illinois, the white-tailed deer. Its numbers have increased today to controversial proportions because the deer has virtually no wild predators. What is it about this creature that makes many people want to protect and attract it to their backyards? Come and take a look at the history, legends, and behavior of this conflict-ridden animal.

Plum Creek Nature Center is located 1.25 miles east of the intersection of Routes 1 and 394 on Goodenow Road, south of Crete.

For information and registration, call (815) 727-8700, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Village Board Of Trustees Once Again Table

Target Project

At the Oak Lawn Village board meeting, Tuesday, Oct. 25th, Mayor Heilmann announced that Target representatives have finally agreed to meet with the board at the special board meeting held at 6 p.m. on Oct. 25th. The meeting time was moved up so that fans could watch the White Sox play. The ordinance establishing a special service area-the municipal parking lot/Target was again tabled. Mayor Heilmann and the board have agreed not to take action on this ordinance until a meeting with Target representatives has been held.

Trustee Olejniczak requested that police increase patrols in school zones, particularly during the times when the children are going to school or returning home from school. He is concerned about the speeding

in the school zones. Trustee Joy concurred.

Residents of the village again expressed concerns over the availability of pornography in the village. Residents have requested that the library discontinue their subscription to Playboy. Oak Lawn resident, Ron Kapp questioned the letter sent by Chief Smith, directed by the mayor, to village businesses who sell such magazines. The letter was sent on police department stationary. Kapp questioned whether this could be considered coercion or intimidation. Kapp also questioned the possibility of treading on First Amendment rights.

All Trick or Treating in Oak Lawn will cease at 8 p.m.

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on Nov. 8th.



Lithuanian Women's Club Lunch

On Sunday, Nov. 6th, the Chicago Lithuanian Women's Club will host its annual luncheon at the Garden Chalet, 110th & Ridgeland, to benefit its Philanthropic Fund. A program of tuneful tapping will be presented by the energetic revue of young hearted tap dancers, the "Time Steppers." These happy hoofers, directed by Dorothy Shaw, perform at major musical events in the Midwest.

Doors open at 12:30 p.m. Reservations at \$23 per person are available through Irene Norhut at (708) 974-2946.

Pictured are the luncheon committee members left to right: (seated) Genevieve

Nature Works Café Book Group

"Nature Works Café" is a free, adult (age 16 minimum) book-discussion group that meets every other month to share their thoughts on a nature-oriented book selection. The books and the discussions are provocative, interesting, many times philosophical, and mostly fun. The group is friendly and sociable, and the discussion can be lively. The next "Nature Works Café," sponsored by the Forest Preserve District of Will County, will be held on Thursday, Nov. 10, 7 p.m. at Plum Creek Nature Center, in Beecher.

The selection to be discussed at the program is Ishmael, by Daniel Quinn. Participants should read the book beforehand and bring a copy to the program.

Pastries and gourmet coffee, tea, and hot chocolate will be served.

For information, call (815) 727-8700, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Plum Creek Nature Center is located in Goodenow Grove Forest Preserve, 1.25 miles east of the intersection of Routes 1 and 394 on Goodenow Road, south of Crete.

Maluska, co-chair of Palos Park, Cecilia Matul, president of Orland Park, and Irene Buchbinder, co-chair of Chicago; (standing), Irene Norhut of Palos Hills, Frances Simanonis of Oak Lawn, Seattle Lucas of Chicago, Elena Cizinauskas of Orland Park, Nicole Kaveckas of Oak Lawn, Emma Petraltis of Willow Springs and Ruth Hoffman of Palos Hills.



Don't Forget To Fall Back Sunday, October 30th



Citizens Against Government Waste Issues Report On Real ID

Citizens Against Government Waste (CAGW) recently released *Real ID: Big Brother Could Cost Big Money*, a report detailing the substantial costs and privacy risks that could be posed by federal standards for state-issued drivers' licenses. The Dept. of Homeland Security (DHS) will hold a meeting with state officials to discuss options for implementing the Real ID Act. One mandate being considered is an embedded computer chip with the capacity for carrying detailed personal information, which would cost \$17.4 billion and could push the cost of a driver's license from \$10-\$25 to at least \$90.

"With the high price of gasoline and massive costs of hurricane recovery already burdening Americans, federal agencies should not be saddling drivers and taxpayers with billions of dollars in unnecessary expenses," CAGW President Tom Schatz said.

Buried in an \$82 billion military spending bill and passed without any congressional debate in May 2005, the Real ID Act was touted as anti-terrorist and immigration reform bill. However, most states were already making secure cards at a reasonable cost and improving application procedures. While states are not technically forced to accept federal standards, the refusal of any state to comply would affect its citizens' ability to get a job, receive Social Security benefits, or fly on a commercial plane.

"Real ID was not subject to a full debate. But since it is the law, it falls on the Dept. of Homeland Security to issue regulations that do not lead to tax increases or invade citizens' privacy," Schatz continued.

Two main forms of protection are being considered: Magnetic stripes or two-dimensional (2-D) barcodes; and contact-less integrated circuits such as radio frequency identification (RFID) chips. Currently, 49 states use either magnetic stripes or 2-D technology on driver's licenses and have had minimal identity theft problems. If the government opts to require RFID chips, more than 196 million U.S. drivers will be forced to carry a license that has the memory to store every detail about the person, including health records, family history, bank and credit card transactions. Another pitfall is that information on RFID chips can be remotely accessed by unauthorized persons. Finally, the cost of a driver's license could rise by 260-800 percent, from \$10-\$25 to at least \$90, a heavy burden on low-income taxpayers and many senior citizens.

"The idea of turning licenses into 'smartcards' is far from brilliant. RFID chips would force some states to shelve millions of dollars of investment into their own security solutions and start from scratch. With the government's long history of technological ineptitude, RFID chips could make citizens more vulnerable to identity theft and government snooping. If the chips fall where they should, they will not be included in any American's ID card," Schatz concluded.

Real ID: Big Brother Could Cost Big Money, written by CAGW Research Associate Angela French, is available at www.cagw.org.

Trees Ready To Bring Holiday Cheer

Begin your holiday season at Brookfield Zoo's Community Tree Trim on Saturday and Sunday, Nov. 19th and 20th. Tree trim participants will decorate balsam fir trees that will line the zoo's malls, bringing holiday cheer to visitors who attend the 24th annual Holiday Magic. The festival, which features carolers and other live entertainment, "Sing to the Animals," ice sculpting demonstrations, visits with Santa (through Dec. 18th) and photo opportunities with a reindeer, takes place on Dec. 10th and 11th, 17th and 18th, and Dec. 26th through Jan. 1st from 4 to 9 p.m.

Organizations such as schools, scouts, libraries, churches, retirement communities and clubs may reserve a tree to decorate during the Community Tree Trim. The cost is \$125 (\$150 if reservations are made after Oct. 21st). The 6-foot trees are perfect for holding handmade ornaments like decorated Popsicle sticks, Styrofoam balls, and any other creative decorations, excluding food items, straw or sharp objects, which are not recommended. The zoo suggests the use of 200 ornaments no smaller than 3 inches by 3 inches and no larger than 4 inches by 6 inches. Lights will be provided and strung by Brookfield Zoo staff. For more ornament recommendations and restrictions, visit the zoo's Web site at www.BrookfieldZoo.org.

A sign will be displayed in front of each tree acknowledging the organization along with its town, city or village name, as well as who donated the tree. Each group receives 20 general admission and five parking passes (additional passes may be purchased). For those interested, commemorative Community Tree Trim patches may be purchased for \$4 each. Trees may be ordered online through Brookfield Zoo's Web site or by calling (708) 485-0263, ext. 365.

Corporations may purchase 10-foot trees for \$500 that will advertise their name and logo to visitors while prominently displayed around the zoo's Roosevelt Fountain from Nov. 19th through Jan. 2nd. Participating in the Corporate Tree Trim is a great and unique way to publicize your company while inviting employees to join in on holiday fun. With a tree purchase, each corporation will receive 20 admission passes and five parking passes (additional passes may be purchased). For more information on the Corporate Tree Trim, visit Brookfield Zoo's Web site or call the number listed above.

To purchase advance tickets to the zoo, including the Zooper discount pass, go to www.BrookfieldZoo.org.

Madigan Appoints Statewide Coordinator For Sexual Assault Nurse Examiners

Attorney General Lisa Madigan announced the appointment of a Statewide Coordinator for Sexual Assault Nurse Examiners (SANEs) within her office to organize training programs across the state, encourage certification of Illinois nurses and increase the number of Sexual Assault Response Teams in Illinois.

Madigan has appointed Julie Garner-Teno to fill the newly created position, which will be based in Springfield. Garner-Teno, a registered nurse and member of the International Assn. of Forensic Nurses, advocated on behalf of sexual assault survivors and coordinated staff and community education programs during her more than 10 years of employment at Jacksonville's Passavant Arca Hospital. In addition, Garner-Teno works as a professional educator with the Illinois Coalition Against Sexual Assault to train rape victim advocates about the role of a SANE nurse and has worked with Prairie Center Against Sexual Assault in Springfield.

The SANE coordinator's salary is funded by a one-year grant from the Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority. The grant also will be used to cover the cost of three weeklong SANE training courses to be organized by the SANE coordinator and held during the next year at locations across the state. The 40-hour SANE training courses will include sessions on evidence collection and exam techniques, Illinois law and patient counseling. Madigan said she hopes to train an additional 100 SANEs in the next year.

Sexual Assault Nurse Examiners are specially trained in collecting and handling evidence for use by law enforcement and admission in court. SANEs are trained to ask specific questions that will help gather information about the crime and to provide initial counseling services for victims. In addition, SANEs often serve as expert witnesses during sexual assault trials.

Madigan's office already has actively participated in several successful SANE training sessions. However, in the past, the SANE training sessions have been sporadic and no single agency has been in charge of program coordination. Madigan's newly appointed SANE coordinator will serve as the statewide leader and maintain contact with certified nurses to encourage completion of the program and assist in networking and information sharing. The SANE coordinator will work closely with the Illinois Coalition Against Sexual Assault, Illinois State Police Crime Lab and existing programs to achieve these goals.

According to the Illinois State Police, approximately 6,000 women reported being raped in Illinois in 2000. In an ongoing effort to assist victims of crime, Madigan's Crime Victim Services Division currently oversees numerous programs for victims of sexual assault and violent crime.

Madigan's office continues to work with county circuit court clerks across the state to continue to increase implementation of the Illinois Automated Victim Notification System (ILAVN), which allows victims of crime to access up-to-date information on an offender's custody or case status. Madigan's office is working to expand the ILAVN program to include an online component that will provide vital information to victims of crime through the Internet. In addition, Madigan's office offers an online Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Services Directory at www.IllinoisAttorneyGeneral.gov/dvsa.

Woodwork Refinishing Seminars

Helping bungalow owners understand the intricacies of restoring woodwork in their homes, the Historic Chicago Bungalow Assn. announces "Refinishing Woodwork" instructional seminars, the final seminars of the 2005 season.

A woodwork restoration seminar will take place on Tuesday, Nov. 1st at the Woodson Regional Library, 9525 S. Halsted St. The seminar is free of charge and begins at 7 p.m. It will last approximately 90 minutes and reservations are required.

Learn about the techniques used to restore the woodwork in your bungalow from an expert. Gary Dulock is a surface restoration specialist with over 31 years of experience in architectural and artistic restoration. His company, Touches of Illusion, has worked on churches, theaters and historic homes throughout Illinois, including many Chicago bungalows. Gary specializes in wood restoration and restoration of historic decorative finishes.

The Historic Chicago Bungalow Initiative was happy to celebrate its 5th Anniversary in September and was established by Mayor Richard M. Daley to provide a resource for the maintenance and restoration of these historic landmarks. Comprising nearly one-third of the city's single-family homes, there are approximately 80,000 bungalows in Chicago.

The Historic Chicago Bungalow is a 1½-story single-family brick home found in many neighborhoods along the city's northwest, southwest and south sides aptly named the Bungalow Belt. It is essential that Chicagoans know how to preserve their historic bungalows, built more than 75 years ago, and modernize them for today's lifestyles and energy needs. The Bungalow Initiative ensures that these proud owners have the tools and resources necessary to restore their historic homes.

The HCBA's seminar series were created to continue the tradition of restoring the past while preparing the homes for the future. The HCBA's seminar series will return in March 2006.

If you have any questions or want to reserve a space at the seminar, call the HCBA at (312) 642-9900 or send an email to bungalow@chicagobungalow.org.

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AARP

Meeting

The AARP Oak Lawn Chapter 3558 will meet on Monday, Nov. 14 at 1 p.m. at the Johnson Phelps VFW Hall, 9514 S. 52nd Ave.

Paid up members of AARP are invited to join this chapter. Members do not need to live in Oak Lawn. Dues for the year is \$5.

Neil Whitham will play his guitar, sing some songs, and tell some tales at the Nov. 14th meeting.

For more information, call Felix Waitches at (708) 422-4121.

Seven Tips To Slash Soaring Home Heating Bills

Hurricanes Katrina and Rita will hit homeowners everywhere in the wallet this winter. The storms have caused real damage and disruption to the natural gas industry, adding to strains already caused by rising demand. Natural gas prices are now at a record high, and the Dept. of Energy states they will keep going up as the cold weather descends upon us. The "Energy Crisis" is back.

How high will natural gas prices rise? As much as a whopping 71% more this winter compared to last year. This will translate into a \$500 to \$800 jump in annual home and water heating bills for most homeowners and over \$1,000 for many. While you can't control the price of fuel, you can reduce how much you use. Here are seven tips from the Comfort Institute to make your home an energy sipper instead of a gas guzzler.

Have your duct system tested for air leaks. Many assume that windows and doors are the major cause of a home's energy wasting air leaks. But according to recent research by the Dept. of Energy (DOE), gaps, joints and disconnection in the typical home's duct system are much more significant. The DOE states that the typical duct system loses 25 to 40 percent of the energy put out by the central furnace or heat pump. Authorities recommend having a heating contractor test for leaks and then seal them with a brushed-on fiber-reinforced sealant. Duct tape usually dries out and fails. It turns out duct tape is great for many things, but sealing ducts isn't one of them.

Ask your contractor to perform an Infiltrometer "blower door" test. The blower door is a computerized instrument originally invented by the Dept. of Energy. It pinpoints where your home's worst air leaks are, such as duct leaks, and also measures how leaky the overall house is. Most homes have the equivalent of an open window in combined air leaks. Many heating contractors offer an Infiltrometer test as part of a "Whole House Health & Comfort Checkup" that also checks insulation levels and overall duct performance. Ask if they also provide an infra-red camera scan to pinpoint hidden heat leaks.

Close your fireplace damper. Did you remember to close it last time you used the fireplace? Shut it now or waste precious warm air all winter long.

Replace your furnace or heat pump air filter. Most systems need this done every month to ensure safe and efficient operation. Keep forgetting to do it? Ask your contractor for information on an extended surface area whole house air filter that only needs to be replaced once

a year. It also does a far better job of keeping your equipment and the air in your home clean.

Have your heating system cleaned and tuned. A pre-season tune-up is a great investment. It reduces the chances of breakdowns on cold winter nights, improves safety, and more than pays for itself through more energy efficient operation. Ensure your contractor also performs a complete carbon monoxide safety check. For a free report: "How to Identify a Good Heating and Cooling Contractor," go to www.comfortinstitute.org.

Install a programmable set-back thermostat. Turn down your thermostat 8 degrees for 8 hours a day and you'll save 8 percent on home heating costs. But you don't have to sacrifice comfort. Ask your heating contractor to install a "programmable thermostat" that will turn the heat back up before you wake up or before you come home. New models are much easier to program.

Consider replacing your old furnace or heat pump. Just like a car, heating and cooling equipment doesn't last forever. Is your system more than 12 years old? It probably wastes 35 cents out of every dollar you pay for fuel. Planning to stay in your home more than a few years? Many authorities recommend replacing it before it fails permanently. A new system is safer, improves comfort, is

more dependable and creates less air pollution. New units pay for themselves over time as they only waste eight cents out of every dollar's worth of gas. However, government and utility research has found that over 90% of newly installed high efficiency systems have energy wasting installation mistakes. Do some homework before talking to contractors. For more information, visit www.energystar.gov and www.comfortinstitute.org. Print out the free Comfort Institute report "Tips and Secrets to Buying a New Heating and Cooling System."

Holiday Cards Now Available

The Glenview-based Leukemia Research Foundation (LRF) announces the availability of holiday greeting cards for the 2005 season. The holiday cards come in 14 unique designs and can be personalized upon request. Cards range in style from a watercolor reproduction to traditional holiday scenes. All proceeds benefit the LRF.

The cards can be purchased in boxes of 25 and range in price from \$44 to \$52. A box includes 25 cards with envelopes, greeting, one free line of personalization on the card, plus the following benefit message: "Proceeds from the sale of this card benefit the Leukemia Research Foundation." Orders of 5 or more boxes are sold at a discounted rate, as are cards without custom imprinting. Custom imprinted envelopes also available at an additional cost.

To place a holiday card order or to receive a brochure and samples, call Dorothy Pfeiffer at (708) 599-5778. Images of each card are available at www.leukemia-research.org for viewing only. Please allow 10-15 days for processing. Orders must be received by Saturday, Dec. 10th to assure on-time delivery.

For more information, visit www.leukemia-research.org or call (847) 424-0600.



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Mt. Assisi Academy will host its annual open house events on Nov. 6th from 2 to 4 p.m. and Nov. 20th from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the campus, 13860 Main St. in Lemont, which is easily accessible by Archer Ave., Rte. 83 and I-55. The events will offer student guided tours, information for interested students and parents, staff presentations on curriculum and spiritual life, and a bus tour of the 38-acre campus.

The open house events are for the grammar school and junior high parents and students of southwest Chicagoland, offering the opportunity to experience the unique community that is Mt. Assisi Academy, a college prep high school for young women.

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EDITORIAL/OPINION PAGE

Study Reveals "Byrd Amendment" Not Effective Trade Remedy

A long-awaited Government Accountability Office (GAO) study released Monday, Sept. 26th on the effectiveness of the Continued Dumping and Subsidy Offset Act (CDSOA), also known as the "Byrd Amendment," revealed that the subsidy program is not an effective trade remedy for U.S. companies injured by unfair trade. The report, requested by U.S. Rep. Judy Biggert (R-IL-13) and three other members of Congress, also highlighted a lack of accountability over the \$1 billion in CDSOA disbursements that have been paid out since 2001.

The GAO report found that nearly half of the \$1 billion in CDSOA payments have gone to only five companies, and two-thirds of all payments have gone to only three industries: bearings, candles and steel. And unlike traditional trade remedy laws, which generally provide relief to an entire industry, CDSOA restricts company eligibility for disbursements to a subset of domestic producers.

The report also found that Customs and Border Protections (CBP) does not systematically verify CDSOA claims and thus cannot be sure it appropriately distributes compensation under the act. This leaves room for error and abuse. In fact, the report found several instances of abuse, including the use of disbursements for the personal expenses of company executives.

"When all is said and done, CDSOA is fiscally irresponsible. Very few companies ever benefit from CDSOA, yet we continue to dole out millions of dollars annually," said Biggert. "With a growing budget deficit and long-term effects of Hurricanes Katrina and Rita, we just can't afford to forgo adequate oversight and a lack of accountability when so many dollars are involved."

CDSOA was established to compensate domestic producers harmed by foreign products that are dumped on the U.S. market after an anti-dumping (AD) or countervailing (CV) duty has already been assessed. CDSOA instructs Customs to distribute AD/CV duties directly to affected domestic producers. The CDSOA was included in the fiscal year 2001 agricultural appropriations conference report by then conferee Sen. Robert C. Byrd (D-WV). As a result, the CDSOA did not go through the regular legislative process, and the committee of jurisdiction did not have an opportunity to evaluate the implications of the provision.

While U.S. companies and workers injured by unfair trade might need assistance, the GAO's findings make clear that the CDSOA is not the solution.

Judicial Speakers

How do the courts decide a case? What criteria do judges use in accepting guilty pleas and sentencing? How do the courts view domestic violence? What is the process for selecting a new U.S. Supreme Court Justice?

These are among topics that Illinois judges and court personnel are eager to address as part of an ongoing effort to reach out to community groups and schools. The purpose is to help increase awareness and understanding of the U.S. judicial system and the judiciary's role in the community.

Arrangements for a speaker can be made through the Illinois Judicial Speakers Bureau, a collaboration between the Illinois Supreme Court and the Illinois Judges Assn. (IJA), according to Judge James M. Wexsiten of Mt. Vernon, president of the Illinois Judges Assn.

Other topics which judges can discuss are the human element of being a judge, alternatives to formal court procedures (such as Alternative Dispute Resolution), jury service and selection, and individual courts such as traffic courts, small claims courts, criminal courts, juvenile courts and problem-solving courts (such as drug courts and mental health courts). Judges who speak to community groups are bound by the Illinois Code of Judicial Conduct and are unable to address certain matters, such as pending litigation.

All presentations are voluntary by the judges with no cost to the group.

For further information, or to arrange for a speaker, contact the Illinois Judges Assn. at (312) 431-1283 or (888) 431-1283, or visit their Web site at www.ija.org

SCORE Workshop

Attend a full-day workshop on Tuesday, Nov. 1st, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. offered by SCORE, Counselors to America's Small Business. This practical, low cost workshop gives the foundation and tools needed to launch and manage a successful business. Instructors are SCORE Counselors, who are joined by working professionals. This session is an overview of four additional classes related to four basic SCORE Certificate workshops. Including SCORE Certificate, as part of a business plan, enhance a presentation when seeking a loan. Attendees should be in business or planning to start a business.

Register and pay \$50 online www.scorechicago.org. Walk in, same day registration is \$60 at the door. Space is limited. Call (312) 353-7724 any weekday morning with questions.

SCORE is located in the Citicorp Center, Suite 1250, at 500 W. Madison St., in downtown Chicago.



**All Points
Southwest**

By **THOMAS E. GAVIN**

Chicagoland has not experienced the kind of enthusiasm and electricity being generated presently by its hometown White Sox since 1985. That's right...the Superbowl Champion Chicago Bears were a household name nationally and every team member seemed to be in demand. Well Chicagoland, if you think the '85 Bears lit it up, just watch what will happen if the 2005 Chicago White Sox continue their march to a World Series Championship over the Houston Astros.

This past Saturday and Sunday evening baseball fans everywhere experienced more excitement than most could remember in their lives. The American League Champion White Sox, led by manager Ozzie Guillen, continues to find ways to defeat their post season opponent. Outstanding individual offensive displays by Paul Konerko, Joe Crede, Aaron Rowand, Jermaine Dye, Juan Uribe and Scott Podsednik have produced heart pounding moments. Each time the Astros have produced runs, the White Sox have answered with their own. Huge home runs by Dyc, Crede, Konerko and Podsednik have provided the sparks for the winning margins of 5-3 and 7-6 respectively.

Defensively, the fielding and catching has been up to each challenge, particularly that of third baseman Joe Crede. His flawless glove work has choked-off a half-dozen Astro rallies, at critical points, in both games. The starting pitching has been serviceable. The bullpen has been excellent. And the manager and coaches seem to be on the same wave length as the players...a must during a championship series.

Space does not permit me to extol the fine contributions of each player but it is sufficient to remind readers that this is truly a cohesive team, showing remarkable poise and purpose in their quest of a World Series Championship.

The 2005 Chicago White Sox continues to be a work in progress...a collection of youthful veterans and youngsters who are playing the game the right way...showing the world that their confidence, energy and appreciation to detail are hallmarks that each one of us could plug into our daily lives.

Let's hope that the Sox will successfully complete their mission on the season's final road trip, which began Tuesday (10/25). Go White Sox! Bring Home A World Championship!

U.S. Senator Dick Durbin(D-IL) has introduced bipartisan legislation requiring hospitals to report the prices of the 25 most frequently performed in-patient and out-patient procedures and the 50 most commonly prescribed drugs. The bill, known as the Hospital Price Reporting and Disclosure Act, will provide uninsured Americans with information to protect them against price gouging.

"Being one of the 46 million uninsured Americans is hazardous to your health and to your wallet. Some hospitals charge \$120 for a chest x-ray, others more than \$1,500 for the same procedure," Durbin said. "Until we find a way to provide every American with health insurance, the least we can do is make sure that they will not be gouged at the hospital."

Durbin also noted that Illinois has been a leader in providing consumers with access to pricing information from hospitals and ambulatory surgery centers. In addition to this year's passage of the Illinois Right-to-Know legislation, Illinois has a law requiring hospitals to report in-patient procedure prices and quality data.

The Hospital Price Reporting and Disclosure Act is accompanied by a companion bill which has been introduced in the House by U.S. Representatives Dan Lipinski (D-IL) and Bob Inglis (R-SC).

Honoring her efforts to ensure honest and open government through the free

exchange of information between the government and its citizens, the Society of Professional Journalists has awarded Attorney General Lisa Madigan with its 2005 National Sunshine Award.

Attorney General Madigan was nominated for the award by the Chicago Chapter of the Society for Professional Journalists. Her nomination was due, in part, to her creation of the first-ever Public Access Counselor position within the Public Access and Opinions Division of the Illinois Attorney General's office in December, 2004. The new position was created to enhance understanding of and compliance with the state's sunshine laws, such as the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) and Open Meetings Act (OMA).

In the 10 months since her appointment, Public Access Counselor Terry Mutchler and the lawyers in the Public Access and Opinions Division have handled over 800 open government cases. An overwhelming majority of the telephone calls and written inquiries have come from Illinois citizens. In addition, more than 40 trainings have been conducted across the state in the past 10 months.

On Wednesday, Nov. 2nd, the Palos Township Regular Democratic Organization will hold its annual Dinner Dance at the Lexington House in Hickory Hills. Cocktails will begin at 6:30 p.m. Tickets are priced at \$50 per person, which includes dinner, drinks and entertainment. There will also be a grand raffle, including several prizes and gifts.

This year's dinner theme is Committeeman Sam Simone's "Italian Fiesta." Mr. Simone, who is seeking reelection as the Democratic Committeeman in Palos Township, will be recognizing the many dignitaries and elected officials present that evening. For more information or ticket reservations contact Jane Nolan at (708) 598-2359 or (708) 912-8729.

Worth Township Democratic Committeeman Dennis Magee has announced that his organization's "Annual Cocktail Reception" will be held on Tuesday, Nov. 8th at 115 Bourbon Street, located in Merrionette Park from 7 to 10 p.m. Tickets are \$50 per person. Contributions of \$100 or more will qualify an individual for membership in the Committeeman's Club and will include admission for two to the Cocktail Reception.

According to Committeeman Magee, who is completing his third year at the helm of the Worth Township Democratic Organization, "our organization continues to grow and succeed in its mission of turning out the vote for democratic candidates on all levels."

For more information or tickets call (708) 422-9423.

The Gorman Good Government Group and Friends will host a reception honoring Cook County Commissioner Elizabeth "Liz" Doody Gorman on Thursday, Nov. 10th, from 7 to 10 p.m. at Sam McGuire's, 39 Orland Square Drive, Orland Park. Tickets are \$50 per person and sponsorships are still available. For more information, call Kelly at (708) 772-5199 or visit their website at www.lizgorman.com/campaign.

Gov. Blagojevich's All Kids Plan

Thousands of Illinoisans came together on Oct. 23rd in Chicago for a rally in support of Gov. Blagojevich's *All Kids* plan to provide comprehensive health coverage for every uninsured child in the state. They were joined by members of Illinois' Congressional delegation, state legislators, union leaders, community advocates and concerned families who urged the Illinois General Assembly to pass the *All Kids* proposal during the fall veto session, which began on Tuesday, Oct. 25th.

The *All Kids* rally culminated more than two weeks of outreach and mounting support. Since the governor announced his *All Kids* plan on Oct. 6th, more than 400 organizations from around the state have signed on in support of the proposal, including groups representing hospitals, doctors, nurses, educators, labor, child advocates and clergy.

In Illinois, 253,000 children are without health insurance. More than half of Illinois' uninsured children come from working and middle class families who earn too much to qualify for programs like KidCare, but not enough to afford private health insurance. *All Kids* would make comprehensive health insurance available to children, with parents paying monthly premiums and co-payments for doctors' visits and prescription drugs at affordable rates.

Several parents who currently cannot afford private health insurance for their children joined the rally to push for passage of the *All Kids* plan.

The governor's *All Kids* program would offer children access to comprehensive health care, including doctors' visits, hospital stays, prescription drugs, vision care, dental care and medical devices like eyeglasses and asthma inhalers.

Over the past two and a half years, the Blagojevich Administration has worked to expand health coverage for low-income, working parents and their children. Since January of 2003, 170,000 more children in Illinois received health insurance, and Illinois is now ranked as the second best state in the nation by the Kaiser Family Foundation for providing health care to children who need it. (Illinois is also now the top ranked state in the nation for providing health care to adults who need it.)

Despite these gains, there are still uninsured children in every corner of the state. Based on adjusted 2003 Census data, approximately 253,000 children in Illinois do not have health insurance. Twelve percent of children in Cook County, the state's most populated county, are uninsured. In Pulaski County at the southern tip of Illinois, nearly 15% of children lack health coverage. In St. Clair County, 9.3% of children do not have health insurance. In Sangamon County, home to Illinois' capitol, 8.6% of kids are not insured. Even in suburban DuPage County, one of the 25 wealthiest counties in the United States, 7.2% of children have no health insurance.

More information about *All Kids* is available online at www.allkidscovered.com.

Fast Growing Kudzu Making Inroads In Illinois

To all Illinois residents: Be on the lookout for kudzu. This high-climbing, fast-growing weed, which is illegal to buy, grow and plant in Illinois, smothers existing vegetation and has been spotted in more than 30 Illinois counties.

"Many people are not aware that kudzu has been found in Illinois," said George Czapar, an extension educator at the Springfield Extension Center of the University of Illinois. In collaboration with the Illinois Department of Natural Resources, Czapar is monitoring kudzu in Illinois and is part of an effort to slow the spread of the creeping vine.

Kudzu (*Pueraria montana* var. *lobata*) is sometimes confused with wild grape, another climbing vine that is widespread in Illinois. Although several species of wild grapes are commonly found in Illinois, they do not spread as aggressively, Czapar said. Kudzu is distinguished from wild grape by its trifoliate leaves, like on soybeans; whereas wild grapes have single leaves alternately attached to the stem.

Kudzu can grow a foot a day, and a single crown may send 30 vines in different directions, Czapar said. Vines can extend 98 feet, and mature vines can be four inches thick, according to the Southeast Exotic Pest Plant Council.

Kudzu was introduced from China and Japan, coming to the United States during the 1876 Centennial Exposition in Philadelphia as part of a Japanese garden exhibit.

In the 1930s, kudzu was touted for its ability to stabilize eroding land and as a food source for cows, Czapar said. The U.S. government promoted what it called the "wonderplant," leading to 2.47 million acres of kudzu-covered U.S. land by 1946, according to the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

Now the invasive vine, a relative of soybeans, covers an estimated 7 million acres across southeastern states. In Illinois, kudzu is located mainly along roads.

Halloween Pet Tips

It's all right if you have a scaredy cat at Halloween. Pets can get spooked just like people do.

Dr. Melanie Landis, a veterinarian in the College of Veterinary Medicine and Biomedical Sciences at Texas A&M University, offers some helpful Halloween tips to keep your dog or cat out of harm's way: Keep nervous or aggressive pets confined to one room or a crate if kids are going to be coming by trick or treating; Keep black cats inside for at least a week before and several days after Halloween; Keep pets away from open flames; Keep candies out of reach of your pets; Keep cats that tend to be door darters confined in a closed room;

While treats are a very important part of a Halloween celebration, they can be harmful for Fido and Fluffy. How the treat will affect your pet depends on the size of the animal and the amount of candy that has been eaten, says Landis. "Most candies will just usually cause a mild gastrointestinal upset, like vomiting or diarrhea," she says.

"If the problems are mild, they should subside in 24-48 hours without intervention. Severe gastrointestinal upsets may require a trip to the veterinarian."

Chocolate, a favorite holiday treat, can be dangerous and even fatal for pets. "If a large amount of dark chocolate is ingested, this can be toxic," says Landis. She advises petowners to go to the veterinarian within a few hours of the ingestion if possible.

If you plan on letting Fido or Fluffy join in on the dressing up fun, there are some things you should consider. "If a pet easily accepts a costume, then owners can use them," advises Landis. "Make sure the costume doesn't make the pet too hot and doesn't cover its eyes or nose."

Landis also warns the material used for accenting costumes can sometimes be harmful. "If any paints are used, make sure they are approved for animals, non-toxic if ingested, can easily be washed out of the hair coat, and are not applied near the eyes."

Halloween can be a fun and enjoyable time for both you and your pets if you follow these simple steps. But if you're nervous about Fido's reaction to the hustle and bustle of the holiday season, Landis says "most pets don't seem too bothered by it."

"Keeping pets confined and inside will help ease your pet through this spooky time," she adds.

Schizophrenic Anonymous

Schizophrenics Anonymous (S.A.) group holds regular meetings at Thresholds South Suburbs, 12145 S. Western Ave. in Blue Island, in the conference room from 3 to 4 p.m. every Thursday.

The self-help support group welcomes all those who have the brain disorder Schizophrenia and Schizo-affective disorder, or related disorders, to join with them for the weekly, hour-long sessions. In such a group setting, those attending can openly discuss their life experiences with others who understand because they too live with an illness.

There are no fees. To learn more about S.A. or the group meeting, call Sharon at (708) 239-0564.

"It blocks the sunlight and smothers native plants," Czapar said. No natural enemies or predators of kudzu are common in Illinois, which is typical of an introduced, invasive species, he said.

Southeast Illinois has 90 percent of the Illinois kudzu and the greatest kudzu problem compared with the rest of the state, said Jody Shimp, regional administrator at the Illinois Department of Natural Resources.

The northernmost reported patch of kudzu in Illinois is in Evanston, where there is about an acre of kudzu near the Chicago Transit Authority railroad, Shimp said.

Illinois researchers have found that kudzu survives Illinois winters and has excellent germination - characteristics previously assumed to be untrue, Czapar said.

The U.I. Extension Center and the Illinois Department of Natural Resources are working together to manage kudzu in Illinois. The Illinois Department of Natural Resources uses both herbicides and mowing to destroy patches of kudzu, Shimp said.

"Because its root system can descend 12 feet into the soil and weight 300 pounds, controlling kudzu requires a combination of management practices rather than simply pulling out the weed," Czapar said.

Documentary On Emmett Till Murder

Dominican University will present director Keith Beauchamp in a discussion and screening of his film *The Untold Story of Emmett Louis Till* on Thursday, Nov. 17th at 6 p.m. in the auditorium of the Priory Campus, 7200 W. Division St.

Beauchamp's documentary records his nine-year investigation of the 1955 lynching of Emmett Till, a 14-year-old black boy from Chicago who was kidnapped and murdered after allegedly whistling at a white woman while visiting relatives in Mississippi. The film, a mix of archival footage and interviews with surviving witnesses, has been credited with influencing the U.S. Dept. of Justice to reopen the case late last year.

The case stunned the country 50 years ago not only because of the brutality of the murder and the haste with which an all-white jury acquitted the two white men accused of the crime but, most importantly, because of Till's indomitable mother's decision to publicly display his battered body. Thousands of people filed past the open casket during Till's Chicago funeral and photographs of the body in *Jet* magazine galvanized the civil rights movement.

Beauchamp will describe how his decades-long investigation led him to believe that many more people were involved in Till's murder than the two men acquitted of the crime, both of whom boasted of the crime after their acquittal. He interviewed relatives of Till's who either saw or heard several cars pulling up to Till's great-uncle's home the night of the kidnapping. He also read stories in the African-American press that named additional suspects, not all of whom were white.

For more information about the screening of *The Untold Story of Emmett Louis Till*, contact Janice Monti, professor of sociology and criminology, at (708) 524-6771.

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ENTERTAINMENT NEWS

Celebrate The Fall Season

If you are looking for some extra color and fragrance in your life, indulge your senses at Garfield Park Conservatory at 300 N. Central Park Avenue and at Lincoln Park Conservatory at 2391 N. Stockton Drive in Chicago.

It's still not too late to celebrate the fall season with Garfield Park's Outdoor Autumn Garden Show, which will be running free of charge through Nov. 6th. Daily hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. ('til 8 p.m. on Thursday). Fall blooming flowers, including hundreds of asters and mums in every shade and style, come together to create a full hued rainbow in the Conservatory's Sensory Garden.

As we move closer to the season to be jolly, from Nov. 25th through January 8th, you can celebrate the holidays at Garfield Park. The Holiday Show features more than 1,000 poinsettias. Along with Christmas trees, plants such as Jerusalem Cherry, Christmas peppers, plumbago and begonias will be featured. Same hours as above apply with free admission and free parking.

Further north, at the Lincoln Park Conservatory, the Chrysanthemum Show is currently running until Nov. 27th. Daily hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission is free. Thousands of the "Queen of Fall" flowers in a rainbow of hues and styles fill the conservatory show house in a traditional Chrysanthemum display.

From Dec. 10th through Jan. 8th Lincoln Park Conservatory will conduct its free Winter Flower and Train Show. Several model trains, including an old-fashioned steam engine, freight train and trolley, wind their way through a miniature village set in a field of vibrant red, delicate white and soft pink poinsettias. The village, comprised entirely of natural materials including willow, spruce and birch woods, features a variety of Chicago style homes and famous buildings such as the neighborhood bungalow, Chicago Theatre and Chicago Water Tower Place.

For more information, contact the Chicago Park District at (312) 742-4786 or visit www.chicagoparkdistrict.com.

CLASS REUNIONS

Chicago Vocational High School class of 1981 is looking for classmates. Email cvs1981@aol.com.

St. Christopher School Alumni (Midlothian) - Reunion Mass at 10:30 a.m. followed by Breakfast, 147th & Keeler Ave. Visit their web site at www.stchrisalumni.org.

St. Mary of Czestochowa School Alumni - Dec. 8th Mass at 8 a.m. with Blessing and Rededication in front of school - Brunch in School Hall. Call Mr. Theis at (708) 656-5010 or e-mail elem.stmaryczestochowa@archchicago.org.

Bogan High School class of June 1965 will hold a reunion on Nov. 25th. Call (708) 349-7059.

Bowen High School class of 1974 is looking for classmates. Call (773) 768-3895 or (773) 721-8330.

Tilden Tech High School Alumni Association's 34th annual Hall of Fame Dinner and Reunion honoring January and June classes of 1955 on Friday, Nov. 4th at Lexington House in Hickory Hills. Call Ed Winkler at (708) 599-3058 or C.J. Murzyn at (773) 582-7411 or email kmurzyn@aol.com.

St. Clare de Montefalco School class of 1971 is seeking alumni. Contact class1971reunion@yahoo.com.

Mendel High School - "All Year Reunion" honoring the class of 1955 on their 50th anniversary is planned for November. Contact Ron Dubin at RONHAWKS@AOL.COM.

Children's Humanities Festival

Come click your ruby-slipped heels this fall for the Chicago Children's Humanities Festival. Join the Children's Festival as they proudly celebrate their 2005 Benefit, a "Sing-A-Long" Wizard of Oz. Audiences of all ages can delight in the story of Dorothy and her journey through Oz by singing along with the beloved film. Led by a spirited on-stage Master of Ceremonies, the afternoon's audience will participate through gestures and expressions, including hissing at the Wicked Witch and clicking your heels to return home to Kansas. Come dressed as your favorite Oz character and participate in the costume parade. Perfect for the Halloween weekend, this fun-filled journey up the yellow brick road takes place on Sunday, Oct. 30th from 1 to 3:30 p.m. at the Chicago Public Library, Harold Washington Library Center, 400 S. State St. Tickets are \$25 for children, \$30 for adults. Proceeds benefit the Chicago Children's Humanities Festival.

An incredible collection of writers, illustrators, storytellers, musicians and performers is coming to Chicago this fall to entertain and educate, as part of the Children's Humanities Festival, from Oct. 29th to Nov. 10th. The Children's Humanities Festival, now in its sixth year, has quickly grown to become one of the country's leading festivals for young people. A production of the Chicago Humanities Festival, the Children's Festival was created to awaken children and teens to the joys of the arts and humanities. Each year it echoes the annual theme of the larger fall festival, which this year examines the notions of Home and Away. Programs span two weekends, and encompass a broad variety of disciplines, including animation, music, theater, storytelling, art and illustration, workshops, and much more. Best of all, teachers and students are admitted for free!

Observe Paderewski's Birthday

The Polish Museum of America, in conjunction with the newly formed Paderewski Assn., have organized a tribute in honor of the 145th anniversary of the birthday of the remarkable Polish artist, composer and statesman, Ignacy Jan Paderewski. Paderewski's personality truly combined the best features of artist and diplomat. He was a remarkable talent and intellect who devoted his life to deep-rooted feelings of Polish patriotism. An inaugural reception will be held on Saturday, Nov. 12th from 6 to 9:30 p.m. in the Great Hall of The Polish Museum of America. This affair is the first of a series of planned annual events leading up to the grand celebration of the 150th anniversary of the Maestro's birthday in 2010.

In the majestic Great Hall of the museum, we will present for those in attendance a sneak preview of fine art and antiques that will be auctioned at the next event on March 11th, 2006 for the benefit of The Polish Museum of America's conservation programs. Proceeds from this event as well as future events will help ensure the preservation of PMA's priceless collections for future generations.

For ticket information regarding the 145th birthday celebration and other upcoming Paderewski Assn./Polish Museum of America events, call (773) 782-2605.

Champagne "Bravo" Brunch

The Illinois Philharmonic Orchestra will host a Champagne Bravo Brunch and Concert with jazz legend and international recording artist Freddy Cole (Nat "King" Cole's brother) on Sunday, Nov. 6th at Olympia Fields Country Club in Olympia Fields. The brunch begins at 11 a.m.

Cole doesn't apologize for sounding like his brother, Nat "King" Cole. There are certain unmistakable similarities. He plays piano and sings and performs live with guitar and upright bass, just like Nat. Yet his voice is raspier, smokier, jazzier even. But he has emerged from the awesome shadow cast by his elder brother. In truth, his phrasing is far closer to that of Frank Sinatra or Billie Holiday than that of his brother and his timing swings a little more. His vocals - suave, elegant, formidable and articulate - are among the most respected in jazz. Cole's career continues to ascend as he has moved into the front ranks of America's homegrown art form with a style and musical sophistication all his own. Cole's most recent album was released in May 2005, titled "This Love of Mine."

The event features an Honorary Committee of individuals who have been integral to the Illinois Philharmonic Orchestra's growth over the last 28 years. "The Honorary Committee is a very unique group of people who believe in the Illinois Philharmonic Orchestra, and who have made significant contributions to the IPO over the years."

The Champagne Brunch begins at 11 a.m., and a special presentation will be provided by Audrey Baird, an award-winning arts and symphony advocate. The Jazz Concert with Freddy Cole begins at 1:30 p.m. Advance reservations are \$60 per person, and are available by calling Jennifer at the Illinois Philharmonic, (708) 481-7774.



The Apple Tree

The Palos Village Players will present The Apple Tree, a musical by the team of Jerome Coopersmith, Jerry Bock and Sheldon Harnick, at 7:30 p.m. on Nov. 11, 12, 18 and 19 and 2 p.m. on Nov. 13. The performances will be at the Palos Park Recreation center, 8901 W. 123rd St. The show is actually three one-act musicals that all deal with the theme of temptation and it opens with a scene in the Garden of Eden. The music and lyrics were written by the same Broadway team that gave us Fiddler on the Roof.

Kathryn Cargill of Palos Heights is cast in the role of the snake/temptation in all three acts. Other leading roles are portrayed by David Bell of Justice, Carrie McGrail of Hometown, Dave Groebel of Lemont, Kathryn Pollack of Oak Lawn, Kristina Caputo of Chicago Ridge, and Mark Rice of Orland Park. Others in the cast include Marie Whitney of Bridgeview, Stan Wojteczko of Clarendon Hills, Shari Heda of Hometown, Kathy Janik of Lemont, Brett Robertson and Lori Ruhino of Orland Park, Peg Crawford and Chris Sarias of Palos Heights, Melanie Henry and Gloria Micek of Palos Park, and Bruce Frederick of Tinley Park. George Machay of Hinsdale is the director and he is assisted by Rick Baiker of Mt. Greenwood and Lori Nussle of Palos Park.

Tickets are \$15 with a \$3 discount for students and senior citizens and can be reserved by calling (708) 479-3262. There is also a brunch/theater combination ticket for the Sunday Matinee at Hackney's Restaurant, 123rd and LaGrange Road. Call (708) 448-8300 for reservations. Pictured left to right are Peg Crawford, Kathy Janik, Kristina Caputo and Gloria Micek.

St. Rita Centennial Book

Centennial Remembrance - St. Rita of Cascia High School Centennial - 100 Years and Counting by Richard P. Bessette is a new book that celebrates the 100th anniversary of the founding of St. Rita High School in Chicago. With over 400 black & white photographs, this work presents an extensive view of this Augustinian school's last 100 years. 128 pages, 8 1/2 x 11" hardcover book. Price \$30, which includes shipping and handling. Call (773) 925-5029 to order.

Celebrity Roast

Carrie Hightman, president of SBC Illinois, will be saluted at a celebrity roast to benefit the Today's Chicago Woman Foundation at a dinner at the Fairmont Chicago, 200 N. Columbus Drive, International Ballroom, on Thursday, Nov. 10, beginning at 6 p.m. for cocktails, followed by dinner at 7 p.m.

The lineup of stellar roasters will include Joe Ahem, Laurel Bellows, Alderman Edward Burke, Diann Burns, Scott Hodes, State Senator President Emil Jones, Cynde Hirschtick Munzer, Manny Sanchez, Brenda Sexton, State Treasurer Judy Baar Topinka and Bill Zwecker. Author and columnist Terry Savage will emcee.

Tickets are \$200 per person, and there are also opportunities for table sponsors, partner sponsors and title sponsors. The evening will include a silent auction. For more information or to purchase a ticket, call (312) 951-8976 or log onto www.tcwfoundation.com.

Today's Chicago Woman Foundation, a 501(c)(3) charity, an all-volunteer non-profit organization which was established by Sherren Leigh in 1989, is dedicated to supporting and providing funds to Chicago area organizations and projects that help women and children in crisis situations, particularly those responding to situations resulting from domestic violence and abuse. To date, the Foundation has provided grants to more than 100 charities.

Festival Of The Arts

The Benedictine University Department of Music will present its semiannual "Festival of the Arts" featuring the talents of students and faculty Friday-Sunday, Nov. 4-6 at St. Daniel Hall at Benet Academy.

The festival begins at 7:30 p.m. on Nov. 4 with a concert by the Benedictine Jazz Eagles under the direction of Luis Loubriel, Ph.D.

Saturday's schedule features student recitals at 12 and 2 p.m. followed by a recital by the voice students of Victoria VerHoven and Marc Stingley at 4 p.m. The Benedictine University Concert Band at 7:30 p.m. All performances are open to the public and admission is free.

For more information, call the Department of Music at (630) 829-6320.

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ENTERTAINMENT NEWS

Beverly Art Center Tickets On Sale

The Beverly Arts Center, 2407 W. 111th St., has announced that tickets are on sale for concerts in November.

These concerts include; on Friday, Nov. 11th, at 8 p.m., Poco, a favorite country rock band from the 1960s featuring original band members Rusty Young and George Grantham, who will perform their hit singles "Crazy Love," "Nothin' to Hide" and "Call it Love." They will also include many songs from their 20 albums. Admission is \$25.

Country rock band, Heartsfield, who was once known as Chicago's Grateful Dead, will be performing the quite

country/not quite rock repertoire with original band member Perry Jordan. Special musical guests will be the Inlaws. This concert will be on Wednesday, Nov. 23rd at 7:30 p.m. Admission is \$15.

Guitar/vocalist Lonnie Brooks, known for his signature sound, will perform Chicago blues; Cajun boogie and country twang on Friday, Nov. 25th at 8 p.m. Admission is \$25.

For tickets and more information, call the Beverly Arts Center box office at (773) 445-3838 or go online to www.beverlyartcenter.org.

Anniversary Celebration

The Illinois Philharmonic Orchestra, led by music director Carmon DeLeone, present and perform their grand opening night concert featuring baritone John Koch, soprano Louise Toppin, along with the DePaul University Choir, the Chicago Community Chorus, and the Grand Prairie Singers in a spectacular performance of Carl Orff's famous Carmina Burana.

The concert begins at 8 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 5th at The Center for Performing Arts, Governors State University in University Park. Carmina Burana, an extraordinary choral composition of poetry written by Carl Orff (1895-1982), requires very large choruses.

Carmina Burana, a collection of German and Latin poems intended to be sung, is considered by many to be a 20th century masterpiece. In addition, concert-goers can hear one of Carmon DeLeone's own works, Fanfare, Funk and Fandango.

The Illinois Philharmonic Orchestra Carmina Burana Opening Night Concert is generously sponsored by the Sage Foundation and begins at 8 p.m. Single tickets are \$28...\$38...\$48 and are available through the GSU box office by calling (708) 235-2222. Special group discounts are available for 10 or more. Come early at 7:15 for a pre-concert discussion in Engbretson Hall with a music expert.

Viking Pride Dinner

St. Laurence High School will be hosting its third annual Viking Pride Dinner in the school cafeteria on Saturday evening, Nov. 12th. The Viking Pride Dinner, a celebration of St. Laurence alumni, will be inducting 16 deserving men into the Athletic Hall of Fame.

St. Laurence legend Tim Grunhard, class of 1986, will return to his alma mater to be the special guest speaker, and reflect on his years at the school and his career in sports.

The honorees are Larry Ulanski, Rich Zylka, Dennis Moderhack, Terry Murphy, Otto Cerny, Dan Grunhard, Pat Tierney, Chris O'Donnell, Brent Bowers, Don Popp, Mike Walaszek, Tim Halleran, Kevin Basic, Dave Hickey, Neal Rourke and Kevin Bracken.

Tim Grunhard was an all-State lineman for the Vikings in the mid-80s, helping to lead the Norsemen to Catholic League championships in 1984 and 1985. In college, he was a member of the Notre Dame Fighting Irish national championship team in 1990 under Coach Lou Holtz. He was drafted by the Kansas City Chiefs and spent a decade as the team's starting center, earning all-Pro recognition along the way. Tim is now a popular radio host in the Kansas City area.

Tickets to the event are \$50 per person. For more information or to purchase tickets, contact Joe Faber in the alumni office at (708) 458-6900, ext. 253, during regular school hours. He can be reached by email at jfaber@stlaurence.com.

Plows Luncheon

Plows 30th Annual Luncheon will take place on Friday, Oct. 28th at the Lexington House at 7717 W. 95th Street in Hickory Hills.

Lunch will be served at Noon, with the cash bar opening at 11 a.m. The chosen menu consists of a deluxe garden salad, Swiss steak, whipped potatoes, green beans almondine and Lexington House rolls. For dessert there will be vanilla ice cream with caramel topping. Pianist Tony Price of Lemont will provide entertainment during lunch.

The agenda for the day includes the induction of the 2005/06 officers and members of the executive board. The annual ad book, the one major fundraiser of the year, will be distributed to all who attend the luncheon.

The Senior Recognition Awards, honoring senior volunteers from the community will be among the afternoon highlights. These individuals have been nominated by the agency or organization they serve.

Concluding the day will be the popular raffle of prizes. Tickets, which are \$19 per person, are available at the PLOWS office or by prepaid mail request.

Polish Heritage Courthouse Tour

Circuit Court of Cook County Chief Judge Timothy C. Evans announced the annual Circuit Court of Cook County Polish Heritage Month Courthouse Tours will take place on Friday, Oct. 28 in the Richard J. Daley Center, 50 W. Washington St. in Chicago. Co-sponsoring the tour is the Advocates Society The Association of Polish-American Attorneys.

The tour offers the public a sense of the day-to-day operations of one of the nation's largest unified court systems. Tour highlights include visiting a courtroom to observe a trial in progress, meeting with a judge of the Circuit Court for an informal presentation, and the opportunity to meet with bar association representatives.

Tour participants also receive the Circuit Court of Cook County Informational Guide. The guide outlines the structure of the Circuit Court of Cook County, explains the basics of trial proceedings, and includes a directory of court and county services.

Individuals or groups planning on attending the Polish Heritage Month Courthouse Tour may contact Melissa Pacelli of the Circuit Court of Cook County's Public Affairs Office at (312) 603-1927 on or before Tuesday, Oct. 25. Tours are limited to persons age ten and older, with a limit of 35 persons to a group. Reservations are recommended. The tour will depart at 10 a.m. from the Daley Center's west lobby located on the Randolph and Clark streets side of the building.

For more information about courthouse tours and other programs and services of the Circuit Court of Cook County, visit www.cookcountycourt.org.



Man Of La Mancha

Tickets are currently on sale for the Oak Lawn Park District Theatre's production of Man of La Mancha. The play will run at the Oak View Center, 4625 W. 110th St., for two consecutive weekends: Nov. 11-13 and Nov. 18-20. Friday and Saturday shows are at 8 p.m. and Sunday shows are at 3 p.m. Tickets are \$19 for adults and \$18 for senior citizens and children.

The show's production staff includes: Mark Gorka, producer; Tim Griffin, director; Mike Knezz, assistant director; Rosie Orozco, choreographer; Diane Madden, musical director; Bill Hansen, conductor; and Gil Oliva, lighting and set designer.

For more information on the production, call the Oak Lawn Park District at (708) 857-2200 or e-mail theatre@olparks.com.

Cast members are: Ralph Scotese of Chicago as Don Quixote, John P. Siracusa Jr. of Franklin Park as Sancho, Dee Hamilton of Bridgeview as Aldonza, Don Maldonado of Burbank as the Innkeeper, Stan Kastell of Chicago as Dr. Carrasco, Burke Frye of Country Club Hills as Padre, Jen Lenihan of Chicago as Antonia, Kimmie Kill of Oak Lawn as the Housekeeper, Ed Modesto of Orland Park as the Barber/Paco, Stephen Gerez of Blue Island as Pedro, Dan Moore of Chicago as Jose, Steve Wallace of Oak Lawn as Juan, Frank Chellberg of Oak Lawn as Tenorio, Steve Knezz of Homer Glen as Capt. of Inquisition, Roberta Kamp of Oak Forest as the Innkeeper's wife/Maria, Brittney Fennwald of Palos Heights as Fermina, Bridget Barnes of Chicago as Dancing Horse #1, Jen Lenihan as Dancing Horse #2, Christopher Swles of Crestwood as Guard #1/muleteer, and Eric Nielsen as Guard #2/muleteer.

Chevy Vettefest Accelerates Into Chicago

The pedal's to the metal for Chevy Vettefest – the world's largest indoor Chevy and Corvette show, swap meet and car sale – to peel into Chicago's McCormick Place North, Nov. 5 and 6. Enthusiasts will find everything-Chevrolet, from antiques to futuristic prototypes, and every super-charged dream car in between.

The "Gold Spinner Concourse" will feature the country's finest and fastest original and restored Chevys. "Bow Tie Boulevard" showcases custom street and stock cars, and the Corvette-filled "Triple Crown" pays tribute to America's favorite sports car, from Route 66 classics to the heart-pounding 206.

Author Noland Adams, probably the world's premiere authority on restoring early Corvettes, will be on hand throughout the two-day show to greet fans, autograph books and posters, and conduct a Saturday seminar. Adams will be displaying his own restored 1953 Corvette, one of the first Corvettes ever built and the exact car portrayed on the U.S. Postal Service "Sporty Car" series stamp introduced earlier this year.

Special exhibits planned for this Chevy Vettefest include a tribute to the "396 Chevy's of 1965." Among the cars featured will be three Z16 Chevelles – a rare model that most enthusiasts would be surprised to see once, much less three times, at any show – along with several 396/425 Corvettes, and more than a dozen rare Big Block Chevys.

There will also be a blow-your-socks-off display of "Super Car Drag Cars," sponsored by the Yenka Sports Car Club. Star cars will include the 1968 Gibb/Harrell Nova, the 1969 Berger/Arons "Grumpy's Toy VIII" Camaro Pro Stocker and several original COPO cars.

In the automotive swap meet, serious restorers and weekend dabblers alike will find more Chevy and Corvette parts and peripherals than anywhere else under a single roof – everything from N.O.S. (new old stock) parts to the latest reproduction items, bumper-to-bumper parts, automotive restoration services and apparel.

The all-Corvette and Chevrolet car and truck sale allows buyers to deal directly with sellers, without commission fees.

Chevy Vettefest will be open to the public, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., Saturday and Sunday, at McCormick Place North, 2301 S. Lake Shore Dr., Chicago. Tickets are \$14 per person, with children under age 12 admitted free. Tickets are available at the door. For additional information, call (708) 563-4300 or log on to chevyvettefest.net.

Shedd's Spooky Seas

When darkness falls on All Hallows Eve and a mysterious mist enshrouds the city, the tall ship Shedd Aquarium sets sail on a ghostly ocean with spooky sea stories and deep-sea delights.

Come dressed for the occasion Friday evening, Oct. 28th at Shedd Aquarium, at 1200 S. Lake Shore Drive. Shedd will be hosting – we mean hosting – a parade of its best-dressed guests. Get ready to dance macabre and party with ghosts, goblins and a skeleton crew. But don't forget your sleeping bag and pillows because you will sack out with Shedd's reef residents and other aquatic animals in the Aquarium Galleries.

If you aren't up for spending the night, then join in for the evening portion of this event. Activities are designed for families with children ages 0-12.

The fee for the evening event, from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m., is \$30 (\$20 for members); and for the overnight package, it is \$60 (\$50 for members).

American Baby Faire

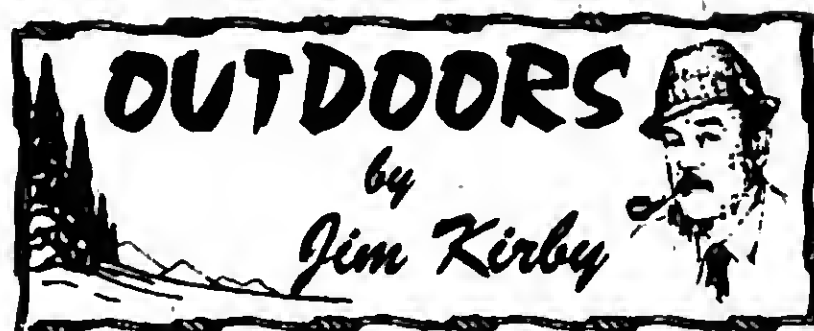
The 9th Annual American Baby Faire Chicago will be held on Saturday, Nov. 5th and Sunday, Nov. 6th at the Donald E. Stephens Convention Center – Halls B, C, D (formerly The Rosemont Convention Center), 5555 N. River Rd., from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Admission for adults is \$8. Children under 12 and grandparents are admitted FREE. \$3 discount admission coupons are available at local Babies "R" Us stores. For more information, consumers can phone the toll-free event line at 1(877) 959-BABY or visit www.americanbaby.com.

Mt Carmel Big Event

Mount Carmel High School will hold its Big Event XXV "An Evening with Mount Carmel," which is a fundraiser for its endowment fund, on Friday, Nov. 4th, at the new Mt. Carmel Convocation Center, 6410 S. Dante Ave., Chicago. Cocktails and Silent Auction will be at 6 p.m., dinner at 7:15 p.m. and dancing at 9 p.m. The Gentlemen of Leisure Band will perform. The cost is \$175 per person with tables of ten.

For reservations, call Celeste Rupcich at 773-324-1020, Ext. 228.



EVERGREEN LAKE, A JEWEL ONLY TWO HOURS AWAY: For the past few years I've been hearing about Evergreen Lake. Then the July issue of *Outdoor Illinois*, published by the Illinois Department of Natural Resources, featured the lake with comments like: "A quiet lake in central Illinois producing some monster fish - one state record to date and the potential for many more."

"In 2001, a 9.68-pound saugeyc (a hybrid cross between a female walleye and a male sauger) was caught on Bloomington's Evergreen Lake and surveys conducted by the IDNR biologists showed saugeyes weighing in at more than 11 pounds - and muskies within 5 pounds of the current state record."

The lake has been stocked with muskies since 1990, and in 1998 and 1999 the Illini Muskie Alliance and the South Side Muskie Hawks stocked the lake with 17-inch and 20-inch muskies.

The month of October is my favorite time of the year to chase the fish "of a thousand casts." Jim Grady, Orland Park, and I picked a date to fish Evergreen. Unfortunately, it was the day after that severe cold front, a 35-degree drop in temperature over a four-hour period. Everyone knows fishing after a cold-front passage is not the best time to fish, but we felt up to the challenge.

A stop at the Visitors Center produced a topo map of the lake, and a few tips from Park Personnel on the best spots to fish for muskies, saugeyes and crappies. It was cold, with 20-mile-an-hour winds out of the North, making boat-control almost impossible. After our 1000 or so casts, we called it quits, vowing to come back another time.

Evergreen Lake is a beautiful body of water, conveniently located off I-55, just five miles north of Bloomington. Signs to the Lake are misleading, exit I-55 at Lexington, go west past Lake Bloomington to Comlara Park, the location of Evergreen Lake.

This 686-acre lake has depths to 50 feet and 22 miles of interesting shoreline, no homes, plenty of campgrounds, two boat ramps, boat rentals and a 10-horsepower limit.

WAL-MART HELPS CONSERVE 138,000 ACRES: Wal-Mart, the world's largest retailer, recently pledged to spend \$35 million compensating for wildlife habitat lost nationwide beneath its corporate "footprint."

Acre for acre, Wal-Mart Stores Inc. said it would buy an amount of land equal to all the land its stores, parking lots and distribution centers use over the next 10 years. That would conserve at least 138,000 acres in the United States as "priority wildlife habitat."

The money would go to the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation, a private nonprofit group created by Congress in 1984 to leverage federal dollars for conservation projects, including 312,000 acres in Maine alone. "We introduced the concept of the offset program to Wal-Mart last year," said Max Chapman Jr., the foundation's chairman. "They were quick to say 'yes,' and Wal-Mart's leadership is raising the bar in conservation."

With a quarter-trillion dollars in annual sales, Wal-Mart employs 1.6 million people at 3,600 U.S. stores and 1,570 stores internationally. The foundation plans to raise \$35 million to match the Wal-Mart money.

SHIMANO WINS BEST OF SHOW AWARD: Las Vegas, NV. - The Shimano Torsa Reels won the Overall Best of Show Award, and the Best of Show for the Reel Category in the ICAST 2005 New Product Showcase awards competition. The company also took top honors for the new Trevala Jigging Rods in the Rod category.

This year's New Product Showcase winners also include three first-time ICAST exhibitors: DriDuds, Spinmaster and FisherGirl, Inc. Shimano won Best of Show awards in the Reel Category for the fourth year in a row.

Sponsored by Fishing Tackle Retailer/ESPN Outdoors, 170 companies entered more than 800 separate tackle products and accessories into the Showcase.

OPERATION BLONDE FAWN YIELDS TWO ARRESTS: Two Cass County residents made their first appearance on felony charges for unlawful selling of white-tail deer. Illinois Department of Natural Resources conservation police officers arrested John E. "Burt" Harris and Carolyn A. "Missy" Harris on Sept. 19th as the result of a short term, undercover investigation. District 10 conservation police officers say they noticed a Cass County game breeder obtaining wild deer and keeping them with his captive-reared deer and possibly selling them. During a covert operation, the Harris' allegedly sold an investigator two white-tail fawns that were taken out of the wild.

TRAPPING BILL VETOED BY GOVERNOR: Illinois sportsmen are urged to contact state lawmakers to override the veto of a pro-trapping bill. House Bill 1486, introduced by Rep. Frank Mautino (D-Spring Valley), would have allowed trapping, benefiting Illinois Sportsmen and the IDNR. Despite the legislature's overwhelming support, Gov. Blagojevich vetoed the measure.



Asian Carp Prevention And Control Act

Gov. Rod R. Blagojevich sent a letter to Illinois Congressional Delegation recently urging them to support a resolution that bans Asian carp - an invasive species that threatens the Great Lakes. Currently, fish farmers in southern states, such as Arkansas and Mississippi, import the Asian carp to eat parasites that threaten their catfish. However, some of these carp have escaped fish farms in the Mississippi River and are making their way north through the Illinois river system to the Great Lakes, where they will destroy the lakes' ecosystems. House Resolution 3049, the Asian Carp Prevention and Control Act, would make it illegal for states to import Asian carp.

"Illinois fishermen tell tales of forty-pound fish leaping into their boats. They're not fish stories, they're facts of the invasion of Asian carp, already infesting some Illinois waterways. We need to do everything we can to protect the Great Lakes from this invasive species," said Gov. Blagojevich.

Asian carp pose a threat to native fish and aquatic ecosystems because they consume much of the food chain. They eat aquatic plants, compete for plankton with native fish, and eat snails and clams. Black carp can live to at least age 15 and grow to more than 5 feet and 150 pounds. They reach maturity at 6 to 11 years of age and then reproduce annually.

Fly Tying Workshop

An "Introduction to Fly Tying" workshop, a multi-session workshop sponsored by the Forest Preserve District of Will County, will be on three successive Saturdays in November, on Nov. 5th, 12th and 19th, with each session running from 12 noon to 3 p.m. at Monee Reservoir. For persons 15 years old and up, the workshop requires a fee of \$65 per person and registration by Oct. 28th.

This three-day workshop teaches the basic wrapping and layering techniques used for all flies. Orvis of Chicago staff will provide participants with a thorough knowledge of predator-prey relationships and the proper fly to choose at any time or place.

All equipment and supplies are provided. Participants will take home all of the flies they make. Fly tying is a skill that saves anglers money and brings them the ultimate satisfaction of catching fish with flies they made.

Monee Reservoir is located on Ridgeland Ave., west of Route 50 and south of Pauling Rd., 2.0 miles south of Monee.

For information and registration, call (815) 727-8700.

United Way Nights With The Chicago Bulls

Discount tickets are available on three special nights for everyone to join the United Way at the Bulls games:

- Wednesday, Nov. 9th vs. Golden State, 7:30 p.m.
- Tuesday, Nov. 29th vs. Orlando, 7:30 p.m.
- Tuesday, Dec. 20th vs. Charlotte, 7:30 p.m.

Tickets regularly priced at \$50, \$40 and \$36 are available for \$30, \$25 and \$23. Tickets must be ordered 3 weeks in advance and purchased with a special designated form.

For an order form, contact Karen Leluga, South-Southwest Suburban United Way, 4711 Midlothian Turnpike, Suite 17, Crestwood, IL 60445, or call (708) 371-1328, ext. 11.

SXU Sports News Players Of The Week

St. Xavier University senior linebacker Rick King (Tinley Park, Andrew) and sophomore kicker Shane Longest (Wilmington) were named the MSFA Midwest League Defensive and Special Teams Players of the Week, respectively, when the honors were released by the conference office on Monday. Both players played instrumental roles in the No. 14 ranked Cougars' 38-31 overtime win over No. 4 St. Ambrose University (Iowa) on Saturday in Chicago.

King led the SXU defense on Saturday with 13 total tackles (10 solos), including a tackle for a loss of three yards. The defense came up big in the overtime period. After St. Xavier had taken a 38-31 lead, St. Ambrose was stopped a yard short of the first down marker on a two-yard reception on a fourth down and three situation.

In a game where every point was essential, Longest played his role perfectly connecting on all five of his extra-point attempts and making a 30-yard field goal in the second quarter of Saturday's win. Longest also booted five kickoffs for a total of 274 yards, including one into the end zone for a touchback.

Pedigo Plays Well

Despite 14 digs, 11 kills and five blocks for junior Paige Pedigo (Chicago Ridge, Queen of Peace), the St. Xavier University volleyball team dropped a non-conference road match to St. Joseph's College (Ind.) in four games (30-25, 27-30, 20-30, 24-30) on Wednesday in Rensselaer, Ind. SXU falls to 15-17 overall this season with the loss.

Junior Jessica Buchmeier (Steger, Bloom Trail) also finished with 11 kills for St. Xavier, while sophomore setter Traci Looby (Orland Hills, Andrew) tallied 30 assists. Sophomore Eileen Carls (Tinley Park, Andrew) turned in 12 digs in Wednesday's match.

Sports Valve

By: Brad Allen

Welcome again to this week's Sports Valve. It's been rainy lately. So, wipe your feet off and step inside the valve.

Professional Sports Valve: Major League Baseball has released its rules revisions for 2006 and it apparently reads as follows:

All existing baseball rules and regulations remain in effect for each Major League franchise currently operating with the exception of the Chicago White Sox.

Sox Clause 1 ... No out recorded against a White Sox hitter shall be binding until said White Sox hitter has had an opportunity to "un-do" the out, i.e. while the opposing team is taking their post-game showers.

Sox Clause 2 ... White Sox hitters shall be allowed to advance safely to First Base on all foul balls.

Proposed Rule Change ... White Sox fielders shall be given an opportunity to "un-do" opposing hitters' home runs via a rundown between home plate and the dugout after the hitter is done circling the bases.

Okay, I got my dig in, but the fact of the matter is this: When opportunity knocks, the White Sox answer. First, the break occurs, then the next guy comes through. Finally, while the other team is still in shock, invariably, Ozzie will have somebody steal a base. The Sox know how to fight! At the time of this column, the Sox appear to be about to open a door that has been shut since World War I.

And their season has been like a successfully conducted war. Their weaponry isn't so high-powered as to render a swift mess-free victory, but they ultimately prevail. Early in the year, Podsednik and Iguchi helped the Sox to preemptory strikes every game and they won prolifically. Afterward, Frank Thomas showed up like the cavalry. In the last month-and-a-half of the season, the team survived a fierce Indian attack that seemed like it would be "Guillen's Last Stand." How fitting that the Sox final shootout should take place in Texas.

Briefly touching base with other pro sports, the Bears certainly impressed me this past Sunday. I picked them to beat the similarly defensive-minded Ravens 3-2. Instead, the game erupted into a "wild" 10-6 affair.

In the meantime, the Blackhawks are still adjusting to the new rule changes, spending most of the game in the penalty box, but there's still plenty of time; and the Bulls are .500 in the pre-season in their attempts to adjust to life without a starting center.

And the much-neglected Chicago Fire, as usual, are in the playoffs. This time, they are battling DC United in a home-and-home aggregate goal series. I had a front row seat at Soldiers Field for their 0-0 opening game tie. Actually, the Fire scored a thrilling game winning goal in the 90th minute of play, but it was waived off due to a foul. If only they had the same brand of officiating that the White Sox enjoy. Now, onto the amateur valve ...

Amateur Valve: Attention Businessmen: Girls basketball is a big deal in the southwest suburbs and one of the bigger events of the year will be held on Dec. 17th - Bremen High School's twelve-team "Pow Wow" basketball tournament. Local businessmen, if you help sponsor the event with a deductible donation of \$150, your company name will appear on a Pow-Wow t-shirt worn by students in many southwest suburbs and Chicago. Call Jim Matlon (708) 371-3600, ext. 3234 or e-mail him at jmatlon@bhsd228.com.

As an infant, Chris Allen, one of the key players on Andrew High School's 2005 soccer team, overcame serious medical adversity, including acute renal failure and aspirated maconium. Now, his obstacles are merely bigger, taller and faster opponents - and he is overcoming them as well. Typically, early in games, Chris (or "Teflon" as I like to call him) fakes, side-steps and decks opponents out of their shoes so badly that they give him more and more space as the game progresses. Then, using the added space his finesse game creates for him, he bides his time and waits. And just when the game seems to shift into slow-motion, he makes his move! Usually, it is the right move as evidenced by his recent hat trick against Bradley and the fact that he is now attracting the attention of college recruiters.

Sports Tip Valve: This week's tip is called the "Tree Trick." When I coached, I was a little frustrated when I'd see a player stiffly standing straight up. When the play came his way he wasn't prepared to move forward, backward, left, right, up or down. Some players, never got into the habit of poisoning themselves by bending at the knees and "feeling" the balls of their feet - at least not until I thought of the "Tree Trick."

This trick works best in late Fall and early Spring or whenever there is a scarcity of leaves. You simply order your "statuesque" player to stand under a tree and tell him to look up. Then you lob a pop-up into the air so that the ball descends down through the myriad of tree branches. As the ball repeatedly ricochets back and forth between the branches on its way down, the kid becomes clueless as to where the ball might eventually land. You'd be surprised how he automatically learns how to shift and re-shift his positioning by - you guessed it - keeping his knees bent and feeling the balls of his feet. If only they would have listened to me in the first place. Exit valve.

Moraine Valley Men's Cross Country Aims To Defend Titles

The bar is being raised this year for the Moraine Valley men's cross country team. After earning the team's first Skyway Conference and National Junior College Athletic Assn. Division I Region IV championships in 2004, as well as placing 21st at the national championships, the Cyclones face the daunting task of defending their titles with only three veterans returning.

There is no question the new runners will learn a lot from the veterans. Leading the way is team captain Kevin Deegan (Brother Rice), who last year won the conference individual title as well as being selected as most Valuable Runner and as a member of the all-conference team. He also took the runner-up spot in the regional championship and was named to the all-region team.

Also returning are Eric Schmidt (St. Laurence) and Dave Brynes (Stagg). Schmidt earned all-conference and all-region honors last year and should achieve that success level again. "Eric is one of our top men. He had a very good pre-season and is rounding into shape. He's farther ahead of where he was last year at this time. I'm really counting on him to excel this year," Coach Mark Horstmeyer said, "and I think he's focused on doing just that."

Brynes was a top contributor last year in helping the team win championships and compete at nationals. This year, Horstmeyer believes he's even better. "Dave started devoting himself to improving last spring. He's a lot stronger and more fit than he was last year. He knows what he has to do to be good. He has dedicated himself to dropping his times, and that dedication will really help us," Horstmeyer said.

Nick Kwit (Argo) returns this year after missing most of last season with injuries. "Nick was really in the mix early on last year, and we missed that after he was sidelined. But he's healthy this year, and I expect him to pick up where he left off and to really be a contributor at conference."

Jay Robertson also returns, and like Kwit, missed most of the 2004 season with injuries. He is rehabbing a slight stress fracture, and the team expects him back very soon. "We hope to get him ready to help us in October when it counts," Horstmeyer said.

The team also is expecting great results from newcomers Anthony Kmetz (Illiana Christian) and Kyle Kurecki (Bremen). Both are veteran high school runners. "Anthony and Kyle will really have to step up if we are to enjoy the success we had last year," Horstmeyer said. "That's a lot of pressure to put on them, but if their pre-season workouts and early season races are any indication, they are up to the task. I was very pleased with their first 8K effort - a huge step up from racing three miles in high school. Once they make the adjustment, good things are in store for them and for the team. The potential is there. I'm looking forward to what they can accomplish this season."

Also new is David Caro (Oak Forest), who does not have competitive running experience but has been coming on strong in workouts. "David is beginning to show what he is capable of doing. He seems to improve with every workout."

"Home Again" Program

Commissioner Joyce Gallagher on Sept. 29th announced that the Chicago Dept. on Aging (CDOA) has selected delegate agencies to help residents of over 40 nursing homes in Chicago, transition back to the community and regain their independence.

The pilot program called "Home Again" will provide assistance to help nursing home residents who are age 60 and older with a comprehensive transition plan to include locating and securing housing, moving-in, assistive living technology, social services and more.

Through the allocation of \$372,000 in state funding, the CDOA has partnered with Housing Opportunities and Maintenance for the Elderly (H.O.M.E.), Access Living, and Catholic Charities to identify and screen nursing home residents capable of living on their own; develop individual transition plans, move the senior into a community residence, and provide ongoing case management. In addition, each agency will assist with setting up a household, including furniture and essential appliances.

The CDOA will also provide needed support programs which include homemaker, home health and financial management assistance.

Illegal To Feed Wild Deer

Illinois residents are reminded that it is illegal to feed wild deer. The Illinois Dept. of Natural Resources (IDNR) strictly enforces this law in an attempt to stop the spread of Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD).

According to Section 635.40 of the 17 Ill. Admin. Code - Feeding or Baiting of Wildlife, "It shall be illegal to make available food, salt, mineral blocks or other products for ingestion by wild deer or other wildlife in areas where wild deer are present." People caught violating this law could face a maximum fine of \$1,000.

"When deer congregate in areas where people have left food, it increases the potential of spreading diseases that are transmitted by animal to animal contact, such as CWD," said IDNR Director Joel Brunsvold. Exceptions to this rule include feeding birds and squirrels in residential areas.

"We know that people enjoy feeding birds and squirrels and we aren't trying to impact homeowners and their individual feeders," Brunsvold said.

Chronic Wasting Disease is a fatal disease that affects neurological systems in deer and elk. Affected animals will become emaciated, display abnormal behavior, loose coordination and eventually die. CWD is not known to be contagious to humans or livestock.

Kids 'Go' For Healthy Choices

In the first study of its kind, researchers were able to show that a low fat diet is safe for children eight years of age and older and that children will make healthy choices with help from their families and health professionals. The three-year Dietary Intervention Study in Children (DISC) studied the effects of a low fat diet on growth and development in 663 children ages 8 to 10 years old with elevated blood cholesterol levels. This paper reports how the children's eating patterns changed as a result of being part of the study. The participants in the intervention group were taught a system of categorizing foods into "Go," "Slow," and "Whoa" foods. The intake of "Whoa" foods (higher calorie foods from all food groups) decreased by .2 to .3 servings per day after three years compared to the control group. The study showed that after participating in the education program, the kids made more than a third of their choices from the heart-healthy "Go" group which included nonfat and 1 percent dairy foods, fruits, vegetables, whole grains and lean meat.

The "Go" versus "Whoa" system is now being used in the "We Can!" (Ways to Enhance Children's Activity and Nutrition) youth obesity-prevention initiative coordinated by the National Institutes of Health (NIH) For more information visit www.nhlbi.nih.gov/health/public/heart/public/heart/obesity/wecan/index.htm.

Hatha Style Yoga

Yoga helps create a sense of union in body, mind and spirit. St. Francis Hospital & Health Center is offering a Hatha style of yoga that focuses on beginner as well as advanced postures and poses on Wednesdays, Nov. 2 through Dec. 7, 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.

The cost is \$40; \$35 for seniors. To register, call (708) 385-4433.

For a complete listing of programs and events at St. Francis Hospital & Health Center, visit www.stfrancis-blueisland.com.

Lifelink's Adoption Program

Lifelink's international adoption program is hosting a free information meeting at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 1 at its regional office, 331 S. York Road, Bensenville.

For more information, call (630) 521-8281, or visit Lifelink's Web site at www.lifelinkadoption.org.

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PREP SPORTS ROUND-UP

BOYS FOOTBALL

Thursday, 10-20-05

Bogan 36, Bowen 0
Morgan Park 48, Fenger 0

BOYS FOOTBALL

Friday, 10-21-05

Providence 28, De LaSalle 27
Joliet Catholic 43, Nazareth Academy 17
Lincoln Way East 49, Joliet Township 14
Bolingbrook 33, Lincoln Way Central 3
Loyola 23, Brother Rice 14
St. Rita 49, Guerin Prep 20
Stagg 49, Thornwood 0
T.F. South 52, Eisenhower 14
Marian Catholic 18, Notre Dame 10
Richards 42, Reavis 7
Rich South 21, Kankakee 14
Homewood-Flossmoor 40, Lockport 15
Lemont 48, Elmwood Park 7
Sandburg 45, Bloom Township 6
Bradley 35, Thornton 34
Carmel 34, Marist 21
Chicago Christian 28, Aurora Christian 20
Hillcrest 34, Rich Central 6
Curie 36, Hope 12
Hubbard 62, Whitney Young 41

BOYS FOOTBALL

Saturday, 10-22-05

Mount Carmel 27, Fenwick 10
Rich East 22, Tinley Park 14
Thornridge 33, Shepard 19
Crete-Monee 34, T.F. North 7
Rockford Christian Life 31, Luther South 6
Bishop McNamara 35, St. Ignatius 7

BOYS SOCCER

Tuesday, 10-18-05

Mount Carmel 9, Tilden 0
St. Rita 2, Kelly 1 (SO)
Marian Catholic 7, Illiana Christian 1
Homewood-Flossmoor 3, Bloom Township 0
St. Ignatius 5, Payton Prep 1
Lyons Township 5, De LaSalle 0

BOYS SOCCER

Wednesday, 10-19-05

Lincoln Way Central 5, Joliet Catholic Academy 0
Sandburg 8, Tinley Park 0
Lincoln Way East 8, Streator 0

Providence Catholic 1, Morris 0

Brother Rice 3, Oak Lawn 1

Stagg 7, Richards 1

Argo 3, Curie 0

Kennedy 3, Hancock 1

Reavis 1, Hubbard 0 (SO)

Bogan 3, St. Laurence 1

Lockport 7, Rich Central 0

Marist 6, Morgan Park 0

Oak Forest 3, Thornton Township co-op 0

Andrew 2, Thornton Fractional co-op 1 (2 OT's)

Shepard 2, Bremen 1

Benet Academy 4, Lemont 0

Joliet Township 2, Rich South 1

BOYS SOCCER

Thursday, 10-20-05

Morgan Park Academy 1, University High 0 (OT)

BOYS SOCCER

Friday, 10-21-05

Andrew 1, Shepard 0 (OT)
Sandburg 5, Oak Forest 0
St. Ignatius 6, Foreman 1
Stagg 3, Brother Rice 0
Homewood-Flossmoor 1, Marian Catholic 0
Crete-Monee 3, Lockport 2

BOYS SOCCER

Saturday, 10-22-05

Lincoln Way Central 1, Joliet Township 0
Mount Carmel 4, St. Rita 0
Lincoln Way East 2, Plainfield Central 1
Providence Catholic 1, Plainfield South 0 (SO)
Kennedy 2, Argo 1 (2 OT's)
Reavis 3, Bogan 0
Marist 2, Eisenhower 0

BOYS SOCCER

Monday, 10-24-05

Morgan Park Academy 4, Francis Parker 3

GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

Tuesday, 10-18-05

Evergreen Park d. Oak Forest 25-11, 23-25, 25-11
Marist d. Nazareth Academy 25-9, 25-23
St. Viator d. Joliet Catholic 25-18, 15-25, 26-24
Rich East d. Crete-Monee 25-18, 25-20
Rich South d. Rich Central 25-22, 23-25, 25-23
Richards d. Argo 25-13, 25-18
Oak Lawn d. Shepard 25-9, 25-20

Lemont d. Elmwood Park 25-9, 25-13

Bremen d. Hillcrest 25-22, 26-24

T.F. North d. Thornwood 23-25, 25-16, 25-13

Tinley Park d. Eisenhower 25-18, 21-25, 25-20

Providence d. Carmel 25-21, 25-15

Marian Catholic d. Bishop McNamara 25-11, 25-11

GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

Wednesday, 10-19-05

Mother McAuley d. Lyons Township 21-25, 25-15, 25-18
Stagg d. Oak Lawn 25-18, 25-23
Sandburg d. Joliet Township 25-8, 25-11
Andrew d. Homewood-Flossmoor 25-12, 25-12
Lockport d. Bolingbrook 25-19, 25-18
T.F. North d. Thornridge 25-17, 25-19
Shepard d. Romeoville 25-17, 22-25, 25-22
Lincoln Way Central d. Bradley 25-17, 21-25, 25-23

GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

Thursday, 10-20-05

Oak Lawn d. Richards 26-24, 24-26, 25-22
Marist d. Fenwick 25-16, 25-18
Joliet Catholic Academy d. Providence Catholic 25-18, 25-20
Evergreen Park d. Bremen 25-18, 25-20
Lemont d. Westmont 25-15, 25-16
Hillcrest d. Eisenhower 14-25, 25-20, 25-20
Marian Catholic d. Nazareth Academy 25-22, 25-15
Oak Forest d. Tinley Park 25-13, 17-25, 25-10
Argo d. Reavis 25-19, 25-10
Rich East d. Kankakee 14-25, 25-12, 25-17
Bloom Township d. T.F. South 25-20, 18-25, 25-21

GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

Friday, 10-21-05

Guerrin Prep d. Seton Academy 25-21, 25-14
St. Scholastica d. Seton Academy 25-12, 25-12
Gordon Tech d. Seton Academy 25-12, 25-16
Aurora Christian d. Chicago Christian 25-18, 20-25, 26-24
Chicago Christian d. Walther Lutheran 25-16, 25-17

GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

Saturday, 10-22-05

Mother McAuley d. Loyola Academy 25-10, 25-12
Mount Assisi d. St. Ignatius 25-18, 25-21
Illiana Christian d. Chicago Christian 25-15, 25-13
Chicago Christian d. Luther South, 25-4, 25-6
Chicago Christian d. Rockford Christian 20-25, 25-18, 25-20
Illiana Christian d. Wheaton Academy 26-28, 25-20, 25-19
Marist d. Downers Grove North 25-17, 25-18
Lyons d. Lockport 17-25, 25-19, 25-3
Sandburg d. Lockport 21-25, 25-20, 25-23

GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

Sunday, 10-23-05

Mother McAuley d. Mount Assisi 25-16, 25-19

GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

Monday, 10-24-05

Seton Academy d. DuSable 25-5, 25-13

GIRLS TENNIS

Friday, 10-21-05

Deerfield 29, Lake Forest 28, Hinsdale Central 27

BOYS CROSS COUNTRY

Saturday, 10-22-05

Thornridge co-op 36, Illiana Christian 39, Marian ...
Catholic 67, T.F. South 110, Rich East 137
Lyons Township 23, Morton 40, Argo 89
Sandburg 25, Lincoln Way East 39, Lincoln Way ...
Central 106, Stagg 112, Andrew 126
Fenwick 27, Oak Park-River Forest 43, St. Ignatius 82

GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY

Saturday, 10-23-05

Naperville North 42, Lockport 67
Thornridge co-op 21, Marian Catholic 42 ...
Crete-Monee 77, Rich South 102, T.F. South 138
Sandburg 28, Lincoln Way East 58, Stagg 87 ...
Andrew 89, Oak Forest 181
St. Ignatius 45, Oak Park-River Forest 46

GIRLS SWIMMING

Tuesday, 10-18-05

Homewood-Flossmoor 119, Lincoln Way East 67
Reavis 127, Argo 44
Thornton Fractional co-op 72, Shepard 22

GIRLS SWIMMING

Wednesday, 10-19-05

Oak Forest 103, Tinley Park 83
Stagg 141, Lockport 33
Evergreen Park 126, Bremen 27

GIRLS SWIMMING

Thursday, 10-20-05

Homewood-Flossmoor 120, Lincoln Way Central 65
Lincoln Way East 115, Bradley 71

BOYS HOCKEY

Thursday, 10-20-05

Brother Rice 4, Marist 0
Mount Carmel 7, Fenwick 4

"Ow, My FEET Are Killing Me!"

"Aaahh, my feet feel and look wonderful" is more likely the comment you will make after treating your feet to the tender loving expertise of Dr. Bela Pandit - and that's no small feat when you consider the things that motivated Dr. Pandit to become a podiatric physician. According to the American Orthopaedic Foot and Ankle Society ...

- Nine out of 10 women are wearing shoes that are too small for their feet.
- Eight out of 10 women say their shoes are painful.
- More than seven out of 10 women have developed a bunion, hammertoe or other painful foot deformity.
- Nine out of 10 women's foot deformities can be attributed to tight shoes.

So, why do women continually buy and suffer in tight and painful shoes? One simple reason: fashion! In following today's trends, many women want their look to be current and stylish. Often, a high heel is preferred to flats since it elongates the leg and lifts the rear. Unfortunately, most high-heeled shoes have a pointed, narrow toe box that crowds the toes and forces them into an unnatural triangular shape. These shoes distribute the body's weight unevenly, placing excess stress on the ball of the foot and on the forefoot. This uneven weight, coupled with the narrow toe box characteristic of most high heels, can lead to discomfort, painful bunions, hammertoes and other deformities in the knees, calves and back.

So, what's a girl to do? Obviously, to relieve the abusive effects of high heels, women can limit the time they wear them switching to a

low heeled shoe when possible. However, when you just can't wear gym shoes to a special event, it is important to look for a shoe that has a wide toe box and a flexible and non-skid sole. A round toe is significantly better than a pointy style as is a wedge or block heel to a stiletto heel.

It is also important to visit a podiatric physician who can evaluate your problems, recommend shoes, adjust and modify the shoes you love so they are comfortable, as well as treat your foot problems. Dr. Bela Pandit of Pandit Foot and Ankle, in Evergreen Park is this physician. She strives to enable her patients to walk beautifully as well as comfortably through life. She is not only the right podiatric surgeon to repair a bunion, hammertoe or fungal nail, etc., but when she has completed your treatment, you will be proud to show your feet off! Never again will you be embarrassed to dine at a Japanese restaurant.

Dr. Pandit possesses that old-fashioned commitment to treat all her patients with compassion, but make no mistake - she is highly trained in the latest innovations in foot care. She is truly a rare blend of sweet-natured and professional. If you are worried about footing the bill, she accepts most insurance & has night & weekend hours available for your convenience.

Playing footsy with that special person in your life should not be a painful experience. So, treat yourself! Hobble over to the phone and call Dr. Pandit at (708) 423-FOOT [3668]. Don't you deserve to put your feet in good hands? She is located at 3830 W. 95th St., Suite #104 in Evergreen Park.

Benjamin Has A Blast At Disney

A very special young man from Oak Lawn recently experienced an extraordinary dream come true thanks to Kids Wish Network, a children's organization that grants wishes to kids with life-threatening illnesses. Benjamin, who was born with complex congenital heart disease, couldn't believe it when his wish to visit Disney World came true!

Benjamin's exciting adventure to Florida began after his mother, Sharon, was contacted by one of Kids Wish Network's professional fundraisers. She was asked if she knew of any kids who might qualify for a wish and she instantly thought of her son.

At birth, Benjamin had no pulmonary artery and his aorta was coming from the wrong side of his heart. Over the years, Benjamin has had several heart surgeries. Recently, his doctors discovered a blockage in his heart; they continue to watch him carefully and are planning for surgery when the blockage gets larger. Benjamin's heart condition prevents him from doing many of the same things as his peers and he must always be extra cautious when engaging in any sort of physical activity that could overexert his heart.

After submitting Benjamin's name to Kids Wish Network, Sharon completed the application process and was thrilled to later learn that her special son was indeed eligible for a wish come true. Benjamin knew just what he wanted to do: he wanted to visit Disney World!

Benjamin's Kids Wish Network Coordinator, Kim, immediately began the arrangements to make his dream come true. She not only secured airline tickets and theme park passes, she also booked hotel accommodations, made dinner reservations for the family at area restaurants, arranged for spending money and more. Benjamin was in for a truly amazing wish adventure.

During Benjamin's exciting trip to Orlando he and his family visited the Magic Kingdom, Epcot, and Universal Studios.

Kids Wish Network would like to thank the following for helping to make Benjamin's wish extra special: The Florida Mall Hotel, Jimmy Buffet's Margaritaville, Oak Lawn Rotary, Olive Garden Pirates Dinner Adventure Theater, The Titanic Exhibit, and Wonderworks.

Kids Wish Network is a nationally recognized non-profit organization dedicated to infusing hope, creating happy memories, and improving the quality of life for children. Those knowing of a child between the ages of three and 18 who may be in need of its wish granting services, should call (813) 891-9374 or toll free (888) 918-9004. For more information on Kids Wish Network, visit its website at www.kidswishnetwork.org.

"Beauty And The Beast"

Oak Lawn Community High School will present the musical "Beauty and the Beast" on Thursday Nov. 3, Friday Nov. 4 and Saturday Nov. 5 at 7:30 p.m., and a matinee performance on Sunday, Nov. 6 at 2 p.m.

Directed by Tom Dzurison and produced by Brett Habas, this wonderful show has a large, talented cast of student actors. They are Lori Alford, Phillip Armstrong, Sophia Barakat, Robert Beland, Kyle Bolz, Clayton Carr, Lauren Cassidy, Patrick Cooper, Sarah Cronin, Sally Dikselis, Jacquelyn Evans, Amanda Eversole, Diana Flores, Claire Ford, David Ford, Delia Goldrick, Sean Goldrick, Brittany Goudie, George Hannan, Julianna Hincks, Kathleen Hudson, Ryan Keane, Danielle Kita,

Nicole Kovacevich, Nicholas Kozlowski, Fitsum Kumssa, Brandon Lindsay, Jessica Lopez, Dakota Major, Sara Martinez, Patrick Miller, Brian Mottl, Michell Moyer, Thomas Murphy, Rebecca Nelson, Claire O'Brien, Conor O'Brien, Michael O'Sullivan, Michael Palhegyi, Ashley Peterson, Trina Procter, Beatrice Quach, Anthony Ramsaran, Raque Rangel, Christopher Smith, Sherman Stewart, Laura Vognar, Lauren Wagner, Theresa Wantiez, Jonathan Waterstraat, Sarah Zavala, Antonio Zhiurinskas, and Susanna Zwirkoski.

Tickets for this production are \$6 for adults and \$5 for students and senior citizens. A special free performance for senior citizens will be held on Tuesday,

Nov. 1 at 7 p.m. in the Auditorium Gym. For further information, call the school at (708) 424-5200, extension 5920.

Christmas Care Program

Worth Township Youth Commission is again sponsoring its "Christmas Care" program for families experiencing financial difficulties. New toys and "gently used" coats will be accepted by the Youth Commission at its office, 11601 S. Pulaski in Alsip, beginning Tuesday, Nov. 1st through Friday, Dec. 9th. This program gives an opportunity for churches, schools, businesses, civic groups and private families to work together to help those in need in their own community.

Through the generous donations of township residents, Worth Township has helped hundreds of families during the past several years. Call the office at 371-2900, ext. 45, for further information.

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SHOP AND SAVE IN OAK LAWN

PARK DISTRICT NOTES

The Oak Lawn Park District will be holding informational presentations on the proposed aquatic referendum every Tuesday at 2 and 6:30 p.m. at the Administrative Office, 9400 S. Kenton Ave., beginning Oct. 25th.

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Come to Stony Creek to hear your favorite tunes as well as original work from one of Chicago's newest solo acoustic performers, Diggy K. Beck, on Friday, Nov. 18th from 7:30 to 11 p.m. There is no cover. Come listen to the music and stay and order food and drinks off the menu. The Stony Creek Clubhouse is at 5850 W. 103rd St.

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Come by the Oak Lawn Ice Arena, 9320 S. Kenton Ave., on Sunday, Oct. 30th from 1:30 to 2:50 p.m. for some Halloween fun. Wear your costume and receive a prize. Regular open skate fees apply. Skate rental is available.

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The park district will begin taking current team registrations for the Adult Co-Rec Indoor Volleyball Winter Leagues beginning Nov. 1st. New team registration will begin on Nov. 22nd. There are both competitive and recreational leagues. Each team will participate in round-robin play with game times varying each week. Games will be played on Tuesday evenings at the Community Pavilion, 9401 S. Oak Park Ave. League play will begin Jan. 1st and conclude March 14th. Registration deadline is Dec. 20th.

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The park district is offering another session of Tai Chi from Oct. 24th through Dec. 2nd. Tai Chi combines proper breathing techniques with circular movements that are graceful and similar to dance. The class does not just go through the motions, participants will be worked with one-on-one and posture may be corrected physically. Classes will be held on Monday evenings from 7 to 8 p.m. at the Administration Center. This program is open to individuals 18 years and older. The fee is \$58/resident and \$71/non-resident.

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Teams are forming now for the park district's Girls High School Indoor Soccer Competitive Leagues. Teams will play against local high school and club competition teams in a 10-game season. Games will be played at the Community Pavilion on Wednesdays between 6 and 10 p.m. Game times vary. League play will begin in November and run through January. The fee is \$775 for teams with 51% or more Oak Lawn residents and \$795 for teams with 50% or less Oak Lawn residents.

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The park district is having a Youth Indoor Soccer Draft League for girls and boys ages 6-13. Teams will practice in December and play will begin in January. Game times will vary. Age divisions are determined by the child's age as of Sept. 1st, 2005. Coaches are needed as well. Register by Nov. 4th. League fee is determined by what division the child is in.

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For more information, call (708) 857-2420.



Foley Wins Again!

Kathleen Foley from Oak Lawn won the 27th Orland Open Spelling Bee held Sunday, Oct. 23rd at The Presbyterian Church in Orland Park. Mrs. Foley, a senior citizen, has won eight of the last 13 Orland Spelling Bees. In second place was Melanie Mobley of Prospect Heights, third place Lenore DeAntoni of Crete. The two-and-one-half-hour contest among 76 spellers, age five to senior citizens, went 527 words. Winning words were "chimerical" and "chrysanthemum."

Finishing fourth was Beverly Opelka of Palos Park, fifth Greg Geruais of Orland Park, sixth Sam Lin of Tinley Park (2004 winner); seventh Tom Foley (son of winner); eighth Rubina Baig of Sandburg High School and Best High School Speller.

Ninth place, Tasmita Khan of Bridgeview, 10th Eve Miliauskas of Orland Park, 11th Michaelene Arndt of Antioch, 12th Younus Baig of Orland Park and Top Elementary School Speller; 13th Pam DiAngi of Frankfort, 14th Liz Burnett of Chicago; and 15th Lisa Burns of Chicago.

Top Age 10 & Under spellers were Matthew Zurlo, Collin Crowl, Ellie Forki, Danielle DiAngi, Tim Murphy, Lisa Koci, Raltul Ramani and Ann Marie Miller.

The annual contest began in 1979 is co-sponsored by the Village of Orland Park and The Presbyterian Church in Orland Park. Head Judge was Pat Gira, Village Trustee assisted by Judges Carol Malak and Larry Dean. Callers from the church were Rob Cloy, Laura Kolpak, Leslie Carey, Mary Ennis, Amy Goebel and Margie Burnett.

Teacher Winner

Who's Who Among America's Teachers honors educators nominated by students from Who's Who Among American High School Students and students honored in The National Dean's List. This year, Carol Minarik from St. Linus School is being included in the 2005 edition of Who's Who Among American Teachers. This award is a great honor and distinction given to teachers who have contributed to the lives and futures of students. Mrs. Minarik currently teaches math at the junior high level.

Newborns Welcomed

The Oak Lawn Public Library, 5300 W. 95th St., offers Oak Lawn residents who are new parents a free packet of information and gifts to share with their baby. To qualify, parents must bring in proof of residency and sign up their child for his or her first library card at the age of six months or younger. Then, parents can pick up a newborn packet in the Youth Services Dept. This program is funded by the Friends of the Oak Lawn Library.

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Thoughts On Health & Nutrition

by
Lucinda K. Lysen, RD, RN, BSN

Ms. Lysen is attending the Annual American Dietetic Association Food & Nutrition Conference in St. Louis. The meeting draws approximately 10,000 health care professionals from around the world. Ms. Lysen's 2nd edition of her textbook "Quick Reference to Clinical Dietetics" will be introduced at the conference. Her column will resume upon her return.

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Emergency Preparedness

Join the American Red Cross of Greater Chicago's "Together We Prepare" campaign and help make your family and community safer. "Together We Prepare" is a campaign designed to educate Chicago and suburban residents about the five basic steps necessary to be prepared for an emergency; creating a family disaster plan, assembling a disaster supplies kit, learning a lifesaving skill, donating blood regularly and volunteering to keep your community safe.

The Red Cross offers the following opportunities to "get trained" at the Hillside Community Facility, 350 N. Mannheim Road. For more information about "Together We Prepare," complete course schedules or prerequisite information, www.chicagoredcross.org. To register for courses, call the Chicago Red Cross at (800) 337-2338.

Classes being offered include a course in Standard First Aid/AED with Infant and Child CPR. This course will train students to recognize and respond to breathing and cardiac emergencies in adults, and for those who choose

the entire course, infants and children. Students will receive training on using an automated external defibrillator (AED) on an adult victim of sudden cardiac arrest. Participants will also learn basic first aid skills. This course is being offered on Sunday, Oct. 30th at 6 p.m. Fee is \$75 for Adult CPR, standard First Aid and AED; \$125 for the entire course including Infant and Child CPR.

Also, an Adult, Infant and Child CPR course will be held on Friday, Oct. 28th from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. This course will train students to recognize and respond to breathing and cardiac emergencies in adults, infants, and children. Participants will learn about the basic precautions to prevent disease transmission as well as the importance of AEDs, although AED training is not included in this course. Fee for this course is \$65.

Have A Safe And Happy Halloween!!



Therapeutic And Aqua Massage

Kathleen Phelps, L.M.T., has been offering Therapeutic Massage sessions at 14808 Cicero Ave. since March 2002. As of March 2005 she has added a customized aqua massage for persons not wanting hands-on massage therapy.

Valerie Spitaler, L.M.T., joined the staff in July. Kathleen has been a massage therapist for 8 years. Both women are well educated in their field and are dedicated to serving their customers.

Therapeutic sessions are offered for one hour, half hour, 75 minutes and an hour and a half featuring Swedish, deep tissue, sports massage and trigger point therapy. Reflexology and warm stone therapy are also offered. Appointments are available 7 days a week in the morning, afternoon, evening and on weekends. Gift certificates are also available.

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Kathleen and Valerie are both licensed and certified massage therapists and both give some of the benefits listed. Valerie also teaches massage school at Moraine Valley Community College. Kathleen is also a licensed nail technician. She is a volunteer at Little Company of Mary Hospital and a volunteer for the American Cancer Society.

For an appointment or for more information, call (708) 535-7377 or (708) 535-AQUA (2782).

Smoking Ban At Hospitals

The controversy over smoking in public buildings has come full circle at two more area hospitals. Over a year ago, St. Francis Hospital and Health Center in Blue Island, in keeping with its mission statement to help people live healthier lives, had banned smoking not only from hospital buildings, but has also banned smoking on all of its properties, inside or outside.

Joining St. Francis in its stand for a smoke free environment is Little Company of Mary Hospital and Health Care Centers in Evergreen Park and St. James Hospital and Health Centers in Chicago Heights and Olympia Fields. The ban will also apply to St. James Hospital's community Health Centers in Monee, Mokena and Homewood.

The policies go into effect on Nov. 17th, the day when the American Cancer Society's Great American Smokeout challenges smokers to quit for, at least, a day.

Hospitals outside of the Southland area who have banned smoking include Loyola University Medical Center in Maywood and Northwestern Memorial Hospital in Chicago. St. Francis Hospital officials

stated that the first smoke free year there has been uneventful. Little Company and St. James have been informing their employees that the change in smoking status is coming. They plan on offering smoking cessation programs to employees who want to quit.

According to the Metropolitan Healthcare Council of Greater Chicago, it is possible that nearly every hospital in the region will have gone smoke free by next year's smoke out. St. James and Little Company aren't expecting employees to take issue with their stand. They have been informed that smoking is and always has been a "public health issue."

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Rest Haven Observes 45th Anniversary

Rest Haven Central, 13259 Central Ave. in Palos Heights, celebrated its 45th anniversary with an open house on Thursday, Oct. 20th. Rest Haven offers treatment plans and care programs which include a Subacute Care Program, Outpatient Clinic, Physician Evaluations and Medicare Part B Services. Pictured at the event are: Joy VanderWeit, MSN, RN, in the front, and in the back row left to right: Mary Smith, Gilead Coordinator (Alzheimer Unit); Ruth Smit, Manager Housekeeping Laundry; Cheryl Carr, Social Service Director; Valsesteen Johnson, Director of Dining Services; Patrick O'Connor, Administrator; and Roy Vaneck, Board President. Richard Schutt (not pictured) CEO of all Rest Havens also attended the festivities.

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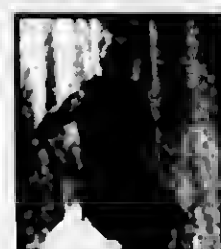


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Veterans And Soldiers News

By Lori Taylor Ph: 708.388.2425

At the VFW and Ladies Auxiliary Big 10 Conference held in Des Moines, Iowa over the weekend we learned a few interesting things that I would like to pass on to you. The Ladies Auxiliary National Rehabilitation Chairman, Susie Moon, told us that the organization will now be collecting toward laptops for service personnel who are out in the field and away from phone use. This new program along with the phone cards will enable military persons to reach their loved ones at home. We also learned National Commander-In-Chief Jim Mueller and National Quartermaster General Gunner Kent spent seven days in the hurricane area helping where they were needed. The VFW has collected \$850,000 toward assistance funds for the victims. So far \$350,000 has been expended and there is \$500,000 in the fund to be used in the future. With all of the devastation these funds will go quickly.

National VFW Auxiliary President Sandy Germany said the auxiliary is working to exceed the \$3 million plus cancer aid and research goal in the coming year. These funds are used for auxiliary members who have been stricken with cancer and for research grants.

The Big 10 Conference covers the states of Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Michigan, Missouri, Minnesota, Nebraska, Ohio, South Dakota and Wisconsin. The conference is held the third weekend in October each year and they are held in alphabetical order so next year's conference will be in Kalamazoo, Michigan.

Ruth Ann Smit state president of the VFW Ladies Auxiliary and a resident of Chicago Ridge, also a member of the Alsip VFW Auxiliary 450, led the delegation of Ladies Auxiliary members from Illinois. Leon Barnes, VFW state commander, also had an impressive number of VFW members in his delegation. A reception was held honoring Colette Bishop who has been serving as the Big 10 president for the past year. Colette is a member of the Rock Island VFW Auxiliary 1303.

The Lansing Veterans Memorial Ceremonial Guard will conduct a Veterans Day program at the Lansing Veterans Memorial on Sunday, Nov. 6th at 2 p.m. The memorial is located at Glenwood Lansing Road and Burnham Ave. at the Lansing Municipal Airport. This year's program will commemorate the 40th anniversary of the introduction of U.S. ground forces into the Vietnam War and the first major battle of the Ia Drang Valley. The program will also honor all those who served during the Vietnam Era. Vietnam veteran, Jim A. Balcer, former Director of Veterans Affairs to the City of Chicago and now alderman of the 11th Ward, is scheduled to speak. Jim is a former U.S. Marine who served in Vietnam. He is the recipient of three purple hearts and a bronze star with V for valor. It is suggested you bring lawn chairs, as no seating is provided. For more information, call Rich Dominiak, ceremony coordinator, at (708) 862-7731 or Larry Grzywinski at (708) 474-3049.

Navy Seaman Recruit Erick Golara, son of Renee Ammon of Oak Forest and Arthur Golara of Homer Glen, recently completed U.S. Navy basic training at Recruit Training Command, Great Lakes. Golara is a 2005 graduate of Oak Forest High School in Oak Forest.

Hometown-Murray VFW 9773 will hold a Halloween Party on Saturday, Oct. 29th from 7 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the post home, 9092 Main St. in Hometown. There will be raffles, prizes and a light buffet will be served. A \$1 donation will benefit the many veterans and community programs of the organization. Guests must be 21 and over.

Here is some information I saw in the VFW state newspaper regarding the release of cell phone numbers. It was a reminder that as of Sept. 1, 2005 cell phone numbers are being released to telemarketing companies and you will start to receive sales calls. You will be charged for these calls. They will be chargeable minutes. To prevent this, call the following number from your cell phone: 1-888-382-1222. It is the National DO NOT CALL list. It will only take a minute of your time. It blocks your number for five (5) years. You can also do this online at www.donotcall.gov. I hope this information will help you.

Good-bye for this week. May God bless you and God bless America. Have a happy and safe Halloween.

Passing Of Rosa Parks

The following is U.S. Rep. Bobby L. Rush's statement on the passing of Rosa Parks.

"It is with great sadness to learn of the passing of Rosa Parks. Not only did she play a role in igniting the Civil Rights Movement, she helped define it. By refusing to move from the Whites-only section of a bus in Montgomery, Alabama, her courageous act of defiance motivated thousands around the country to stand up and speak out against racial injustice. A heroine that history could not ignore, Rosa Parks' legacy is a reminder to us all that in order to prosper, we must be willing to persevere."

Senator Calls On Pentagon To Begin To Rebuild Equipment Inventories Now

U.S. Sen. Dick Durbin (D-IL) said he is deeply alarmed at serious equipment shortages now faced by National Guard units all over Illinois and the rest of the nation, and has called on the Pentagon to immediately implement a plan to replace the missing items.

A report released on Oct. 19th by the Government Accountability Office (GAO), which is the investigative arm of Congress, showed that Army National Guard units face severe equipment shortages at home partly because they have been told to leave such critical items such as armored Humvees, light trucks and other gear in Iraq for replacement troops.

"This is a huge problem - it impacts the ability of these units to respond as they should in a crisis; it affects their ability to conduct training exercises; it affects the morale of the units," said Durbin. "Replacing this equipment has been slow, and the replacement items are often not adequate in terms of quality or quantity. We cannot and must not allow this to continue."

The GAO report showed that, on average, National Guard units have only 34 percent of the equipment they need to be at full readiness, which could leave them vulnerable in a domestic emergency.

Durbin said National Guard units in Illinois often fare even worse than the national average and equipment inventories of Illinois National Guard units have been seriously depleted. For example, the inventory tallies show that Illinois Guard units are assigned only:

- 4 percent of the medium trucks needed to maintain full readiness (6 of 166 medium trucks)
- 8 percent of the heavy trucks needed to maintain full readiness (6 of 79 heavy trucks)
- 47 percent of night vision devices (1503 of 3220 night vision devices)
- 63 percent of ground to air radios (766 of 1218 radios)

How To Become An Architect

Prospective architecture students will have a rare opportunity to learn more about the graduate degree programs at the Illinois Institute of Technology's (IIT) College of Architecture Graduate Program open house on Nov. 7th. The event will be held at the historic S.R. Crown Hall, 3360 S. State in Chicago, at noon.

The College of Architecture will open its doors hoping to open minds to its Master of Architecture (M.Arch.) and Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) programs. Students, recent college graduates from other disciplines and working architects can learn about advanced degree programs in a series of panel presentations and informational discussions. IIT's professional degrees are accredited by the National Architecture Accrediting Board.

The open house features presentations about the curriculum and studio courses. Student and faculty panels will describe the rewards and challenges of graduate-level architectural studies, supported by the rich architectural legacy of Chicago and the Midwest. A tour of Mies van der Rohe's masterwork, S.R. Crown Hall, will allow prospective students to observe the studio space, student work, teaching methods and practices of IIT faculty, many of whom are practicing architects in Chicago.

Highlighting the day is a tour of Rem Koolhaas' widely noted McCormick Tribune Campus Center. The day ends with a Digital Technology Reception where prospective students will get a chance to see what is happening on the digital front within the College of Architecture.

Attendees should register with the College of Architecture by Nov. 1st. Online registration is available at www.arch.iit.edu. RSVP by telephone at (312) 567-5858 or by e-mail to osbornen@iit.edu. The open house is free and open to the public.

While these numbers alone are cause for serious concern, the situation may actually be much worse. Some of this assigned equipment is unavailable for use by the state because it is currently in Iraq or elsewhere.

Officials interviewed by the GAO believe the National Guard's response to Hurricane Katrina "was more complicated because significant quantities of critical equipment such as satellite communications equipment, radios, trucks, helicopters and night vision goggles were deployed to Iraq."

In response, Durbin is requesting that the Pentagon factor in the cost of replacing this equipment in the defense budgets being prepared now. Durbin said that the total cost of bringing Guard unit inventories up to full levels will cost as much as \$10 billion. Durbin intends to ask that \$10 billion be spent over the next five years to restock National Guard inventories.

"Right now, the budget analysts at the Dept. of Defense are preparing next year's budget for the President. The Dept. of Defense needs to take into account the cost of replacing this equipment before the problem gets worse," said Durbin.

As of June of this year, Army National Guard units had left more than 64,000 pieces of equipment worth more than \$1.2 billion overseas and, according to the GAO report, the Army cannot account for more than half of that equipment. The report said that in addition to what was left overseas, more than 100,000 pieces of equipment from units on the home front have been transferred to deploying units.

AMVETS Donation

The AMVETS Dept. of Illinois will donate \$50,000 to help sponsor the National Symposium for the Needs of Young Veterans.

The symposium will bring together veterans, policymakers and other leaders to discuss the urgent needs of veterans now and in the future. The two and a half day symposium is intended to engage veterans in a series of discussions about new ways the veterans benefits system can be modernized and enhanced.

The symposium is co-chaired by The Hon. Anthony J. Principi, former Secretary of Veterans Affairs, and William Boettcher, AMVETS Past National Commander.

Service Foundation President Bill Quick and Department Commander Michael Dawson will present the check to Edward Kemp, the 2005-06 National Commander, at the 4th National Meeting held on Saturday, Nov. 5th at the Holiday Inn in Normal, Ill. The presentation will be held at approximately 12:30 p.m.

The AMVETS Dept. of Illinois has been an organization of veterans serving veterans since 1945. With approximately 12,000 members, Illinois AMVETS has been at the forefront of community and veterans' service for the State of Illinois. Their goal is to improve the lives of our nation's veterans and the communities they live in.



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PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above entitled cause on June 21, 2005, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Tuesday, November 22, 2005 at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 W. Madison St., Suite 718A, Chicago, IL, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described mortgaged real estate.

Commonly known as 2610 W. 98th Place, Evergreen Park, IL 60805.

The mortgaged real estate is improved with a single family residence and will NOT be open for inspection. The judgment amount was \$137,372.64. Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance, by certified funds, within 24 hours. The sale shall be subject to general taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and any prior first mortgages. The subject property is offered for sale without any representation as to quality of title or recourse to Plaintiff. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.

For information: Sale Clerk, Shapiro & Kreisman, 4201 Lake Cook Road, 1st Floor, Northbrook, IL 60062. (847) 498-9990, between the hours of 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. only. 133952C

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department - Chancery Division. Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Aegis Wholesale Corporation or its successors or assigns, Plaintiff, vs. John E. Bukowiecki a/k/a John E. Bukowiecki, et al., Defendants. No. 05Ch-5498.

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on June 21, 2005, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Thursday, November 17, 2005, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 W. Madison St., Suite 718A, Chicago, IL, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described property: Commonly known as: 11013 Mayfield Ave., Chicago Ridge, IL 60415.

The improvement on the property consists of a single family residence.

Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, by certified funds. No refunds.

The judgment amount was \$137,588.64.

The property will NOT be open for inspection.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the premises after confirmation of the sale.

For information: Visit our web-site at <http://service.ally-pierce.com>, between 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. only. Pierce & Associates, Plaintiff's Attorneys, One N. Dearborn St., Ste. 1300, Chicago, IL 60602. Tel. No. (312) 476-5500. PIERCE & ASSOCIATES File No. PA0502634. 135137C

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Argent Mortgage Company, LLC, Plaintiff, vs. Adam Nadi, et al., Defendant. No. 05Ch-1825.

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on August 8, 2005, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Wednesday, November 9, 2005, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 W. Madison St., Suite 718A, Chicago, IL, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described mortgaged real estate:

Commonly known as: 11162 S. Columbus Dr., Worth, IL 60482.

The improvement on the property consists of a single family residence.

Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, by certified funds. No refunds.

The judgment amount was \$312,262.75.

The property will NOT be open for inspection.

For information call Mr. Ira T. Nevel at Plaintiff's Attorney, Law Offices of Ira T. Nevel, 175 N. Franklin St., Chicago, IL 60606. 312/357-1125. 135721C

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Argent Mortgage Company, LLC, Plaintiff, vs. Joan Cain, et al., Defendants. No. 04Ch-20256.

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on August 8, 2005, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Thursday, November 10, 2005, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 W. Madison St., Suite 718A, Chicago, IL, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described property:

Commonly known as: 7832 S. Christiana Ave., Chicago, IL 60652.

The improvement on the property consists of a single family residence with no garage.

Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, by certified funds. No refunds.

The judgment amount was \$157,181.68.

The property will NOT be open for inspection.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. National City Mortgage Company, Plaintiff, vs. Suzanne Martinez a/k/a Suzanne T. Martinez a/k/a Suzanne F. Martinez, et al., Defendants. No. 05Ch-3241.

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on June 16, 2005, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Thursday, November 17, 2005, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 W. Madison St., Suite 718A, Chicago, IL, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described property:

Commonly known as: 4350 W. Ford City Dr., Unit 505, Chicago, IL 60652.

The improvement on the property consists of a condominium residence.

Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, by certified funds. No refunds.

The judgment amount was \$81,874.39.

The property will NOT be open for inspection.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the premises after confirmation of the sale.

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REAL ESTATE**Houses For Sale**

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Wells Fargo Bank National Association, as Trustee for First Franklin Mortgage Loan Trust 2003-FFH1 By: Saxon Mortgage Services, Inc., as its Attorney-in-Fact, Plaintiff, vs. Renee Goston, et al., Defendant. No. 04Ch-15967.

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on December 9, 2004, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Monday, November 14, 2005, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 W. Madison St., Suite 718A, Chicago, IL, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described mortgaged real estate:

Commonly known as: 8608 S. Tripp Ave., Chicago, IL 60652.

The improvement on the property consists of a single family residence.

Sale terms: Bidders must present, at the time of sale, a cashier's or certified check for 10% of the successful bid amount. The balance of the successful bid shall be paid within 24 hours, by similar funds.

The property will NOT be open for inspection.

For information call Ms. Diane Thomas, at Plaintiff's Attorney, Freedman, Anselmo, Lindberg and Rappe, 1807 W. Diehl Road, Naperville, IL 60563-1890. (877) 729-6734. 135173C

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Wells Fargo Bank, NA as Trustee, Plaintiff, vs. Mervat Sweiss, et al., Defendants. No. 05Ch-6168.

PUBLIC NOTICE is HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above entitled cause on May 25, 2005 Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Friday, November 11, 2005 at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 W. Madison St., Suite 718A, Chicago, IL, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described mortgaged real estate:

Commonly known as: 11440 S. Nashville Ave., Worth, IL 60482.

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Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance, by certified funds, within 24 hours. No refunds.

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For information call William E. Dutton, Jr./Barbara J. Dutton at Plaintiff's Attorney, Dutton & Dutton, P.C., 10325 W. Lincoln Hwy., Frankfort, IL 60423, (815) 806-8200. 135689C

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Ameritrust Mortgage Company, Plaintiff, vs. Robert Overman, et al., Defendants. No. 03Ch-5736.

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on May 15, 2003, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Tuesday, November 15, 2005, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 West Madison Street, Suite 718A, Chicago, IL, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described mortgaged real estate:

Commonly known as: 14202 S. Springfield, Crestwood, IL 60445.

The improvement on the property consists of a single family residence.

The sale shall be subject to general taxes, special assessments, and to a prior recorded first mortgage.

Sale terms: Bidders must present, at the time of sale, a cashier's or certified check for 10% of the successful bid amount. The balance of the successful bid shall be paid within 24 hours, by similar funds.

The property will NOT be open for inspection.

For information call Ms. Kristie Taylor at Plaintiff's Attorney, James, Gustafson and Thompson, Ltd., 1001 E. Chicago Ave., Naperville, IL 60540. (630) 369-3535. 135180C

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Washington Mutual Bank, FA 1/K/a Washington Mutual Home Loans, Inc. successor by merger to Fleet Mortgage Corp., Plaintiff, vs. James Smith a/k/a James K. Smith a/k/a James E. Smith a/k/a James Smith a/k/a James T. Smith a/k/a James B. Smith, Jr. a/k/a James P. Smith, et al., Defendants. No. 04Ch-9860.

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above entitled cause on March 29, 2005 Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Monday, November 21, 2005 at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 W. Madison St., Suite 718A, Chicago, IL, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described mortgaged real estate:

Commonly known as: 3713 N. 85th Pl., Chicago, IL 60607.

The mortgaged real estate is improved with a single family residence.

Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance, by certified funds, within 24 hours. No refunds.

The property will NOT be open for inspection.

For information call Ms. Debbie Riesterer at Plaintiff's Attorney, FISHER AND SHAPIRO, LLC, 4201 Lake Cook Road, 1st Floor, Northbrook, IL 60062. (847) 291-1717. 134201C

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., Plaintiff, vs. Antoinette Sciacotta a/k/a Antoinette Sciacotta, et al., Defendants. No. 05Ch-5870.

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above entitled cause on June 1, 2005, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Tuesday, November 15, 2005 at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 W. Madison St., Suite 718A, Chicago, IL, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described mortgaged real estate:

Commonly known as: 16444 Craig Dr., Oak Forest, IL 60450.

The mortgaged real estate is improved with a single family residence and will NOT be open for inspection.

The judgment amount was \$133,952.89.

Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance, by certified funds, within 24 hours. The sale shall be subject to general taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and any prior first mortgages. The subject property is offered for sale without any representation as to quality of title or recourse to Plaintiff. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.

For information: Sale Clerk, Shapiro & Kreisman, 4201 Lake Cook Road, 1st Floor, Northbrook, IL 60062. (847) 498-9990, between the hours of 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. only. 135176C

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. ABN AMRO Mortgage Group, Inc., as Assignee of Home Mortgage, Inc., Plaintiff, vs. Dominic Dellorto, et al., Defendant. No. 03Ch-6103.

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above entitled cause on August 23, 2004 Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Monday, November 7, 2005 at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 W. Madison St., Suite 718A, Chicago, IL, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described mortgaged real estate:

Commonly known as: 3746 W. 115th Pl., Alsip, IL 60803.

The mortgaged real estate is improved with a single family residence. This information is considered reliable but is not warranted.

The judgment amount was \$107,760.04.

Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance, by certified funds, within 24 hours. This sale is subject to unpaid real estate taxes, assessments, covenants, conditions, easements and restrictions of record. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

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For information: Jaros, Tittle & O'Toole, Ltd., Plaintiff's Attorneys, 20 N. Clark, Suite 510, Chicago, IL 60602. 312/750-1000. Phone calls will be taken only between the hours of 9:00 thru 11:00 A.M. When calling, please refer to file number 04-29199. 135744C

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Settlement Over Fraudulent Marketing Of AIDS Medication

Attorney General Lisa Madigan announced that Illinois has joined 49 other states and the District of Columbia in reaching agreement with a Swiss drug manufacturer that bilked states out of millions of dollars by fraudulently marketing its AIDS-fighting drug serostim. Scrono, Inc. of Rockland, Massachusetts, affiliated with Swiss-based Sero Laboratories, produces a human growth hormone approved by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) and used by some physicians to treat AIDS wasting in some HIV-infected patients.

Madigan said Illinois will receive more than \$119 million of the \$704 million settlement announced by federal and state officials on Monday, Oct. 17th.

Sero admitted that it illegally marketed serostim through kickbacks to doctors, discounts to specialty pharmacies and off-label promotion. In addition, Scrono has admitted to conspiring with another company to market a computer program for so-called bioelectrical impedance analysis devices that could be manipulated by doctors to demonstrate an increased need for serostim by their patients.

According to the U.S. Justice Department, funds derived from the settlement will be used by Illinois and other states to repay with interest Medicaid funds used to purchase the drug from 1996 through 2004.

Emergency Energy Conservation Plan

Gov. Rod R. Blagojevich on Oct. 21st ordered the thermostats lowered in thousands of state facilities to reduce the state's winter heating costs. Setting back the thermostat in state office buildings and other facilities from Nov. 1st through April 15th, 2006 will save the state an estimated \$4 million in heating costs. The governor took this action as part of his Emergency Energy Assistance Initiative launched last month to confront steep increases in winter heating costs due to record-high natural gas prices.

The Emergency Energy Conservation Plan will affect nearly 2,000 state facilities, including office buildings, warehouses, garages and other facilities. Most facilities will lower their daytime temperatures from 70-72 degrees to 68 degrees. At nighttime and during off-hours, facilities not open to the public or to employees working routine schedules will turn back their thermostats to 55 degrees. Residential facilities such as prisons and military barracks will lower their temperatures to 68 degrees around the clock.

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Mass was said last Thursday, Oct. 20th, at St. Camillus Church, for Zofia Mateja, 58.

She is survived by her husband Stanislaw; her son, Joseph (Jasmina); siblings, Krystyna Salata, Maria Maka, Anna Lynch, Rose Torres, Angela Gaynor, Helen Cahill, Eugenia Szczepaniak, Jan Kieta and Andrzej Kieta; and many nieces and nephews.

Helen E. Pavesic

Mass was said on Saturday, Oct. 22nd, at St. Catherine of Alexandria Church, for Helen E. Pavesic, 83, wife of the late Bernard J. "Bronc."

She is survived by nephews and nieces; and many friends.

Gertrude A. Gallagher

Services were held on Sunday Oct. 23rd at Christ The King Church, for Advocate Christ Medical Center Volunteer, Gertrude A. Gallagher, 74, wife of the late John J. Gallagher.

She is survived by her daughters, Shari (William) Johnson and Peggy (Mario) Paulino; & six grandchildren.

Thomas M. Kott

Mass was said on Tuesday, Oct. 25th, at St. George Church, Tinley Park, for WWII U.S. Marine Corps Veteran Thomas M. Kott.

He is survived by his wife, Mary Frances; children, Kathleen (Richard) Ondracek, Edward (Kathryn) Kott, James Kott, Mary Beth (David) Kortendick, Michael Kott, Daniel Kott and Sharon (Abel) Ramos; sixteen grandchildren; and his brothers, Richard (Claudette) Kott and David (Roemary) Kott.

Sophia M. O'Neill

Mass was said on Monday, Oct. 24th, at St. Barnabas Church, Beverly, for Sophia M. O'Neill, 85.

She is survived by her husband, Hugh; her children, Hugh (Lorraine) and Mary Coughlan; three grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews.

Agnes M. Pollack

Mass was said on Tuesday, Oct. 25th at Our Lady of The Ridge Church, Chicago Ridge, for Agnes M. Pollack, wife of the late Charles Pollack.

She is survived by her children, Louise (Richard) Solner & Charles (Kathleen) Pollack; four grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

Dorothy J. Postweiler

Services were held on Tuesday, Oct. 25th at Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd, Palos Heights, for Dorothy J. Postweiler, 88, wife of the late Gordon.

She is survived by her children, Joyce (Charles) Deusing and John (Margaret) Postweiler; two grandchildren; and her sister, Marjorie Pratt.

Valeria Stanaitis

Services were held on Tuesday, Oct. 25th at Blake-Lamb Funeral Home, Oak Lawn, for Valeria Stanaitis.

She was an American Legion Auxiliary past President

and Holy Cross Hospital Auxiliary, Key & Cross member; as well as a diligent member of many other organizations.

She is survived by her husband, Joseph and many relatives and friends.

Veronica A. Callahan

Mass was said on Wednesday, Oct. 26th at St. Stephen's Church, Tinley Park, for Veronica A. "Ronni" Callahan, 64.

She is survived by her husband, John F. Callahan; her children, Robert, Theresse, John Callahan and Patricia (William) Orban; one grandchild; and her sister, Patricia McInerney.

Frank L. Composono

Mass was said on Tuesday, Oct. 25th at St. Terrence Church, Alsip, for Moose Lodge member, Frank L. Composono.

He is survived by his wife, Carmelia; children, Pat (Judy) and Theresa (Larry) Grenda; five grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Stephanie A. McCracken

Mass was said on Wednesday, Oct. 26th at St. Albert The Great Church, Burbank, for Stephanie A. McCracken, 78.

She is survived by her husband, Edward F.; her children, Edward W., Stephanie (Vincent) Filichia, David (Janis), Clark and Colleen (Al) Gilski; nine grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; and her sister, Anne Kaminski.

Lisa Marie Jumes

Mass was said on Tuesday, Oct. 25th, at St. Julie Billiard Church, Tinley Park, for Lisa Marie Jumes, 33.

She is survived by her fiancée Patrick Joseph Cannon; her children, James Patrick, Angelea Marie and Michael Anthony; her parents, Peter and Georgene Jumes; and her sister, Michelle Lee (Tomas Garcia) Jumes.

Tekla P. Riczkus

Services were held on Wednesday, Oct. 26th, at Vandenberg Funeral Home, Tinley Park, for Tekla P. Riczkus, 88, wife of the late Joseph.

She is survived by three grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

Mary L. Sheehan

Mass was said on Tuesday, Oct. 26th at Queen of Martyrs Church, Evergreen Park, for Mary L. Sheehan, wife of the late David F. Sheehan Sr.

She is survived by her children, David F. Jr. (Roberta), Eileen (Richard) Hasenbank, Dennis (Janice), Kathleen (Thomas) Lake, Maureen (David) Mitchell-Golden and Daniel (Cynthia) Sheehan; fifteen grandchildren; and her sister, Kaye Kennedy.

Richard St. Pierre

Mass was said on Sunday, Oct. 23rd at St. Terrence Church, Alsip, for Richard St. Pierre.

He is survived by his wife, Gertrude; his children, Rick (Lori), Amelia Milan, Susan

(Porfirio Contreras, Paul (Debbie) and Diane (Wayne) Oksanen; eighteen grandchildren; and eight great grandchildren.

Beverly Ann Novakowski

Mass was said on Monday, Oct. 24th, at St. George Church, Tinley Park, for Beverly Ann Novakowski, 71, wife of the late Chester J. Novakowski.

She is survived by her children, Thomas (Crystal) Novak, Missy (Michael) Morrell, Shaun (Kathleen) Novak, Scott Novak, Chet Novak, Lisa Jurincic, Murray (Joanie) Novak and Deann Novakowski; twenty-three grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

Rose Naponelli

Mass was said on Wednesday, Oct. 26th at St. Gerald Church, Oak Lawn, for Rose Naponelli, wife of the late Tony Naponelli.

She is survived by her children, Martin (Elaine) Naponelli, Shirley Creighton and Gail Orr; eight grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren; her brothers, Sam (Hazel) Mangilomini and Leo (Dolores) Mangilomini; and her sister, Sarah Motta.

Henrietta Haak

Services were held on Wednesday, Oct. 26th at Colonial Chapel, Orland Park, for Henrietta Haak, 95, wife of the late Claus.

She is survived by her children, John (Ida), Don (Anita), Ken (Dolores) and Jim; nine grandchildren; twenty-one great-grandchildren; and her brother and sisters, Verbenia Smit, Helen Booth, Bertha Bordenaro, Rich, Gert DeBoer and Dorothy Myroup.

Dorothy A. Buroker

Services were held on Tuesday, Oct. 25th at Brady-Gill Funeral Home, Evergreen Park, for Dorothy A. Buroker, 77.

She was a member of SBC Telecom Pioneers.

Robert L. Carpenter

Services are being held this Thursday, Oct. 27th at Kosary Funeral Home, Evergreen Park, for former Chicago Cubs and New York Giant baseball player, Robert L. Carpenter, 87, husband of the late Helen.

He was an active member of Evergreen Park Boys Club and First United Methodist Church among other organizations.

He is survived by his children, Karen (Donald) Felch and Roger (Kathleen) Carpenter; five grandchildren; & companion, Dorothy Schaaf.

Alice W. Johnston

Services were held on Wednesday, Oct. 26th at Blake-Lamb Funeral Home, Oak Lawn, for Past Alderman of Hometown, Alice W. Johnston.

She is survived by her husband, Thomas C.; her daughter, Patricia (Eric) Ruthenberg; and three grandchildren;

Norman E. Meske

Mass is being said this Thursday, Oct. 27th at St. John Fisher Church, Chicago, for U.S. Navy WWII Veteran Norman E. Meske.

He is survived by his wife, Catherine; his stepchildren, LaVern (Eugene) Kammer, Gwendolyn (Ronald) Smock and Eugene (Carol) Perosko; one grandchild and many step-grandchildren.

Marigo Doulas

Services were held on Wednesday, Oct. 26th at SS Constantine & Helen Greek Orthodox Church, Palos Hills, for Marigo Doulas, wife of the late Nikolaos G.

She is survived by her children, Nikoleta Panos, Petroula (Louie) Verros, George (Maria), Vasilios (Lynn) and Anastasios (Effie) Doulas; ten grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

Margaret Gray

Mass is being said this Thursday, Oct. 27th at Sacred Heart Church, Palos Hills, for Margaret Gray, wife of the late John Anderson and Leroy Gray.

She is survived by her children, Gregory (Margaret) Anderson and Mary (Allan C.P.D.) Grzyb; twenty-one grandchildren; twenty-three great-grandchildren; and her sister, Rose Coughlin.

Dorothy Kooi

Services are being held on Thursday, Oct. 27th at Colonial Chapel, Orland Park, for Dorothy Kooi, 82, wife of the late Jacob.

She is survived by her children, Dianc (Rev. Robert) Ooms and William (Lisa) Kooi; four grandchildren; & two great-grandchildren.

Henry S. Weglarz

Mass is being said this Thursday, Oct. 27th at St. Bernadette Church, Evergreen Park, for U.S. Air Corps WWII Veteran, Henry S. "Hank" Weglarz, 85, husband of the late Ann.

He is survived by his children, Gary (Debbie), Guy, Gale (Jeff) Wessler, Gay Marie (Robert C.F.D.) Gallapo & Mary Lynn (Craig) Stambaugh; ten grandchildren; and his brother, Jack (Cynthia) Weglarz.



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Finalist For Women Of The Year Award

To be passionate about what your gifts are and not be afraid to share them is the motto of a great McAuley woman. Marge O'Connell Nykasa, Mother McAuley Liberal Arts High School Class of 1972, has been passionately sharing her life and work in the south side of Chicago.

Nykasa is the founder and executive director of Harmony, Hope & Healing, a non-for-profit creative music program for the homeless and underserved throughout Chicago. Serving primarily women and children, Nykasa directs music programs at various agencies including shelters, community outreach programs and a senior center. For more information, visit www.harmony-hopeandhealing.org.

Nykasa was interviewed in October about Harmony, Hope & Healing by Religion & Ethics Newsweekly on PBS. The interview was done shortly after Harmony Hope & Healing entertained rally participants at September's Chicago Unity Rally. The Unity Rally was held by the Archdiocese of Chicago on Saturday, Oct. 1 and was dedicated to the victims of Hurricane Katrina.



Park Lawn Celebrates 50 Years Of Service

Fifty years ago, in 1955, Park Lawn was founded by a group of parents whose children were turned away by public education. They were part of a movement that challenged national and state legislatures to provide community based education for all children including those with developmental disabilities. Sensing untapped potential in their children, these parents decided to start their own school on a slender budget in a donated community facility.

Fifty years later, more than 300 individuals with developmental disabilities are enrolled in a variety of programs at Park Lawn. The organization offers developmental training, a vocational workshop, community based supported employment services and nine community residential facilities.

Friends and family of Park Lawn celebrated 50 years of service to the community with an anniversary celebration, "Golden Memories" on Saturday, Oct. 1st at DiNoi's Banquets in Homer Glen. Kevin Roy, ABC news anchor served as Master of Ceremonies.

A cocktail reception and dinner was followed by musical entertainment by After Hours and a very special performance by Park Lawn's own musical ensemble, The Park Lawn Players.

Park Lawn Board Director, Maury Barger (left) introduces Master of Ceremonies, Kevin Roy.

Parish Collection Counter Arrested

Chicago Police arrested a Tinley Park man, Paul Gazze, on Tuesday as part of a probe into missing funds at a parish in the south suburbs.

Only last month, Paul Gazze was hired by Rev. Bill Killen as business manager for Infant Jesus of Prague in Flossmoor, replacing Doug Peterson who had been fired.

Even before his hire, Gazze had assisted Peterson and a Parish secretary with the collection count every Sunday. Gazze, who had gone to Infant Jesus of Prague Parish since childhood and attended the school there, had recently quit his job at an Oak Lawn CPA firm.

Offices To Close For Veterans' Day

All Secretary of State office and facilities will be closed Friday, Nov. 11th for Veterans' Day, Secretary of State Jesse White announced. Driver Services facilities outside of Cook County, and also the Chicago West, Midlothian, Diversey Express and Niles facilities that are usually open Tuesday through Saturday will resume normal business hours Saturday, Nov. 12th. Offices and facilities that are usually open Monday through Friday will resume normal business hours on Monday, Nov. 14th.

Jan Malloy, alumnae coordinator for McAuley, nominated Nykasa in August 2005 for the Abby Foundation Women of the Year. The Abby Foundation, which was named after the late Abigail Adams who realized the potential of women, named Nykasa a finalist for their Women of the Year award.

"Marge is a phenomenal woman and we at McAuley are very proud to have her in our network," said Malloy. "She is doing her part to make the world a better place. Every time Marge visits us at McAuley, the faculty and students light up with joy from her presence."

Nykasa also received the Distinguished Alumna Award from McAuley in spring of 2005.

"Trick" Danger

While minor stomach aches from eating too much candy may be the most common hazard on Halloween, emergency physicians warn they treat many children for serious injuries on this day that could have been prevented.

"The most common injuries on Halloween are eye injuries from sharp objects, burns, from flammable costumes, and injuries from collisions with motor vehicles," said Dr. Rick Blum, president of the American College of Emergency Physicians. "To ensure a safer Halloween, parents and caregivers should follow important safety measures."

Make sure you see all the candy before your child consumes it. Avoid candy not wrapped in its original wrapper, as well as all fruit. Make sure your child stays on the sidewalks as much as possible (off streets) and obeys all traffic signals. Discuss the importance of staying together in a group. Require at least one adult to serve as chaperone during candy gathering, and forbid children from accepting rides from strangers or visiting unfamiliar homes. Avoid costumes that could cause children to trip, such as baggy pants, long hems, high heels, and over-sized shoes. Avoid costume contact lenses. Avoid masks, but if your child must wear one, make sure it is well ventilated and does not impair his or her vision. Make sure that costume fabric, wigs, and beards are made of flame-resistant materials, such as nylon or polyester. Make sure that costumes are visible at night; avoid dark colors. Add reflective tape to the costume to help make your child more visible to motor vehicles. Check that accessories such as swords, knives, wands and other pointed objects are made from flexible materials and have dulled edges.

"The American College of Emergency Physicians recommends that children 'trick or treat' with adult supervision, at houses of worship, shopping malls, schools, or other types of community sponsored events," said Dr. Blum. "This helps eliminate children's interaction with strangers and ensures that a responsible adult is present."

Car + Deer = Damage

The nation's deer population is growing and each year, collisions with deer account for more than 150 human and nearly one and a half million deer fatalities. October through December is the highest season for the accidents, since it's a time for both wandering deer and holiday travelers.

Most collisions with a deer occur during this time of year when deer are mating and migrating. "Drivers need to be particularly cautious with the season's shortened daylight and deer foraging near roadsides. It's a very dangerous combination," cautioned Ray Palermo, Director of Public Relations for Response Insurance. "To compound it, more drivers are on the road at dawn and dusk, the very time of day when deer are most active."

An adult deer can weigh more than 200 pounds and a car striking one can not only result in the death of the deer, but also incur, on average, two thousand dollars in damage to the vehicle. Palermo suggested a few basic cautions for drivers. In many cases it is best not to swerve around the deer since the deer may move in the same direction. You may also inadvertently hit another vehicle, or go off onto a dangerous shoulder. Unless certain of those road factors, it is often best to simply brake and continue in your lane of traffic. Be particularly careful at dawn and dusk and when driving either over a hill or around a curve, where visibility is limited. Use your high beams to give you a greater area of visibility and allows you to see the deer's eyes sooner. Scan a wide swath of the roadside. Slow down when approaching a deer standing near the side of a road and be prepared. If startled, the deer can bolt onto the roadway and into your path. If necessary, honk your horn and flash your lights to try to scare it away. Be alert for more deer than you may see at that moment. Where there's one deer, there are often more nearby. Deer whistles or ultrasonic deer avoidance systems attached to vehicles have never been proven to work by independent studies and may give drivers a false sense of security. Take deer crossing signs seriously, particularly those installed specifically for this time of year. Be particularly cautious in wooded and agricultural areas where there is little distance between the road and the woods.

A free brochure, "Car + Deer = Damage," is available by calling 1-800-610-5928 or by visiting its website at www.Response.com.

Registration Open For Illinois Mathematic Science Academy Middle School Math + Technology Summit

The Illinois Mathematics and Science Academy (IMSA) Kids Institute® is now accepting registrations for its Nov. 5th Middle School Math + Technology Summit. This new one-day science conference is open to middle school students and their teachers and parents. To register, visit the website at www.imsa.edu/kidsinstitute to download an application or call (630) 907-5987 or email kidsinstitute@imsa.edu.

Summit registration is limited and the deadline is Nov. 2. A luncheon Expo will feature booths and interactive activities from area museums and science-related programs, such as IMSA, SciTech Hands on Museum and more.

Science-related organizations interested in participating in the Expo should contact the IMSA Kids Institute at (630) 907-5987.

For directions to IMSA's campus at 1500 W. Sullivan in Aurora, visit www.imsa.edu. The cost of the Summit is \$50 and includes registration, materials, continental breakfast and a box lunch. Registration begins at 8 a.m. and sessions conclude at 4 p.m.

The IMSA Kids Institute is supported by the Illinois Mathematics and Science Academy, the City of Aurora, BP and 3M.

Illinois Mathematic Science Academy Early Involvement Program Extends Deadline

The application deadline has been extended for ninth-graders in the Chicago area to participate in the Early Involvement Program (EIP) sponsored by the Illinois Mathematics and Science Academy® (IMSA). The new application deadline is Nov. 1.

In its 15th year, EIP is designed to help African-American, Latino and economically disadvantaged students improve their mathematics, science and communication skills as well as increase their competitiveness if they choose to apply to IMSA.

Held at DePaul University's Loop campus, the Saturday sessions (Nov. 5-Feb. 25) include discovery-based and collaborative activities, as well as some preparation for the Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT). Students develop research, decision-making, and self-motivation skills while studying mathematics, science and English. In addition to the Saturday sessions, students will attend an all-day retreat at IMSA (Dec. 10).

Ninth grade African-American, Latino and economically disadvantaged students who reside in the Chicago area are eligible for the program. Applications can be downloaded from the IMSA website at www.imsa.edu/admissions/multicultural/EIPAPP05.pdf. Students can direct questions to IMSA Admissions at (630) 907-5059.

Temporary Homes Needed

Aunt Martha's Youth Service Center is seeking caring foster parents from Will, Grundy, Kankakee and South Suburban Cook counties who are willing to help youth in need of shelter. Aunt Martha's will pay \$25 a day per youth to qualified individuals willing to provide a temporary (up to 21 days) home for runaway and homeless youth between the ages of 10 and 17 years of age. Interested individuals must be willing to become licensed foster parents.

Individuals who are interested in providing temporary shelter for these youths may call (708) 535-2934 for more information.

Those who provide temporary shelter to a youth in need will be providing a valuable service, according to David Betz, Aunt Martha's Tri-County Counseling and Outreach Administrator. "All these youth need is a safe place to get themselves back together," Betz said. "They need a quiet haven of peace and shelter - a chance to get some security and stability back into their lives - until they can be reunited with their families. It is only for a short-term basis."

"We encourage area residents who have extra room in their heart and home to help make a difference in the life of a child," Betz added. The temporary home providers are not expected or asked to counsel or provide solutions for the youth in their care. Such services - including individual, family and group counseling, school and court advocacy, crisis intervention, emergency transportation and follow-up care - are all provided through Aunt Martha's programs.

The goal is to help these runaway or homeless youth return home, reestablish a healthier relationship with parents and family, and empower them to help build happy and successful lives for themselves.

Academic Letter Awards Night

On Friday, Oct. 14, the board of education and administration of Oak Lawn Community High School awarded Academic Letter Awards to students who maintained at least a 3.75 GPA for both semesters of the 2004-05 academic year. The first year students received a chevron honors patch while students who achieved the honor for a second or third year, were presented with a gold pins for their chevron patches.

First year: Amy Adamow, Sophia Barakat, Melissa Barber, Andrew Bernier, Jeffrey Budlové, Richard Caldwell, Erin Check, Brian Connaghan, Alexander Chigas, Donald Derencius, Sally Dikselis, Derick Downey, Brittany DuVall, Brittney Eberhardt, Eileen Eck, Kathryn Gitten, Michelle Glover, Jamie Gowin, Thomas Greene, Sarah Grisko, Jordan Groll, Adrienne Hall, Nadia Hanafi, Lien Ho, Christina Johaneck, Dariusz Klikuszowian, Iwona Krzysiak, Ahsley LaVela, Bernadette Lojek, Andrew Macas, Kathryn Marovitch, Emily Masek, Amanda Meza, Jeremy Mozewcz, Jack Nagel, Hao Nguyen, Dana Nowak, Elle Opitz, Robert Para, Heather Raschke, Robert Raschke, Jason Richardson, Deena Rostom, Elizabeth Rozek, Michael Russell, Iman Salim, Verence Sanchez, Zachary Sherwood, Alexis Smith, Steven Strom, Victoria Stubbs, Eric Struck, Matthew Strycker, Megan Sullivan, Danielle Synowiecki, Jillian Wroble, Jessica Wyka, Michele Zagorski, Jorge Zaldivar, Ashraf Zeidan, Michael Zero, Ireneusz Zurawski, Susanna Zwirkoski, Saada Zegar.

Second year: Kamil Alberski, Jacob Arnold, Allison Bartosik, Lillian Benson, Lauren Brightmore, Christopher Buettner, Amanda Burns, Daniel Buys, Daniel Cassidy, Jessica Chathas, Oksana Darmograi, Tatiana Darmograi, Worood Dolch, Leann Dommer, Jason Dunk, Jeremy Dunk, Philip Egan, Brian Fay, Katie Felton, Brittany Foley, David Ford, Michael Gabriel, Delia Goldrick, Salem Jafilan, Lisa Jager, Frank Kenny, Thomas Koegel, Jennifer Kowalski, Timothy Lamberger, William Lindelof, Iman Matariyeh, Maysa Matariyeh, Rebecca Matusiak, Kevin McGuinness, Nicole Moser, Angeline Nalepa, Claire O'Brien, Alina Petruskaite, Kellie Radnis, Payal Rana, Katie Ruane, Samantha Rusher, Jake Shelpman, Theresa Slonskis, Matthew Styrula, Matthew Tadla, Simas Tamosaitis, Debra Tarkowski, Kevin Thompson, Daniel Vargas, Sarah Veen, Linas Vydmantas.

Third year: Stanislaw Antol, Hollie Boetscher, Ryan Callozzo, Brittany Cerevic, Bradley Gillen, Brigit Goudie, Brittany Goudie, Kimberly Hayward, Roshan Karingada, Jennifer Koch, Sara Martinez, Amy Morrill, Rebecca Nelson, Lauren O'Shea, Michael O'Sullivan, Amanda Tadla, Jeffery Vicik and Viktor Wojtowicz.

Worth Township Democrats Host Annual Reception

The Worth Township Regular Democratic Organization will hold its annual Cocktail Reception/Fundraiser on Tuesday, Nov. 8th from 7 to 10 p.m. at Bourbon Street, 3559 W. 115th St. in Merrionette Park.

Committeeman Dennis Magee stated that many of the state, county and local Democratic officials are planning to attend including: County Commissioner Joan Patricia Murphy, Metropolitan Water Reclamation Commissioners Harry "Bus" Yourell and Gloria Majewski, State Sen. Edward Maloney, State Reps. Kevin Joyce and James Brosnahan, and many local mayors and officials.

Tickets are \$50 and include a buffet and entertainment, and can be purchased at the door.

Observe Veterans Day

The City of Hometown and Hometown-Murray VFW and Ladies Auxiliary Post #9773 will pay tribute to our veterans on Veterans Day, Friday, Nov. 11th, 11 a.m. at the memorial in Patterson Park, 87th and Pulaski Rd. Mayor Donald Robertson will also conduct a 6 p.m. ceremony with the lighting of the Eternal Flame. The memorial, dedicated last year, and the first in the city's history, was made possible by the generosity of the people of Hometown, and VFW Post #9773, so the sacrifices of our veterans will always be remembered.

Support the troops and drop-off non-perishable items for our servicemen and women overseas; Friday, Nov. 11th 1 to 3 p.m. at the Hometown-Murray VFW Post #9773, 9092 Main Street. No fresh foods/plants, chocolates, pork products,

glass or political/religious items. Deliver items to the back hall. Post canteen will be closed from 1 to 3 p.m.

There will also be an Open House Nov. 11th starting at 3 p.m. at the post, hosted by the VFW and Ladies Auxiliary #9773. There will be free food, draft beer & soft drinks to veterans and a guest. Vet must provide proof of service (DD-214, discharge, any veterans organization membership card, etc.) For more information, call (708) 422-9800.

Placement Testing

Oak Lawn C.H.S. is having placement testing for 2006-07 incoming freshmen that are current eighth grade students in School Dist. 229 on Sat., Nov. 5 at 7:45 a.m. For information, call 424-5200.

POLICE CALLS

On October 16th Raya Mendel, 27, of Burbank was arrested and charged with public intoxication and criminal damage to property. Mendel was observed by the resident of a home in the 5200 block of Alexander sitting on his porch. Mendel was asked to leave, but when he refused police were called.

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On October 16th Vaidas Tumasonis, 21, of Oak Lawn was arrested and charged with supplying liquor to a minor, keeping a disorderly house, and resisting arrest after police responded to reports of a loud party in the 5600 block of West St. James Ct. After checking identification, police arrested Vytautas Dovydaitis, 19, of Oak Lawn, who was charged with underage consumption of alcohol. Police then attempted to arrest Tumasonis, who attempted to punch a police officer.

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Senior Fights Off Purse Snatcher

It was late morning last Saturday when Mark Dzendrowski, 23, of Oak Lawn, apparently picked the wrong elderly lady to mess with.

He reportedly grabbed onto the purse of the 72-year-old woman and began to run. Much to his surprise, the senior was still attached to the purse. He allegedly swung her around mercilessly, but she still refused to let go.

This bought her enough time because, while the attempted purse snatching was taking place, a worker from the water department who saw what was going on, sprinted toward the two shouting "Stop! Police!"

Finally, Dzendrowski let go and fled toward his nearby van, but the water department worker intercepted him. The attacker then disappeared into the neighborhood, but was apprehended by Oak Lawn Police 90 minutes later on a tip from residents who saw someone hiding in the bushes.

Turkish Dance Group To Make U.S. Debut

The Fire of Anatolia, a world renowned dance production that has captivated more than six million people globally, will make its American debut on Wednesday, Nov. 2nd in Chicago at the Chicago Theatre, followed by a second U.S. performance at New York's Madison Square Garden on Sunday, Nov. 6th. The cast of more than 60 celebrates the 5,000-year-old East meets West culture of Anatolia, the geographic heart of Turkey that has been home to 13 civilizations, with more than 100 different folkloric dances. Produced by Mustafa Erdogan and made possible by Worldwide Entertainment in collaboration with the World Trade Center Ankara, The Fire of Anatolia presents this singularly exciting and culturally memorable experience.

Originally known as the "Sultans of the Dance," The Fire of Anatolia was founded in May 2002 by Mustafa Erdogan with only a handful of talented young dancers who worked night and day under the supervision of modern and Middle Eastern dance instructors; folkdance experts and music instructors. Prior to its U.S. debut, The Fire of Anatolia traveled to Germany, Holland, Switzerland, Israel, China, Japan, Romania, Bulgaria, Jordan, Siberia, France and the UK. In the course of the tour, it was the first dance troupe to perform in the building of Chinese Parliament.

Tickets for the Chicago Theatre performance on Nov. 2nd are \$72.50, \$52.50 or \$42.50 & also can be purchased by calling (312) 559-1212 or at www.ticketmaster.com.

Dist. 126 Recruiting Focus Group

The Alsip, Hazelgreen and Oak Lawn School District 126, facing \$1.1 million in cuts if the March 21, 2006 tax rate referendum fails, is seeking volunteers to participate in a Focus Group. The Group will be provided with a list of options for fee increases, program reductions and/or personnel cuts and asked to share opinions, comments and perspectives with the Board of Education at a meeting to be held on Nov. 2, from 6 to 9 p.m.

Anyone living or working in District 126 who would like to be considered for the Focus Group should contact the district office at (708) 389-1900 no later than Oct. 28. Participation will be limited to 20 individuals in order to allow for an extensive, open and meaningful dialogue on the issues. Names of participants will be drawn randomly and notified. Questions or requests for further information may be directed by Bob Berger, superintendent.

Illinois State Scholar

Illinois State University students who have received university-wide scholarships based on their exemplary academic achievements will be honored at the 2005-2006 Scholarship Awards Ceremony on Sunday, Oct. 23, at Bone Student Center Ballroom.

Area scholarship recipients include Rebecca Straple of Oak Lawn who received a Presidential Scholarship for her achievements in English.

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Maria's 1st Open House

On Sunday, Nov. 13th Maria High School, 6727 S. California Ave., will host its first Open House for 6th, 7th, and 8th grade young women and their families from 12 to 3 p.m. The theme of Maria's Open House this year is "The Road to Success for Women who Make a Difference in the World." Therefore each activity and presentation is geared to describe how a Maria education takes young women from high school to college and beyond. Ultimately these young women will positively impact their communities by putting into practice the values and education they receive as Maria students.

Maria High School offers a comprehensive curriculum where students can take classes that will challenge them to do their best. The RISE (Reaching Individual Success and Excellence) program offers honors courses in English, Math, Science and Spanish. Furthermore, young women at Maria have the opportunity to jump start their college career by attaining college credits through AP (Advance Placement) classes in Calculus, Spanish, Art, English, French, and History. They can also receive college credits through the PACC (Program for Advance College Credit) program in association with Saint Mary's University in Minnesota Estate.

Guests will meet current and former students, staff and parents. They will have the opportunity to visit the building, observe Maria students in action in some classes, and learn about financial aid and scholarship opportunities.

At Maria high school education is considered a critical time in every young woman's life. That is why it is very important to visit the school to see how, for over 90 years, 8th graders have been coming through Maria's doors to later leave as young women and proud high school graduates who are equipped with the knowledge and the values to make a difference in the world.

After the Open House guests are welcome to attend the fall musical, "You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown," produced by Maria's Drama Club. To purchase tickets in advance call (773) 925-8686, ext. 109.

For questions and to obtain more information contact Bridget Whitehouse at (773) 925-8686 ext. 181. Si prefiere recibir información en Español, por favor llamar a la señorita Irma Rodriguez al (773) 925-8686, ext. 114.

All Kids Plan Passes In Senate

The Illinois Senate approved Governor Rod R. Blagojevich's landmark proposal on Oct. 26th that would make Illinois the only state in the nation to provide affordable, comprehensive health insurance for every child in the state. After a vote of 32 to 23 in the Senate, the legislation now moves to the Illinois House of Representatives for final passage. House Bill 806, creating All Kids, is sponsored by State Senate President Emil Jones and House Speaker Michael J. Madigan.

In Illinois, 253,000 children are without health insurance. More than half of Illinois' uninsured children come from working and middle class families who earn too much to qualify for programs like KidCare, but not enough to afford private health insurance. The Governor's program would make comprehensive health insurance available to children, with parents paying monthly premiums and co-payments for doctor's visits and prescription drugs at affordable rates.

Participants in the new program will pay monthly premiums and co-payments for doctors' visits and prescriptions, but unlike private insurance that is too expensive for so many families, the rates for All Kids coverage will be based on a family's income. The state is able to offer All Kids insurance coverage at much lower than market rates for middle-income families by leveraging the significant negotiating and buying power it already has through Medicaid.

For example, a family with two children that earns between \$40,000 and \$59,000 a year will pay a \$40 monthly premium per child, and a \$10 co-pay per physician visit. A family with two children earning between \$60,000 and \$79,000 will pay a \$70 monthly premium per child, and a \$15 co-pay per physician visit. However, there will be no co-pays for preventative care visits, such as annual immunizations and regular check ups and screenings for vision, hearing, appropriate development or preventative dental. These premiums for middle-income families are significantly more affordable than typical private insurance premiums of \$100 to \$200 a month, or \$2,400 per child annually.

The state will cover the difference between what parents contribute in monthly premiums and the actual cost of providing health care for each child, expected to be \$45 million in the first year, with savings generated by implementing a primary care case management model (PCCM) for participants in the state's FamilyCare and All Kids health care programs. Participants will choose a single primary physician who will manage their care by ensuring they get immunizations and other

preventative health care services and avoid unnecessary emergency room visits and hospitalizations. Patients with chronic conditions like asthma or diabetes will have a single care manager to make sure they are getting the treatments and ongoing care they need to avoid acute care. Primary care physicians will make referrals to specialists for additional care or tests as needed.

By ensuring patients get adequate preventative care on the front end, fewer people will need expensive specialized care or emergency care for critical conditions. In children, preventative care is especially important. For example, infants with stomach flu (gastroenteritis) who receive appropriate primary care can avoid being hospitalized for dehydration. Providing a timely exam and appropriate antibiotic treatment for children with ear infections (otitis media) can prevent chronic ear problems, loss of hearing and the need for surgically placed tubes to relieve fluid build up. Treating children with bronchitis or minor lung infections in a primary care setting can help to avoid more expensive hospitalization treatment of pneumonia, including intravenous antibiotics and respiratory treatments. And early identification and appropriate treatment of children who have chronic illnesses, such as asthma, will result in fewer expensive emergency room and inpatient care visits.

If the legislation passes during the fall veto session, which began Oct. 25th, the All Kids program can be up and running by July 1, 2006. More information about All Kids is available online at www.allkidscovered.com.



"Good Morning Miss Dove"

Burbank resident Chas Seaton wags his finger at Oak Lawn resident Mary Jo Williamson (seated). Looking on are Kristel Flynn of Oak Lawn, Beverly native Lauren Cronin and Oak Lawn resident Warren Miller. They are part of a large cast that is appearing in S.T.A.R.'s "Good Morning Miss Dove," which will be held at Home Auditorium, 4400 S. Home Ave., Stickney, several blocks east of 44th and Harlem. Performances are on Friday and Saturday, Nov. 4 and 5 at 8 p.m. General admission at the door is \$10, and discounts are offered for seniors and students. For more information, call (773) 585-5852, e-mail info@chicagostar.org, or visit www.chicagostar.org.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

- NOVEMBER 4 - Friday - Worth Township Senior Citizens Org. Meeting, Worth Township Center, 11601 Pulaski Rd., 12:30 p.m.
- NOVEMBER 5 - Saturday - District II "Trustee Is In." Municipal Center, 9446 Raymond, 9 a.m. to noon.
- NOVEMBER 5 - Saturday - Arts and Crafts Show, Mt. Zion Evangelical Church, 10400 Kostner Ave., 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- NOVEMBER 7 - Monday - Fire Department Club Meeting, VFW, 9514 S. 52nd Ave., 8 p.m.
- NOVEMBER 7 - Monday - Planning & Development Commission Meeting, 9446 S. Raymond, 8 p.m.
- NOVEMBER 8 - Tuesday - Chamber Luncheon, Double Tree in Alsip, 11:30 a.m. social; 12 noon lunch (note change of place).
- NOVEMBER 8 - Tuesday - Worth Township Regular Democratic Organization, Cocktail Reception/Fundraiser, Bourbon St., 3559 W. 115th St., 7 to 10 p.m.
- NOVEMBER 8 - Tuesday - Worth Township Committee Board Meeting, 11601 S. Pulaski, 7:30 p.m.
- NOVEMBER 8 - Tuesday - OL Village Board Meeting, Municipal Building, 9446 Raymond, 8 p.m.
- NOVEMBER 8 - Tuesday - Village Hall open to 8 p.m.
- NOVEMBER 8 - Tuesday - VFW 5220 Meeting, 9514 S. 52nd Ave., 8 p.m.
- NOVEMBER 9 - Wednesday - Free Blood Pressure Test, Oak Lawn Library, Lower Level, 5300 W. 95th St., 1 to 3 p.m.
- NOVEMBER 9 - Wednesday - Fire & Police Commission Meeting, 9446 S. Raymond, Conference Room B, 6:30 p.m.
- NOVEMBER 10 - Thursday - Quality Control Meeting, 9446 S. Raymond, 7:30 p.m.
- NOVEMBER 10 - Thursday - Athletic Club Auxiliary Meeting, VFW Hall, 9514 S. 52nd Ave., 8 p.m.

More Than 3,100 Illinois Residents Are Due Money From IRS

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IAFP Joins List Of All Kids Supporters

On Oct. 21st the Illinois Academy of Family Physicians (IAFP) endorsed Gov. Rod R. Blagojevich's landmark *All Kids* proposal that would make Illinois the only state in the nation to provide affordable, comprehensive health insurance for every child in the state. The IAFP is a professional medical society that represents 2,100 practicing family physicians throughout Illinois. IAFP joins more than 400 organizations representing medical facilities, doctors, nurses, educators, labor, child advocates and clergy that have endorsed the governor's plan since he introduced it.

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Senate President Emil Jones and House Speaker

Michael J. Madigan are the lead sponsors of legislation creating the *All Kids* health insurance program and have vowed to push for its passage during the upcoming fall veto session so the program can be up and running by July 1st, 2006. The organizations vowed to help the governor build support to pass his *All Kids* plan and to help enroll children in the plan, should it pass.

The governor's *All Kids* program would offer children access to comprehensive health care, including doctors' visits, hospital stays, prescription drugs, vision care, dental care and medical devices like eyeglasses and asthma inhalers.

More information about *All Kids* is available online at www.allkidscovered.com.

Little Company Of Mary's Coping With The Holidays

Little Company of Mary Hospital and Health Care Center's Pastoral Care Dept. is hosting a special evening to provide those who are mourning the death of a loved one with encouragement to face the upcoming holiday season. The event will take place in the hospital cafeteria, Café 95, on Wednesday, Nov. 9th from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m.

The holiday season is ordinarily a time of happiness and celebration, but when families are mourning the death of a loved one, their hearts are heavy. "Coping with the Holidays" offers community members in need an opportunity to gather for renewal and remembrance and will be presented by the Pastor of St. Bonaventure Parish, Fr. Jim Heneghan. Fr. Heneghan is a nationally regarded expert on grief and loss.

Pre-registration is required for this special event. For further information, call (708) 229-5484. There is no fee, this is a community service provided by the hospital.

Annual Student Laureates Ceremony

The Lincoln Academy of Illinois honored 48 outstanding senior college students during the annual Student Laureate Ceremony on Oct. 22 at the Old State Capitol State Historic Site in Springfield.

The Student Laureate Medallion is given each year, along with a \$150 honorarium and a certificate of achievement, to one member from the senior class of each four-year, degree-granting institution of higher learning in Illinois. The medallions were presented this year by Judy Irwin, Director of the State Board of Education. The event marked the 31st year that students have been honored by the Academy.

Michelle L. Jones, a senior at the University of Chicago, delivered the keynote address on behalf of the Student Laureates. The invocation was delivered by Dr. Roger L. Taylor, President of Knox College; the benediction was given by Dr. Paul Pribbenow, President of Rockford College. The Sangamon Woodwind Consort provided music. A luncheon at the Illinois Executive Mansion followed the ceremony.

The following area student laureates were honored: Illinois Institute of Technology, Noah W. Birch of Homer Glen; Loyola University, Erica M. Bauer of Chicago; Millikin University, Deanne L. Drechsler of Oak Lawn; National-Lewis University, Mario E. Rodriguez of Chicago; Northeastern Illinois University, Mersiha Bajrektarevic of Chicago; Trinity Christian University, Erin M. Marshalek of Tinley Park; and University of Chicago, Michelle L. Jones of Chicago.

Help Reduce The Risk Of Stroke

Residents living in and around the Chicago Ridge community can be screened to reduce their risk of having a stroke. Life Line Screening will be at the Chicago Ridge American Legion Post 1160, 10739 S. Ridgeland Ave., on Nov. 7th. Appointments will begin at 9 a.m.

A stroke, also known as a "brain attack," is ranked as the third leading killer in the world, and the second among women. Through preventive screenings, the risk of having a stroke can be greatly reduced.

Screenings are fast, painless and low cost. They involve the use of ultrasound technology, and scan for potential health problems related to: blocked arteries which can lead to a stroke, aortic aneurysms which can lead to a ruptured aorta, and hardening of the arteries in the legs, which are a strong predictor of heart disease. Also offered for men and women

is a bone density screening to assess their risk for osteoporosis.

Each screening requires 10 minutes or less to complete. A complete vascular screening package, including the Stroke/Carotid Artery, Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm and Ankle Brachial Index (hardening of the arteries) screenings is \$109. Sign up for a complete vascular package; include the osteoporosis screening and pay \$129.

For more information regarding the screenings or to schedule an appointment, call 1(800) 449-2281. Pre-registration is required.

Orland Park Spelling Bee

The winner of the annual Orland Park Spelling Bee, for the fifth time in eight years, is 76-year-old Kathleen Foley of Oak Lawn. In so doing, she wrestled the spelling title back from Derrick Pavoni who had been victorious two years in a row after breaking Foley's previous five-year reign.

Spellers and would-be spellers from ages 6 to 86 competed in the bee, which was held in the sanctuary at Presbyterian Church in Orland Park and organized by William Smith, a former educator.

Smith stated that, in addition to the goal promoting proper spelling, the bee gives people a chance to conquer their fears of speaking in public.

Annual Craft Fair

Trinity Lutheran Church, 9701 S. Brandt Ave. (two blocks west of Cicero Ave.), will hold its annual Craft Fair on Saturday, Nov. 12, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

In addition to professional crafters, there will be a bake sale, raffle, white elephant sale, and the ever-popular Christmas Room. A number of Trinity women have worked all year producing beautiful Christmas and Fall items. Luncheon food, snacks, and candy will be available all day.

Community residents and their friends are invited to spend time at Trinity during the sale on Nov. 12.

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More Than 3100 Illinois Residents Due Money From The IRS

The Internal Revenue Service has money for more than 3100 Illinois residents who still haven't received their 2004 federal tax refunds.

An annual review shows 3133 Illinois taxpayers are due federal tax refunds totaling almost \$2.3 million. These refunds were returned to the IRS as "undeliverable." Most refunds are from tax returns filed for the 2004 tax year, but some taxpayers are due refunds for more than one tax year. The checks range from as low as \$1 to nearly \$39,000. The average per-check amount is \$731. Nationwide, 84,290 refunds totaling more than \$73 million were returned to the IRS.

"We want to get this money to the people it belongs to," said Sue Hales, IRS spokesperson for Illinois. "It's really a simple process. As soon as we get a correct address, we can reissue the check."

Hales said refund checks go astray for reasons that can vary with each taxpayer. "Most often, it's because a life change — such as a marriage — causes an address change. If a taxpayer moves or changes their address and fails to notify the IRS or the U.S. Postal Service, a check sent to their last known address is returned to the IRS," said Hales.

Taxpayers can find out if they have an undelivered tax refund by visiting the IRS Web site at www.irs.gov and clicking on "Where's My Refund." To use this feature, taxpayers enter information that includes their Social Security number, filing status (such as single or married filing jointly) and the refund amount shown on their 2004 tax return. When this information is submitted online, taxpayers will see the status of their refund check and, in many cases, they also get instructions to resolve potential account problems. If a refund was returned by the post office, the taxpayer may be able to update their address online through the "Where's My Refund" application.

Taxpayers who have moved since filing their last tax return can ensure the IRS has their correct address by filing Form 8822, Change of Address, with the IRS. Download the form from the IRS Web site at www.irs.gov or request it by calling 1(800) 829-3676.

Many people affected by Hurricane Katrina have relocated throughout the country. The IRS will expedite research into the status of undelivered payments and issue a refund check (even when the original check is outstanding) for Gulf Coast residents affected by Hurricane Katrina. The IRS advises hurricane victims who had been expecting a refund check but did not receive one to contact the IRS on the special toll-free Katrina disaster line at 1(866) 562-5227.

Taxpayers without access to the Internet who think they may be missing a refund check should first check their records or contact their tax preparer, then call the IRS toll-free assistance line at 1(800) 829-1040 to update their address.

Hales said taxpayers can avoid undelivered tax refunds by choosing to have their refunds deposited directly into a personal checking or savings account. Direct deposit guards against undelivered, lost or stolen refund checks. The option is available for both paper returns and electronically filed returns. More than 52 million taxpayers chose to direct deposit their refunds this year.

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Madigan Awarded Second Annual John F. Kennedy New Frontier Award

The John F. Kennedy Library Foundation and the Institute of Politics at Harvard's Kennedy School of Government on Oct. 26th presented its 2005 New Frontier Award to Illinois Attorney General Lisa Madigan in honor of her accomplishments as an elected official and public servant.

Caroline Kennedy, president of the John F. Kennedy Library Foundation and a member of the Senior Advisory Committee for Harvard's Institute of Politics, presented the award to Madigan during an awards ceremony at the John F. Kennedy Presidential Library and Museum in Boston. This is the second year the award has been presented.

The John F. Kennedy New Frontier Award was created in 2004 to honor public servants under the age of 40 whose professional accomplishments exemplify the importance and value of public service in the spirit of President Kennedy.

Two New Frontier Awards are awarded each year. One award honors an elected official whose work in politics has brought significant, tangible results in response to a public challenge. The other award honors a non-elected individual working in the realm of community service, advocacy or grassroots activism. Kica Matos, executive director of JUNTA for Progressive Action, also received the 2005 New Frontier Award.

The Meaning Of Freedom

An exhibit featuring the work of 26 artists who explore the meaning of freedom through various art mediums will open Monday, Nov. 7th in Roosevelt University's Gage Gallery, 18 S. Michigan Ave. in Chicago.

Sponsored by Heartland International and Roosevelt University's College of Arts and Sciences and the Mansfield Institute for Social Justice, the exhibition, entitled "freedom-response," includes 29 works by artists who are responding to the promise of freedom, and questions about freedom around the world, through paintings, photos, sculpture, mixed media and fiber works.

An opening reception for freedom-response will be held from 5 to 7 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 10th. Jurors for the show include Susan Aurinko, director of FLATFILE galleries in Chicago; Michael Ensford, associate professor of communication at Roosevelt University and director of the Gage Gallery; and Gregory C. Knight, director of visual arts for the Chicago Dept. of Cultural Affairs and chief curator for exhibitions at the Chicago Cultural Center.

The exhibit runs through Dec. 9th and is free and open to the public. Gallery hours are 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday. For information, call (312) 341-6458.

Sex Offender Drives School Bus

William McAlister, 61, of Calumet City is a convicted sex offender. He has recently pleaded guilty of driving a busload of 29 school children and their chaperones to and from a downstate weekend event.

McAlister was stopped as he was heading back to Chicago. He allegedly made a U-turn on U.S. Highway 6, just west of Interstate 56 according to police reports. The police officer found McAlister's criminal history after he researched McAlister's driver's license number through the computer.

The 1992 Conviction of Aggravated Criminal Sexual Assault made it a crime for McAlister to be within 500 feet of a school or operating a school bus, although he did not have to register with the Illinois Department of Corrections. He also did not have the proper license to operate a charter school bus according to officials. That would have required a background check as well as a finger print check.

McAlister faces up to as much as six years in prison and as little as probation.

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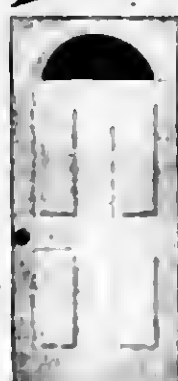
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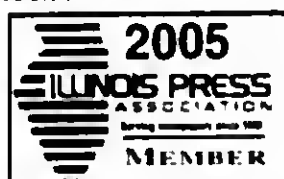
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Heating Program

"U.S. Rep. Dan Lipinski (IL-3rd)" on Oct. 28th warned that Chicago-area residents are facing rising heating costs and offered help in dealing with the high prices this winter.

"Not only is this winter expected to be colder than last year, but natural gas prices have risen greatly because of increased demand and the hurricanes in the Gulf of Mexico," said Rep. Lipinski.

The Energy Information Administration recently predicted that houses using natural gas to heat would experience almost a 50 percent rise in prices. Working families and seniors are at great risk from the increase in natural gas prices and may be forced to make harsh choices on how to spend limited incomes.

"No one, especially the elderly, should be forced to choose between heat and food or medicine," added Congressman Lipinski. "Cook County residents can contact any of my three district offices for assistance in getting help with their heating bills. Already this year, my office has helped almost 1,600 elderly and disabled residents - close to the total number between September and March last year - apply for LIHEAP grants."

On Nov. 1st, LIHEAP, a federal-state partnership that provides one-time assistance with heating bills, will be available on a first-come, first-served basis for working families. For the last two months, the program has been limited to at-risk populations, such as the elderly and disabled.

To find out more about LIHEAP and other energy programs, such as weatherization assistance, call Rep. Lipinski's office at (312) 886-0481.

Dobson's Views

Focus on the Family Action founder and chairman James C. Dobson, Ph.D., issued the following statement about the nomination of Circuit Judge Samuel Alito to the U.S. Supreme Court:

"We are extremely pleased by President Bush's selection of Judge Samuel Alito, who has earned the respect of colleagues in both parties for his legal acumen and courtroom demeanor. As a federal judge for the last 15 years, Judge Alito has demonstrated that he understands the role of the judiciary is to interpret existing law in light of the Constitution, not make new law in service to a personal political agenda."

"Perhaps the most encouraging early indication that Judge Alito will make a great justice is that liberal senators such as Harry Reid and Charles Schumer and leftist pressure groups such as People for the American Way and Planned Parenthood have been lining up all day to scream that the sky's falling. Any nominee who so worries the radical left is worthy of serious consideration."

"Based on what is now known about Judge Alito, we applaud the president for this outstanding nomination."



All Points Southwest

By THOMAS E. GAVIN

Ladies and gentlemen...how about those World Champion Chicago White Sox! Not since 1985 (The Bears) has this entire city been so overwhelmed by the fever that the White Sox generated this season. For those of us who have lived (and died) with the "wait 'til next year" promises, our ship has finally come in. It is filled with excellent baseball players who knew the true meaning of the word **TEAM**.

Congratulations to White Sox Chairman Jerry Reinsdorf and General Manager Ken Williams for trusting their organization, its suggestions regarding players and its willingness to develop quality talent.

Hats off to Manager Ozzie Guillen and his coaching staff for getting the best efforts from each man on the major league roster.

A sincere Thank You! to the Sox players who day-in and day-out were prepared for battle and won a grand total of 110 games this year...including 12 in a row in the playoffs.

And a big round of applause to each one of the White Sox fans and followers who supported this team from the early days of spring training through the October Classic...the 2005 World Series.

The last time this writer witnessed the Sox in the World Series, he was a ten year old. One never would have imagined that it would take 46 years to see a return engagement. Well it did and now we're not just back, we're World Champions. How Sweet It Is!!!

Last week Illinois Attorney General Lisa Madigan told lawmakers that unless the General Assembly passes a new law that makes it tougher to buy ingredients to make methamphetamine, Illinois is in danger of becoming an island where meth makers come to buy or steal the pseudoephedrine (PSE) they need to make this dangerous drug.

Testifying before the House Judiciary Committee, Madigan urged the General Assembly to pass legislation she has drafted and proposed to bring Illinois law in line with its border states. Madigan's testimony follows three meth law enforcement summits she held this fall to hear from law enforcement and others about the need to toughen Illinois' restrictions on PSE.

The goal of the summits, which led to the drafting of Senate Bill 273, the Methamphetamine Precursor Control Act, was to examine the impact of neighboring states' laws in Illinois, discuss what solutions have worked to reduce meth manufacturing in other states and discuss what Illinois needs to do to protect its communities from the dangerous and illegal practice of meth production.

Senate Bill 273 is similar to an Iowa law which makes ephedrine and PSE "schedule V controlled substance" - meaning they must be kept behind pharmacy counters. The law requires that all single and multi-active ingredient products, tablets, liquids and gels be placed behind a counter. Although customers do not need a prescription, they must display a photo ID and sign a log.

Comptroller Dan Hynes has renewed his push for legislative reforms during the present veto session that would help end the appearance of pay-to-play politics in the awarding of state contracts.

The reform legislation was originally introduced last spring. The measures would mandate the following:

- Contractors with a total of more than \$25,000 in state contracts would be barred from contributing to the office holder who awarded the contracts. This ban continues throughout the term of the office holder or for a period of two years after the conclusion of the contract. It would

apply to all affiliated companies, executives, and subsidiaries, as well as the spouses and minor children of the contractor.

- For all contracts exceeding \$10,000 in value, prospective bidders would be required to disclose all contributions to the office holder awarding the contract within the previous two years prior to the awarding of that contract.

Cynthia Canary, Director of the Illinois Campaign for Political Reform, endorsed the Hynes reform proposals and urged prompt attention. This legislative package goes a long way toward restoring integrity to the businesses of state government.

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There are only a few days left to make a reservation for Illinois State Treasurer Judy Baar Topinka's fourth annual Smart Women Smart Money Conference set for Monday, Nov. 7th at the Hyatt Regency Chicago, 151 E. Wacker Dr., Grand Ballroom, Gold Level, East Tower.

The free conference, which includes Treasurer Topinka's remarks, complimentary continental breakfast and lunch, begins with exhibits and registration at 8 a.m. The educational component will take place from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Seating is on a first-come, first-serve basis and reservations are required by calling Financial Education Director Janet Dobrinsky at (217) 557-0885.

"Women today lead very complicated and busy lives that often involve work and career responsibilities as well as family obligations," Topinka said. "In many cases they also struggle with financial debts or are worried about their future. That's why we host conferences such as these. We want to offer useful information that can help reduce that emotional or financial burden."

This informational program is part of a series of Smart Women Smart Money workshops offered throughout the state by the Treasurer's office.

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Senator Maggie Crotty (D-Oak Forest) and Rep. Sidney H. Mathias (R-Arlington Heights) have been named as the Illinois Home Care Council (IHCC) 2005 Legislators of the Year. They will receive their awards at the IHCC 2006 Annual Legislative Breakfast & Summit on Wednesday, Feb. 1st, 2006, at the Abraham Lincoln Hotel & Conference Ctr.) 8:30 a.m. Crotty and Mathias are being honored for their advocacy work on home health and other related issues during this last year.

Crotty was elected to the Illinois Senate in 2002 after serving three terms as State Representative. The second honoree, Rep. Mathias has served in the Illinois House as representative since 1999, prior to which he was a practicing attorney. Together they spearheaded SB 159 into passage, which became Public Act 94-0379.

This law is commonly referred to as the home services law for those requiring non-medical home care.

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On Friday, Nov. 11th, all the Secretary of State offices and facilities will be closed in honor of Veteran's Day. Drivers license facilities outside of Cook County will resume normal business on Saturday, Nov. 11th.

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EDITORIAL/OPINION PAGE

Rep. Ray LaHood Is October Porker Of The Month

Citizens Against Government Waste (CAGW) recently named Rep. Ray LaHood (R-Ill.) the October Porker of the Month for preaching fiscal restraint in hurricane relief spending while seeking to protect and expand pork and wasteful spending in his home district. Rep. LaHood favors coupling drought relief money for Illinois with hurricane relief measures, played a key role in blocking a plan to consolidate Farm Service Agency (FSA) offices, rejected calls to return federal funding for local highway projects, and attempted to kill the Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) process.

Rep. LaHood teamed up with other lawmakers to procure farm assistance money for Midwestern states, claiming that farmers should be compensated for disruptions to grain shipments on the Mississippi River after Hurricane Katrina. But farmers are already "compensated" by taxpayers to the tune of \$17.8 billion per year with most of that money going to large farms and agribusinesses. Illinois farms were the third highest subsidized in the nation from 1995-2003, according to the Environmental Working Group. Comparing a cyclical drought to the worst natural disaster in U.S. history opens the federal trough to every special interest that can claim it was indirectly affected by the Gulf Coast hurricanes.

As a member of the House Appropriations Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rep. LaHood played a key role in scuttling a plan by the United States Dept. of Agriculture to close 713 of the 2,351 FSA offices, saving \$50 million per year beginning in fiscal 2007. In an era when fewer farmers are tending larger farms and most of the paperwork is filed online, the FSA system still reflects the farming patterns of the 1930s. Rep. LaHood pledged to "fight-like-you-know-what" to prevent the consolidation of 26 FSA offices in Illinois. In fact, Rep. LaHood bragged about thwarting the reform "for the fifth or sixth" time.

Rep. LaHood also submitted a proposal to reject the BRAC Commission's recommendations to close or realign 182 military bases, including the Illinois National Guard's 183rd Fighter Wing. The plan would save \$35.6 billion over 20 years and make the military more capable of facing modern threats. Fortunately, the House Armed Services Committee rejected Rep. LaHood's attempt to impede military transformation just to keep 15 fighter jets in his home district.

The \$286.4 billion Transportation Equity Act (H.R. 3) includes about 6,400 pork-barreled projects costing taxpayers more than \$24 billion. While some lawmakers and cities are offering to cancel local projects to help hurricane victims, Rep. LaHood has promised that the \$44 million for local projects will not be cut (Peoria Journal Star, 10/14).

While Rep. LaHood claims to favor rebuilding the Gulf Coast in a "responsible way," he also calls it "a little unrealistic...to be having heartburn about the deficit." As further proof that the congressman is no friend of the taxpayer, his congressional rating of 29 percent from the Council for Citizens Against Government Waste is the lowest among House Republicans. For refusing to recognize the need for sacrifice in an emergency, for making empty and hypocritical statements in favor of fiscal responsibility, and for opposing sensible and cost-saving reforms, CAGW names Rep. Ray LaHood Porker of the Month for October 2005.

Social Security District Manager

There is still time to apply for extra financial help through the new Medicare prescription drug program that goes into effect on Jan. 1st, 2006.

These days, many Medicare beneficiaries may be trying to decide which of the Medicare plans to sign up for, since enrollment begins on Nov. 15th. But if you have limited income and resources, don't forget to see if you can qualify for extra help to pay for part of the monthly premiums, annual deductibles and prescription co-payments under the new prescription drug program.

That extra help could be worth an average of \$2,100 per year for those who qualify.

Social Security is taking applications now from Medicare beneficiaries who may be eligible for the extra help. To qualify, an individual must have total annual income below \$14,355 and resources limited to \$10,000. The limits for a married couple living together are higher: \$19,245 in combined annual income and \$20,000 in resources. These resources can be slightly higher – an additional \$1,500 per person – if some of the money will be used for burial expenses. Even if your annual income is higher, you still may be able to get some help if you support other family members who live with you; have earnings from work; or live in Alaska or Hawaii.

Some beneficiaries will qualify for the extra financial help automatically. Anyone who has both Medicare and Medicaid, or Medicare and Supplemental Security Income, or anyone whose state pays his or her Medicare premiums, will not have to complete an eligibility application.

Also, it is important that all beneficiaries understand that even if they qualify for the extra help, they still need to enroll in a Medicare-approved prescription drug plan to obtain both coverage and the extra help.

So remember: it is not too late to see if you qualify for some extra help with prescription drug costs. More than three million people have already applied. But if you are not one of them and you think that you might qualify for the extra help, you can complete an online application at www.socialsecurity.gov. Of you can contact Social Security at 1(800) 772-1213, TTY 1(800) 325-0778, and ask for an application in the mail, or request more information. But the clock is ticking, so do it today, and then enroll in the new Medicare prescription drug program between Nov. 15th, 2005 and May 15th, 2006.

Fitzgerald Family Benefit

The Pals of Val are hosting the Fitzgerald Family Benefit in honor of Val Fitzgerald (pictured). Val Fitzgerald was a victim of inoperable brain and multiple brain tumors. She lost her fight with cancer soon after her diagnosis, leaving her husband Bob and their three children. Bob himself is in remission from Stage 4 Hodgkin's Disease. All three of the Fitzgerald children are in college.



Val was a ten year resident of Lemont, a former PTA member and was employed by the teamsters. Bob was a 15-year employee of the City of Hickory Hills at the time of his diagnosis. He is now working as a laborer with Pepper Construction Company.

To help the family with their mounting medical costs, the Pals of Val have organized a benefit in the family's name. Saturday, Nov. 19th, from 1 to 6 p.m., family, friends and those interested in helping will gather at 115 Bourbon Street, 3359 W. 115th St., in Merrionette Park for dinner and entertainment. Admission is \$25, which includes dinner and an open bar of draft beer and wine.

There will be live music by Bob West Elvis, The Larkin & Moran Brothers and Leave. The evening will also see an auction and raffle prizes.

For more information, call Gerry Sexton at (847) 917-4260 or visit www.palsofval.com.

Johnston Dies

Alice Johnston, a gifted writer, prolific reader, community activist and long-time editor at southwest suburban publications, died last Tuesday at the age of 77.

Johnston, at one time or another, also served as District 124 President, a Hometown alderman and was a member of the first board of directors at Moraine Valley Community College.

Her son, David, was a Geological Survey scientist who was killed in the 1980 eruption of Mt. St. Helens. The most popular viewing point of the volcano now bears the family name, "Johnston Ridge Observatory."

Johnston is survived by her husband, Thomas; her daughter, Patricia (Eric) Ruthenberg, three grandchildren for whom she constantly babysat; and many nieces and nephews.

Services were held at Blake-Lamb Funeral Home in Oak Lawn.

Illinois Division Of Child Support Receives National Award

The Illinois Division of Child Support's Acting Administrator Pam Compton received the Commissioner's Award for Exemplary Business Re-engineering in Washington, DC on Oct. 25th from the Federal Office of Child Support Enforcement (OCSE). Meanwhile, the Illinois Dept. of Revenue (IDOR) also announced that it has collected a record \$2.8 million in delinquent child support in September alone.

Gov. Blagojevich has launched a number of innovative and aggressive programs to improve collection to help Illinois parents, including: a New Hire initiative web site that allows employers to report new employees online more conveniently and quickly, a Deadbeat Parents Web site that identifies parents who owe more than \$5,000 in child support payments, which has resulted in the collection of over \$172,000 in back payments, federal certification of the Key Information Delivery System (KIDS), the main computer for the child support process, and the Sheridan Rehabilitation Project that helps ex-offenders access jobs and training in order to meet their child support obligations.

All child support enforcement services are free and include the automatic location of employers, automatic service of income withholding notices, the submission of child support debt to credit reporting agencies and to the state and federal governments that can then intercept tax refunds, suspend or revoke professional and occupational licenses and deny passports. Information about applying is available on the HFS web site, www.hfs.illinois.gov.

Last Workshop In Haymarket Center's Fall Series

The last of five workshops for professionals practicing in the field of addictions has been scheduled by Haymarket Center for Saturday, Nov. 5th. The program, I Am Woman, Help Me Soar, will be presented by Maya Hennessey, BA, CRADC, MISA II.

Qualified attendees can earn five hours of continuing education units for each seminar. All sessions will take place at Haymarket Center's conference facility, 124 N. Sangamon in Chicago's West Loop. Sessions begin at 9 a.m. and end at 2:30 p.m.

This is the last of a five-part series which began in September.

Workshops are \$95 each, with discounts for group registrations and for students and senior citizens. Continental breakfast and lunch are included in the registration fee. For information, contact Carol Blyskal at (312) 226-7984, ext. 314, or fax her at (312) 226-8048.



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ENTERTAINMENT NEWS

November Movies At The Beverly Arts Center

The Beverly Arts Center, 2407 W. 111th St. (111th and south Western Ave.), Chicago, screens first run, foreign and independent films in its state-of-the-art theater. For tickets and information, call the box office, (773) 445-3838, or go online to www.beverlyartscenter.org.

Polish Film Festival, Nov. 7 through 9: Monday, Nov. 7, 7 p.m., PITBULL (2005) subtitled, Not-Rated (probably R).

Said is a criminal responsible for dozens of kidnappings and murders. Five homicide detectives are on the case, each with their own problems. One has cancer, one has a greedy ex-wife and a son he loves dearly, one is an alcoholic torn between his wife and his mistress, one is in love with a mobster decoy, and the last is an officer trying to learn how to be a decent human being. Non stop action on the streets of Warsaw. \$10.

Tuesday, Nov. 8, 7 p.m., The Unburied Man (2004) subtitled, Not-Rated (probably R).

Based on archival footage, official records and eyewitnesses, The Unburied Man is the story of Imre Nagy who in 1956 withdrew Hungary from the Warsaw Pact in opposition of the Soviet Union, proclaiming Hungary a neutral country. After the Hungarian Uprising, pro-Soviet officials sentenced Nagy to death. The film deals with the last two years of Nagy's life, his trial and execution and the attempts to finally clear his name in 1989. A fascinating look at post WWII politics in Eastern Europe. \$10.

Wednesday, Nov. 9, 7 p.m., My Nikifor (2005) subtitled, Not-rated.

Winner of this year's Chicago International Film Festival for best picture and best actor, My Nikifor is the story friendship between artist Marian Wlosiski and Epifan Dworak a primitive painter know as Nikifor of Krynica. In early 1960 Nikifor "dropped-in" for a visit at Marian's studio, he stayed the rest of his life. The film is an in-depth look at a gifted artist's spirituality and the personal freedom that allowed him to create.

SXU Presents University Orchestra Concert

Saint Xavier's University Orchestra will present its fall concert on Sunday, Nov. 13, at 3:30 p.m. in the Rehearsal/Performance Space of the Warde Academic Center, 3700 W. 103rd St.

The University Orchestra will perform several classic pieces under the direction of Martha Morris and student conductor Alexis Janners, including Beethoven's "Symphony No. 7" and "Military Marches," Mozart's "Eine Kleine Nachtmusik" and Britten's "Simple Symphony for Strings."

The orchestra is currently in its 23rd season and is composed of Saint Xavier students and members of the university community.

Admission to the concert is \$6 for the general public, \$5 for seniors and visiting students. For Saint Xavier students, faculty and staff, admission is free with a valid university ID.

For more information on the concert, contact the music department at (773) 298-3421.

First Nations Film And Video Festival, Wednesday, Nov. 16, 7:30 p.m., Two Worlds Colliding (2004), Not-Rated (probably R).

Selected for National Geographic's Margaret Meade Film Festival and the Amnesty International Film Festival, Two Worlds Colliding chronicles the painful story of Saskatoon's "Freezing Deaths." On a bone-chilling night in January 2000, Darrell Night was left by two RCMP officers on the outskirts of Saskatoon, apparently to freeze to death. Darrell survived, but the mistrust between the Aboriginal community and the police intensified until a major government investigation was launched and ugly secrets were uncovered. The film will be screened with two short films and followed by Q & A session with representatives from the First Nations Film Festival. \$5.

Wednesday, Nov. 30, 7:30 p.m., Saint Ralph (2005) Canada, R: PG-13.

A charming Canadian import by director Michael McGowan (My Dog Vincent), the 1950s period comedy Saint Ralph follows earnest Catholic schoolboy Ralph (Adam Butcher) as he struggles with his teenage hormones, challenges priestly authority, and tries to achieve a miracle by winning the Boston Marathon. Facing orphanhood after his father is killed in WWII and his mother falls into a coma caused by terminal cancer, Ralph, with the help of his friend Chester, carries on life as usual by pretending that he lives with his grandparents. He regularly visits his mother in the hospital and creates a special friendship with one of her nurses (Jennifer Tilly). When Ralph comes to believe that winning the Boston Marathon would constitute a miracle that might save his mother's life, nothing can stop him. \$7.

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Classical Symphony Orchestra Concert Members

The Classical Symphony Orchestra of Chicago, a professionally oriented training orchestra for aspiring college, graduate and older musicians, and The Protégé Philharmonic of Chicago, a musical vision for the future, will perform their Fall Showcase Joint Concert on Sunday, Nov. 20th at 3 p.m. This is the first concert of the 2005-2006 season. The concert will be held at the Harris Theater at Millennium Park, 205 E. Randolph Dr. This concert marks the beginning of the 27th Anniversary season of the Classical Symphony Orchestra.

Local residents introduced as members of the Protégé Philharmonic included Brittany Wilson of Frankfort, Flute; Maggie Cavanaugh of Homer Glen, Percussion; Michael Gagliano and Michael Matiradonna of New Lenox, Violin; Timothy Zintak of Orland Park, French Horn; Jason Niehoff of Palos Park, String Bass; Mark Grigoletti of Tinley Park, Flute; and Ted Anton, Worth, Tuba.

Tickets for the concert are available at \$15 general admission, \$10 for seniors and students, and \$5 for children under 12. For more information, call (312) 334-7777.

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CLASS REUNIONS

St. Christopher School Alumni (Midlothian) - Reunion Mass at 10:30 a.m. on Nov. 6th, followed by Breakfast, 147th & Keeler Ave. Visit their web site at www.stchrisalumni.org.

Tilden Tech High School Alumni Association's 34th annual Hall of Fame Dinner and Reunion honoring January and June classes of 1955 on Friday, Nov. 4th at Lexington House in Hickory Hills. Call Ed Winkler at (708) 599-3058 or C.J. Murzyn at (773) 582-7411 or email kmurzyn@aol.com.

Mendel High School - "All Year Reunion" honoring the class of 1955 on their 50th anniversary is planned for November. Contact Ron Dubin at RONHAWKS@AOL.COM.

Morton West High School class of 1975 reunion on Nov. 26th at Skylight West Banquets in Berwyn. Call (630) 420-2521.

Lourdes High School class of 1978 is looking for classmates. Call (708) 258-9096.

Incarnation Alumni are looking for graduates for an Alumni Directory. Call the school at (708) 385-6250 or email alum@incarnationcatholic.com.

Bloom High School class of 1939 seeks alumni. Call (708) 756-2315.

Students Showcase Their Talents

Americas Junior Jazz Masters (AJJM) will spend the holiday season showcasing their talents in Lord & Taylor on the Magnificent Mile. The 6-week series will kick off with the Festival of Lights ceremony on Saturday, Nov. 19th and continue until Dec. 31st. AJJM will play every Saturday from 3 to 6 p.m. All are invited to stop by and enjoy smooth jazz played by the students and show their support. A fundraising cocktail party will be held on Friday, Nov. 11th.

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ENTERTAINMENT NEWS

Comedy Is More Than Meets The Eye

The PAC Rats Theatre Company of South Suburban College, one of the 3 Stages of SSC, presents the Fred Carmichael comedy, *More than Meets the Eye*. The performance will be in the Kinding Performing Arts Center on campus and plays on Nov. 4th, 10th and 11th at 8 p.m. and Nov. 5th and 12th at 2 p.m. and at 8 p.m.

Members of the armed forces, veterans, firefighters, police officers, paramedics and their families are invited to attend for FREE on Friday, Nov. 11th (with proper ID, please) as our way of saying thanks.

The cast includes Mike Aguayo of Thornton as Stanley, Lydia Bellamy-Palma of Park Forest as Maude, Wendy Camp of Chicago Heights as Peggy, Amanda Cuzzo of Tinley Park as Prudence, Rose Doornweerd of Markham as Carla, Charlie Furtek of Lansing as Bradley, Paris Gant of Country Club Hills as Lawton Ellerbe, Djuana Harvey of Dolton as Chris, and Laura Tiemens as Nora, Lauren Waller as Mrs. Jenkins and Barry Zurawicz as Hoskins, all from South Holland. Aguayo, Camp, Cuzzo, Furtek, Tiemens and Zurawicz were most recently seen in the SSC Playhouse production of *Liliom* at SSC, directed by Bobbie Saltzman.

Set design is by Vernon Schwartz of Oak Park, lighting design is by Bill Graham of Hammond, Indiana, costume design is by Angela Martin of Midlothian, and properties are designed by Rose and Erin Doornweerd of Markham.

The production is stage managed by Dominic Bellamy-Palma of Park Forest and is directed by Tianna Ruelas of Markham.

South Suburban College is at 15800 State St. in South Holland. Free, ample, well-lit parking is available. Tickets are only \$6 for adults, \$4 for students and seniors. For more information or to reserve tickets, call the 24/7 box office voicemail line at (708) 210-5741. You may also reserve tickets by e-mail at boxoffice@southsuburbancollege.edu.

Gaelic Storm Brings Thunderous Sound To Moraine Valley

Faillte! Or welcome in Gaelic to Moraine Valley for the unique, high-energy Celtic band Gaelic Storm on Friday, Nov. 18th at 7:30 p.m. in the Dorothy Menker Theater in the Fine and Performing Arts Center on campus, 9000 W. College Parkway in Palos Hills. Tickets are \$20 for adults and \$15 for seniors and students.

The band's dynamic stage show features rousing, upbeat vocals, wild energetic dance tunes, haunting ballads and infectious madcap humor. Their sound is true to traditional Celtic music while adding an original twist of dizzying whirlwind of live energy - hence the name "Gaelic Storm."

Its six members, who hail from Ireland, England, Canada and the United States, showcase 15 instruments during the show including the bodhran (traditional Irish drum), bagpipes and fiddle.

This performance is partially funded by a grant from the Illinois Arts Council.

For more information or to order tickets, call the Moraine Valley box office at (708) 974-5500. Phone orders are subject to a \$1 per order handling fee.

Mt. Carmel Mothers' Club Holiday Bazaar

Get a jump on the holidays and begin your shopping in a relaxing, festive atmosphere at the Mt. Carmel High School Mothers' Club Annual Holiday Bazaar on Wednesday, Nov. 16 from 7 to 9:30 p.m. in the new Convocation Center, 6410 S. Dante Ave., Chicago.

This year's bazaar features a wide variety of vendors including: Tim McCarthy prints, Divine Doo Dahs featuring unique gifts and jewelry, Brush Strokes Handpainted Glass, Beverly Florist, Diamond & Gold Creations, a wide variety of Christmas crafts and decorations, wreaths and florals,

sachets, glycerin soaps, potpourri, candles, handbags, handmade table runners and placemats, handmade chenille and silk scarves and handmade jewelry and candies and much more. The Caravan Spirit Shop will also be open to purchase MC apparel and other items just in time for holiday giving.

The MC Mothers' Club new cookbook featuring delicious recipes of MC parents and faculty will also be available for purchase. Guests will enjoy free admission and complimentary appetizers, and pop. For more information, call (773) 324-1020.



"You Can't Take It With You" Is Marist Fall Show

Playing the zany, but delightfully lovable characters in "You Can't Take It With You," in the Marist High School production of the classic Moss Hart comedy, are, from left, Brian Kelly, Scottsdale, as Grandpa; Caitlin Carroll, Oak Forest, as Essie; Ashley Pierre-Louis, Beverly, as Rheba; Niamh Burke, Oak Lawn, as Penny; and Reece Krider, Mount Greenwood, as Ed. The show opens for a three day run from Thursday, Nov. 3 through Saturday, Nov. 5 with a 7:30 p.m. curtain time in the Marist Theater, 4200 W. 115th St. Tickets are \$7 general admission and \$5 for students, sold at the door.

St. Rita To Present Variety Show

The St. Rita High School Drama Club will present its 6th annual Variety Show - St. Rita Laugh-In on Friday, Nov. 12th at 7 p.m. and on Saturday, Nov. 13th at 2:30 p.m. in the St. Rita Auditorium, 7740 S. Western Ave.

Tickets are \$5 for adults and \$3 for students with ID. For tickets and information, call (773) 925-6600, ext. 6649.

Eastwood On Location

It was kept a secret to all but a select few, but Clint Eastwood spent the day in Blue Island last week directing a scene from the upcoming World War II movie, "Flags of Our Fathers."

The star of the movie, Ryan Phillippe, plays one of the six men who raised the flag in the Battle of Iwo Jima, an event captured in the famous picture. The character hails from a small town in 1940's Wisconsin, of which Blue Island is reminiscent. Eastwood's film is actually represents the fourth time in the past eighteen years that Blue Island has been used as a backdrop for movies or television. Most recently, some of the scenes from the TV Series, "Early Edition" (1996-2000) were shot in Blue Island.

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Holiday Zootique

Give them a gift they will never forget at the St. Louis Zoo's Holiday Zootique. From Nov. 10th to Dec. 24th, the lower level of The Living World will feature items that you won't find in any local mall. The gift shop is open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Proceeds from all sales benefit the animals and programs of the St. Louis Zoo.

The 2005 ornament, designed exclusively for the St. Louis, commemorates the grand opening of Donn & Marilyn Lipton Fragile Forest and features a swinging chimpanzee. The brass ornament with 24-kt. gold finish is presented in a collectible gift box and retails for \$20. The ornament is also available online at www.stlzoo.org or by phone at (314) 781-0900, ext. 333.

Evergreen trees inside Holiday Zootique will be filled with ornaments that feature animals and nature themes. Shop for plush animals, hand-painted African pottery, clothing, home and garden items, puzzles, books, toys, vases, picture frames, candles and many items only available at the St. Louis Zoo.

The St. Louis Zoo and Holiday Zootique close at 3 p.m. on Nov. 24th and Dec. 24th. For more information, visit www.stlzoo.org.

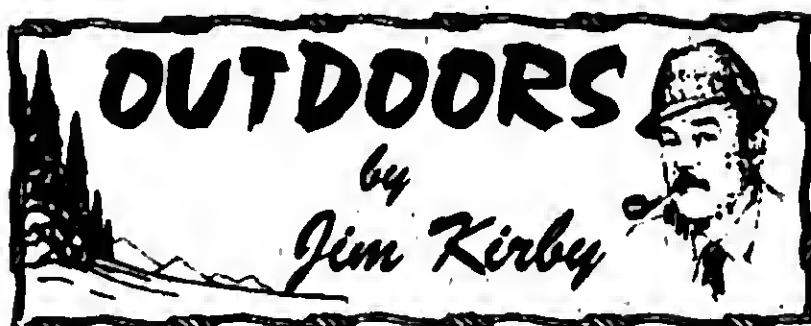
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A recent trip to the Rock River proved no exception. I knew the river was low, so I used my shallow-draft boat, a 14-footer with a 9.9 hp Mercury outboard. Previous trips to the river in normal and high water, I ran aground, so with the low water conditions I was extra cautious. But it happened. Jim Grady, Orland Park, and I ran aground five minutes after launching. The prop was dinged up pretty bad and it took both of us using oars to get the boat off the rock bar. We determined the damage was not bad enough to abandon the fishing trip.

It all started with a phone call indicating that walleyes were being taken at the dam in Dixon, Illinois. "Catfish" Bill Wesolowski, Oak Forest, and Bob Hicks, Alsip, had their boat in the water as Grady and I launched. If we had been there five minutes earlier, we could have followed their boat and missed that rock pile. Bill knows the Rock River like the back of his hand. We spent too much time talking to Ray at Bunny's Bait Shop, where we loaded up on minnows, nightcrawlers and Ray's hot tips of where to fish.

After six hours of fishing, and catching only white bass and drums, we called it quits, gave Bill and Bob our remaining live bait and headed home. It never fails, Bill called me the next day to tell me the walleyes turned on at 4:30.

The Rock River is well situated to provide fishing opportunities for a sizable portion of Northern Illinois' population. Fortunately the river is up to the task, with populations of catfish, walleye, northern pike, largemouth and smallmouth bass, white bass, sauger and panfish.

The Rock River rises near West Bend, Wisconsin and flows south 130 miles into Illinois where it takes a southwest course for 150 miles past Rockford, Oregon, Dixon, Sterling and Rock Island to empty into the Mississippi.

With its good sport fish populations, abundance of boat ramps, and close accessibility to a large number of Illinoisans, the Rock River is one of our more valuable aquatic resources. If you fish the river, watch out for the rock bars!

■THE WAIT IS OVER, SATURDAY IS THE BIG DAY: Pheasant, rabbit and quail hunting season begins at sunrise Nov. 5th, and runs through Jan. 8th, 2006. The daily limit on pheasant is two, quail is eight and rabbit is four. Be sure to read the Illinois Digest of Hunting Regulations for further details.

■GOVERNOR ROD BLAGOJEVICH VETOS A MUCH-NEEDED BILL: SB 2104 would set statewide standards for transporting firearms in vehicles, thus eliminating the patchwork of unfair and inconsistent local firearm ordinances across Illinois, while protecting law-abiding citizens from fines and prosecution under the current system.

■TWO-MAN, ONE DOG CHUKKAR CHALLENGE: Save the dates: Nov. 12th, Dec. 10th, Jan. 14th, Feb. 11th and March 11th. Green Acres Sportsman's Club in nearby Roberts, Illinois will have their Annual Chukkar Challenge. This is a six-bird, timed event. *Brand new point system *Teams optional *Open to members and non-members *The grill will be smokin' all day - Prizes! Prizes! Prizes: Top three of each event.

The March 11th event will be the Championship Challenge where the top five winners will compete for the Championship title.

For more information or to sign up, call the club at (217) 395-2588. These are fun live bird shoots for bird hunters and clay pigeon shooters. The goal is to find, shoot and retrieve the birds as quickly as possible, with the fewest number of shots.

■AQUATIC RESOURCES TRUST FUND RENEWED WITH MORE \$\$\$ FOR SPORTSMEN: President George W. Bush signed the Transportation Equity Act, which includes language re-authorizing the fund better known as "Wallop Breaux" that provides approximately \$600 million per year to boating safety, sport fish restoration, infrastructure and access programs and other important programs for the boating and angling community.

Most significantly, the language of the bill includes a recapture of the entire 18.3 cent gasoline tax attributable to motorboats, which means more than \$110 million additional dollars each year for boating safety and fish restoration programs. Currently only 13.5 cents of the 18.3 cents collected on each gallon of motorboat fuel is transferred to the fund.

The increased funding will benefit all boaters, anglers, boat and accessory manufacturers, marina operators, state and local governments and all Americans who enjoy the nation's waterways.

St. Laurence Seventh Annual Team Camps

St. Laurence High School Basketball Program will be hosting its seventh annual Team Camps on Saturday, Dec. 3rd for junior high, elementary and traveling teams. The day will have two sessions, one beginning at 8 a.m. and another beginning at 3 p.m.

Afternoon With The Bulls & Harry Potter

The Chicago Bulls will host a private screening of the newest Harry Potter film, Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire, on Saturday, Nov. 19th at Hollywood Boulevard, 1001 W. 75th St. in Woodridge, Ill. All proceeds from the sale of tickets and a silent auction will benefit CharitaBulls, the team's non-profit organization. Doors open and silent auction begins at 11 a.m. The screening of Harry Potter is at 12 noon.

As part of the celebration, team mascot Benny the Bull and the Weasley twins (James and Oliver Phelps) will be on hand for the event.

Ticket prices are \$25 each or \$75 for a Family Pack (2 adults, 2 children). Tickets can be purchased by submitting an order form available www.bulls.com or by calling the Bulls office at (312) 455-4000.

Each ticket entitles the bearer to admission to the movie screening, unlimited soft drinks, choice of entrée from the special Hogswart Menu and a meet-and-greet with the Weasley twins.

Free Basketball Camps

The St. Laurence High School Basketball Program will be sponsoring two free basketball camps for sixth, seventh and eighth grade boys. Participants can sign up for one or both camps.

The first of these free camps is the Big Man Camp to be held on Monday, Nov. 14th from 7:30 until 9:30 p.m. The camp will focus on several drills that will enhance elementary school athletes' play with their school or traveling team.

The second camp will be a Shooting Clinic that will be held on Monday, Nov. 28th from 7:30 until 9 p.m. Participants in this camp will receive individual attention regarding their strengths and weaknesses that will enhance their scoring in the upcoming season.

Pre-registration for the Big Man Camp is required before Nov. 11th and required for the Shooting Clinic before Nov. 25th. Information and registration material can be obtained by calling Coach Tom Pallardy at (708) 458-6900, ext. 255.

Women's Tennis Prepared To Make A Racket

You can't "fault" the Moraine Valley women's tennis team for being so good this year. With two returning players and seven of last year's top area high school players on board, the Cyclones are poised for success.

Bill Finn, women's tennis coach and director of athletics, is confident in the team he's assembled this year.

Finn's enthusiasm is matched only by the team's talent. Team members include Agnes Sturniece, a strong hitting freshman who played for Riga Christian High School in Latvia; Charissa Bilotto, a court-savvy player who was ranked as last year's number one player at Eisenhower High School; Keiko Inoue, a second-year player from Japan with solid fundamental skills and great ground strokes; Nicole Showan, a second-year player from Oak Lawn High School with a "refuse to lose" attitude who has made significant improvement since last year; Carla Gunderson, a freshman top recruit from Oak Lawn with an aggressive playing style; Georgia Les, a first-year top recruit from Carl Sandburg High School who brings an intelligent game to the court; and Vanessa Chorne, a freshman from Queen of Peace High School whose court savvy makes her a dangerous competitor.

The Cyclones finished in 19th place at the National Junior College Athletic Assn. finals in Tucson, Arizona last season.

The cost of the camp is \$75 per team and will be limited to eight teams. Registration and fees are required by Nov. 28th. For information and registration, call Coach Tom Pallardy at (708) 458-6900, ext. 255.

Player Of The Week

St. Xavier University sophomore kicker Shane Longest (Wilmington) was named the Special Teams Football Player of the Week by Don Hansen's National Weekly Football Gazette magazine on Wednesday following an impressive outing in the Cougars' 38-31 overtime win over No. 4 ranked St. Ambrose University (Iowa) last Saturday.

In a game where every point was essential, Longest played his role perfectly connecting on all five of his extra-point attempts and making a 30-yard field goal in the second quarter of Saturday's win. Longest also booted five kickoffs for a total of 274 yards, including one into the end zone for a touchback.

SXU Volleyball Falls To Lewis In Three Games

Despite team highs of nine kills and six digs from junior Paige Pedigo (Chicago Ridge, Queen of Peace), the St. Xavier University volleyball team dropped a three-game, non-conference match to NCAA Division II foe Lewis University (Ill.) on Thursday night (30-19, 30-18, 30-19) at Neil Cary Arena in Romeoville. The Cougars fall to 16-18 overall with the loss, while Lewis improves to 16-10.

Senior Carrie Mockovak (Burbank, Queen of Peace) also had a nice outing for SXU finishing with six kills. Senior setter Amy Stephens (Bowen, Camp Point Central) recorded 18 assists for the Cougars, while freshman Mallory Winkler (Burbank, Queen of Peace) turned in a game high four service aces.

Wheelchair Basketball Tournament

The Claddagh Foundation, in conjunction with the Great Lakes Adaptive Sports Association, will host the second annual Claddagh South Side Classic wheelchair basketball tournament. Teams from the Chicagoland area will be competing on the prep, junior varsity and varsity levels.

Games begin 9 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 12, with the final games to be held at 2:30 p.m. The tournament will be held in Saint Xavier University's Shannon Center, located on the school's Chicago campus, 3700 W. 103rd St.

Donations at the door from adults 18 and older are appreciated. Students and children are free. For more information visit www.claddaghfoundation.com or call Saint Xavier at (773) 298-3379.

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Sports Valve

By Brad Allen

One last congratulations to the 2005 World Champion Chicago White Sox as I invite you to fall back inside the Sports Valve for another week. Hurry! It's getting chilly out there. Besides, the wind is blowing in the leaves!

Professional Sports: Speaking of leaves, you've heard the expression, "I could take it or leave it." Well, in a shameless use of puns, this week's professional sports section of the valve will have to do with things in Chicago sports that I could easily do without or ... if you will ... leave!

I want to get some of this out of my system now because, as we draw closer to Thanksgiving, I'll want to focus more on the things I am thankful for. In the meantime, the following is what I could take or leave:

Leave It ... I'll leave the recently acquired theme song of the White Sox, "Don't Stop Believing." I can't believe such a hard-nosed, gritty, down-and-dirty team would actually pick as their anthem a professional but polished, processed and pretty song from the 1980's hair band, Foreigner; especially since the song was supposedly initially adopted by some of the Sox players as a joke. While relaxing in a bar one evening, a bar patron was feeding the juke box machine when one of the White Sox players shouted out (and I'll clean this up a little) "Play some ^!#**% Foreigner."

Leave It ... I'll leave the lock, stock and barrel rehiring of the entire Cubs coaching staff. Nice job, fellas! By the way, if I ever go back to coaching baseball, can you please conduct a baseball clinic ... for my team's opponents!

Leave It ... I'll leave the Chicago Bear Coach's recent statement that Kyle Orton will still be his guy even when Grossman returns. This is no slap against Kyle. I think he's doing a decent job considering he is a rookie operating out of an improving but still predictable playbook. But what if he is in a bad slump at the time of Grossman's return. And what if Grossman, with his brief but impressive track record, is standing on the sidelines chomping at the bit to get into a crucial game late in the season or playoffs? Did World Series winning Manager Ozzie Guillen make a premature decision on who was going to be his closer between Hermanson and Jenks weeks before an intelligent decision could possibly be made? Of course not! It's all about who's hot and who's not. It's all about using finesse in managing or coaching each situation as it comes - not mindlessly deferring to some general organizational/philosophical rule of thumb which is often inapplicable to the moment.

Leave It ... I'll leave the Blackhawks' assembling of a scrappy, grind-it-out type of team while the dramatic 2005 rule changes dictate that speed and skill kill! However, I do think that new GM Dale Tallon is a good hockey man and will succeed if Wirtz and Pulford give him the freedom to operate.

Leave It ... I'll leave the Bulls alone for now. They are in the formative stages of what will likely be a much better era than the last one. Paxson, Skiles and the kids are deserving of a grace period.

Time to leave the professional sports valve and enter into the amateur section of the valve.

Amateur Valve: Seconds anyone? The Andrew soccer team wishes they had a few more of those. It came down to the final two seconds of the second overtime, but Sandburg prevailed over Andrew 2-1 to become Sectional Soccer Champions. It was the second time this year that a battle between these two sworn rivals required the final seconds of a second overtime before the final outcome was decided.

Sports Tip Valve: This tip has to do with strength training for any sport. It is a weight resistance system that was developed by the Russians in the 1970's for their Olympic weightlifting team and, believe it or not, it has nothing to do with steroids. It is called "negative resistance." This

weightlifting concept is only for athletes who are already in good shape and should only be done when accompanied by at least two spotters.

The principle is based on the reality that an athlete can lower more weight than he can raise. The technique works best with curls and bench presses. Have your spotters place the barbell in the raised position. You then lower the barbell as slowly as you can. This enables your muscles to become acclimated to a poundage never-before-reached through regular positive weightlifting. As a result, sooner than normal, you will be able to raise that poundage as well. Exit valve!

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BOYS FOOTBALL

Friday, 10-28-05
Marist 24, Morgan Park 8
Bremen 35, Riverside-Brookfield 20
Oak Forest 28, Richards 24
Brother Rice 42, Curie 21
Lincoln Way Central 24, Andrew 7
Stagg 20, Homewood-Flossmoor 17
St. Rita 63, Whitney Young 0
Mount Carmel 42, Oak Lawn 0
Joliet Catholic 72, Rich Central 22
T.F. South 35, Harper 6
Batavia 15, Providence Catholic 13
Hillcrest 30, Corliss 6
Chicago Christian 21, N. Boone 12

BOYS FOOTBALL

Saturday, 10-29-05
Lemont 34, Kaneland 16
Geneva 46, Rich East 18
Fenwick 42, De LaSalle 10

BOYS SOCCER

Tuesday, 10-25-05
Andrew 1, Homewood-Flossmoor 0
Sandburg 5, Marist 0
Mount Carmel 5, Reavis 0
Stagg 2, Kennedy 1
Whitney Young 2, St. Ignatius 1
Lincoln Way Central 3, Providence Catholic 1
Lincoln Way East 3, Crete-Monee 0

BOYS SOCCER

Thursday, 10-27-05
Sandburg 2, Andrew 1 (2 OT's)
Lincoln Way Central 2, Lincoln Way East 0
Stagg 2, Mount Carmel 1 (PK)

BOYS SOCCER

Monday, 10-31-05
Sandburg 1, Lincoln Way Central 0
Lyons Township 2, Stagg 0

GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

Tuesday 10-25-05
Thornridge d. Thornton 25-21, 25-20
Bloom Township d. Thornwood 25-19, 15-25, 25-17
Mount Assisi d. Plano 25-6, 25-18
Morgan Park Academy d. Cristo Rey 25-5, 25-11
Chicago Christian d. Luther North 25-17, 25-9
University High d. Seton Academy 25-22, 25-17

GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

Wednesday 10-26-05
Richards d. Bremen 25-20, 25-19
Marist d. Corliss 25-3, 25-1
T.F. North d. Washington 25-12, 25-9
Illiana Christian d. Tinley Park 25-11, 25-19
Joliet Catholic d. Ottawa 25-8, 25-7
Mother McAuley d. Brooks Prep 25-6, 25-3
Oak Forest d. Eisenhower 25-14, 25-21
Stagg d. Hancock 25-3, 25-6
Argo d. Maria 25-13, 25-23
Andrew d. Bloom Township 25-17, 25-17
T.F. South d. Homewood-Flossmoor 25-18, 25-20
Lockport d. Hillcrest 25-8, 25-7
Evergreen Park d. Harlan 25-5, 25-5
Oak Lawn d. Curie 25-6, 25-5
De LaSalle d. Westinghouse 25-10, 25-10
St. Ignatius d. Lincoln Park 25-14, 25-9
Queen of Peace d. Hyde Park 25-1, 25-7
Lemont d. Reavis 25-19, 25-20
Hinsdale Central d. Kennedy 25-9, 25-15
Providence Catholic d. Rich South 25-11, 25-16
Lincoln Way Central d. Rich East 25-7, 25-14

Marian Catholic d. Crete-Monee 25-13, 25-11
Lincoln Way East d. Rich East 25-4, 25-19
Shepard d. Morgan Park 25-16, 25-22

GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

Thursday 10-27-05
Mount Assisi d. Timothy Christian 25-14, 25-21
Morgan Park Academy d. Latin 25-23, 25-18
Chicago Christian d. N. Lawndale Prep 25-19, 25-11

GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

Saturday 10-29-05
Marist d. T.F. North 25-6, 25-17
Joliet Catholic d. West Aurora 25-8, 25-6
Stagg d. Argo 25-8, 25-20
Sandburg d. Richards 25-12, 21-25, 25-15
Andrew d. T.F. South 23-25, 25-14, 25-14
Lockport d. Illiana Christian 25-18, 22-25, 25-19
Evergreen Park d. Shepard 25-18, 25-12
Hinsdale South d. Oak Lawn 22-25, 25-18, 25-18
Queen of Peace d. Bolingbrook 25-23, 25-19
Lincoln Way East d. Marian Catholic 25-20, 25-15
St. Ignatius d. Whitney Young 25-20, 16-25, 25-18
Providence Catholic d. Lincoln Way Central 12-25, 25-17, 26-24
Nazareth d. De LaSalle 25-17, 25-16
Hinsdale d. Lemont 25-15, 25-13

GIRLS SWIMMING

Saturday, 10-29-05
Thomson Fractional 297, Richards 273, Oak Lawn 217, Reavis 201, Shepard 180, Argo 69
Sandburg 270?, Homewood-Flossmoor 244?, Lincoln Way East 197, Stagg 161?, Bradley 160

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Fitness & Health Expo

South Suburban College is hosting its first annual Fitness & Health Expo on Saturday, Nov. 12, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. in the SSC Fitness Center and Gymnasium. The public is welcome to come and meet the community's fitness and health professionals.

The Expo will feature guest speakers on nutrition and fitness at 12 noon. There will also be demonstrations on step aerobics, martial arts, boxing, and more. The Expo will additionally serve as a Fitness Center open house, with SSC fitness program staff on hand to answer questions about classes, memberships, and fitness and nutrition.

SSC's Fitness Professional Program prepares students for careers in fitness and offers certification as a fitness specialist or a fitness assistant, and an Associate degree curriculum for fitness professionals. Students get their training at the College's own Fitness Center.

The fitness industry is now experiencing a growing number of employment opportunities in corporate fitness programs, health clubs, YMCA/YWCA, fitness centers, and other professional franchises.

The SSC Fitness Center also offers memberships to residents of the community who do not attend the college for just \$66. For more information about the Fitness & Health Expo call 708-596-2000, ext. 2577.

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Mary Jayne Fitzpatrick, 16th district president of the Ladies Auxiliary VFW, and a group of 16th district VFW Auxiliary members attended the Council of Administration meeting of the Ladies Auxiliary to the Veterans of Foreign Wars, Department of Illinois, on Saturday, Oct. 29th in Bloomington, Ill. As 16th district president Mary Jayne is a member of the Council during her reign. The meeting was conducted by Ruth Ann Smit, state president, and member of the Alsip VFW Auxiliary 450 which is also in the 16th district. Others attending were Maggie Davis, state United Cerebral Palsy Chairman; Sue Fitzpatrick, 16th district Historian; Deanna Snedden, 16th district Hospital Chairman; Colleen Nix, president of the Owen W. Winter Jr. VFW Auxiliary 4241 in Oak Forest and the district Jr. Vice President; Leslie Thomas, member of Auxiliary 4241; Evelyn Heusmann, junior past 16th district president and now district color bearer, and Georgina Holden, district guard, both of Steger Honor Eleven VFW Auxiliary 8283; and Lori Taylor, past state president and currently the state public relations and publicity chairman of the Midlothian VFW Auxiliary 2580.

Lily Ann O'Connor was born at 8:08 a.m. on Oct. 31st weighing 6 lbs. 13 ounces and is 20 inches long. She is the daughter of Bob and Renee O'Connor and has a big sister, Kendall Rose, who will be 2 in January. Best wishes to the proud and happy family! Bob is a member of our Messenger staff.

St. Christopher's Bob Smith and Robert Powers will conduct a Bible Study group beginning Tuesday, Nov. 8th at 7 p.m. in the School Library. This is a six part series entitled "Around the Campfire-Stories of Women in the Old Testament". For more information, call Bob Smith at 597-0692.

St. Chris is also starting a Sunday by Sunday Scripture Reflection beginning Sunday, Nov. 6th after the 9 and 10:30 a.m. Masses in Unit D. This gives participants an opportunity to discuss the Gospel of the day. Everyone is welcome to both these sessions and the Bible Study series.

VFW Post 2580 and Ladies Auxiliary, American Legion Post 691 and Auxiliary and the Sons of the American Legion will hold a joint breakfast on Sunday, Nov. 6th from 8 to 11 a.m. in the VFW Hall, 14817 Pulaski Rd. Proceeds from this event will be used to send packages to the troops. The cost of shipping is very high so every time there is a fifth Sunday in a month these groups will hold a joint breakfast to raise these funds. You will receive a delicious breakfast for very reasonable prices so come and bring your family and friends.

The Midlothian Area Chamber of Commerce will meet on Thursday, Nov. 10th at The Diner, 4037 W. 147th St., at 7:30 a.m. There will be a speaker about Holiday Stress, we can probably all use some of this advice at this time of the year. For reservations, call Dorene Garla, Executive Director, at 389-0020. If you don't make a reservation and decide to come at the last minute I am sure you will not be turned away, so please come.

St. Christopher Travelers and Friends hosted by Amy and Phil Switalski, music ministers at St. Chris, will be making a trip to see a new musical "Wicked" the untold story of the witches of Oz, on Thursday, Jan. 19th. The bus will leave St. Chris at 6 p.m. and show time is 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$103, which includes coach bus and main (orchestra) floor seating. For more information and to make a reservation, call (708) 687-3302.

A Mass of Remembrance will be said at St. Christopher Church on Saturday, Nov. 5th at 5:30 p.m. in memory of those who were buried from St. Christopher this past year.

Markham VFW Auxiliary 9801 will hold a Pre-Thanksgiving Dinner on Friday, Nov. 11th at the post hall, 3220 W. 159th St., from 4 to 7 p.m. They will be serving turkey, stuffing, yams, veggies, dessert, coffee and tea. The cost is \$7 for adults, \$3 for children 6 to 10 years of age, and those who are five and under will be free. They will also hold a bake sale at this event. The proceeds from this event will be used for the auxiliary's VFW and community projects throughout the year. For more information, call 596-6990.

Baptized at St. Christopher Church recently are: Colton and Savannah, children of Christopher and Maric Bell; Gianna Lynn, daughter of Andrew and Kandyce Laurie; Aaron Conrad, son of Todd and Sarah McManus; Kaiden Trent, son of Trent and Carey Jensen; Kiara Lee, child of Steven and Susana Melberg.

Congratulations to Police Chief Vincent Schavone who celebrated his 2nd anniversary as police chief on Oct. 10th. Keep up the good work and best wishes in all of your endeavors.

Happy birthday to Liz Lieber, a member of our Messenger staff, on Oct. 22nd; Katie (Gifford) Smith, Nov. 4th; Lois Mandarino, Nov. 5th; 11th birthday wishes to my grandson Christian Tyler Hansen on Nov. 6th; 9th birthday wishes to Wendy Graniszny on Nov. 8th; 17th birthday

wishes to James Meiner, Nov. 10th; 26th birthday wishes to Steve Mandarino on Nov. 10th; 26th birthday wishes to Jennie Sour on Nov. 10th; Bob Mandarino, Nov. 5th.

Happy 46th wedding anniversary to Bob and Carol Beymer on Nov. 7th. Carol is a member of our Messenger staff and Bob does some work at the Messenger as well. May you be blessed with many more happy years together.

Happy belated 3rd anniversary wishes to Joe and Miriam Alfano on Oct. 25th; 4th anniversary wishes to Adam and Jennifer Wilkerson on Oct. 31st, and 6th anniversary wishes to Chris and Kerry Tryon on Oct. 31st. May you all be blessed with many more happy years together.

Take some time to see the wonderful production being put on by the Bremen Braves Theater group. They will present "The Pajama Game" on Nov. 3rd and 5th at 7 p.m. and on Nov. 6th at 2 p.m. These young adults put on a great show and can equal any professional play. The show will be at Bremen High School, 152nd and Pulaski Rd.

St. Christopher Alumni Association invites all alumni and their families to a special Alumni Mass at 10:30 a.m. followed by the Holy Name Breakfast in the cafeteria. The pancake breakfast will be \$7 for adults and \$5 for seniors and children. Breakfast will be served from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and it's an all-you-can-eat breakfast.

Incarnation Mothers' Club will hold a Craft Bazaar on Saturday, Nov. 5th at 5705 W. 127th St. from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. There will be free babysitting available from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Over 60 exhibitors will be on hand, plus there will be a bake sale, raffles, breakfast and lunch menus, for your shopping and dining pleasure. Plan to attend.

Seniors from the Biela Center will take a trip to the annual presentation of a Fireside Christmas on Saturday, Nov. 28th. Departure time is 11:30 a.m. The cost is \$79, which includes transportation, lunch and the show. For more information, call 371-4860.

Assistance To Evacuees Living In Tinley Park

Until now, about 92 Hurricane Katrina evacuees were living at the Tinley Park Mental Health Center Shelter that was established at the center when calls for housing were made. Until now, the shelter was run on volunteer efforts the charity of caring people. The South Suburban PADS, an organization that runs a network of homeless shelters every winter, had the enormous task of coordinating the volunteers that helped the evacuees regain their lives.

The housing efforts that will now take place will be run by the Department of Human Services, who will, shortly, be contracting the day-to-day operations, including case managers, who will be helping the remaining evacuees find permanent or transitional housing. FEMA will approve and pay for these services.

It is stated that FEMA had sent 92 people to Tinley Park. Of the 92, several have left to be with family members in other states. Others have found jobs and permanent homes in Chicago. Eleven are slated to leave sometime during the week.

Reports state that FEMA sent 415 people to Illinois. Of that number only 190 were still in State shelters.

Trip To Outlet Mall

Join the Oak Forest Park District on Friday, Dec. 2 for a trip to the Chicago Premium Outlet Mall in Aurora. There are more than 120 outlet stores offering 25% to 65% savings everyday. The bus will leave the Central Park Building, 15601 S. Central Ave., at 8:30 a.m. and return at approximately 5 p.m. The fee for the day is \$25. Registration is now being taken. For more information, call 687-7270.

Sister City Gives Donation

The survivors of Hurricane Katrina received a special gift from Tinley Park's Sister City in Germany. Wolfgang Drautz of Chicago's German Consulate brought a check for \$12,000 from the people of the German village of Buding.

According to Tinley Park officials, Mayor Ed Zabrocki and Buding Mayor Erich Spamer have been in contact for 17 years. Zabrocki explained what had happened during Hurricane Katrina. After the conversation, Mayor Spamer and the people of Buding, about 6,000 strong, collected and donated a total of 10,000 euros or \$12,000.

All of the evacuees that have been housed at Tinley Park Mental Health Center received \$100.

All Kids Program

The Illinois Senate approved Governor Rod R. Blagojevich's landmark proposal on Oct. 26th that would make Illinois the only state in the nation to provide affordable, comprehensive health insurance for every child in the state. After a vote of 32 to 23 in the Senate, the legislation now moves to the Illinois House of Representatives for final passage. House Bill 806, creating All Kids, is sponsored by State Senate President Emil Jones and House Speaker Michael J. Madigan.

In Illinois, 253,000 children are without health insurance. More than half of Illinois' uninsured children come from working and middle class families who earn too much to qualify for programs like KidCare, but not enough to afford private health insurance. The Governor's program would make comprehensive health insurance available to children, with parents paying monthly premiums and co-payments for doctor's visits and prescription drugs at affordable rates.

Participants in the new program will pay monthly premiums and co-payments for doctors' visits and prescriptions, but unlike private insurance that is too expensive for so many families, the rates for All Kids coverage will be based on a family's income. The state is able to offer All Kids insurance coverage at much lower than market rates for middle-income families by leveraging the significant negotiating and buying power it already has through Medicaid.

For example, a family with two children that earns between \$40,000 and \$59,000 a year will pay a \$40 monthly premium per child, and a \$10 co-pay per physician visit. A family with two children earning between \$60,000 and \$79,000 will pay a \$70 monthly premium per child, and a \$15 co-pay per physician visit. However, there will be no co-pays for preventative care visits, such as annual immunizations and regular check ups and screenings for vision, hearing, appropriate development or preventative dental. These premiums for middle-income families are significantly more affordable than typical private insurance premiums of \$100 to \$200 a month, or \$2,400 per child annually.

The state will cover the difference between what parents contribute in monthly premiums and the actual cost of providing health care for each child, expected to be \$45 million in the first year, with savings generated by implementing a primary care case management model (PCCM) for participants in the state's FamilyCare and All Kids health care programs. Participants will choose a single primary physician who will manage their care by ensuring they get immunizations and other preventative health care services and avoid unnecessary emergency room visits and hospitalizations. Patients with chronic conditions like asthma or diabetes will have a single care manager to make sure they are getting the treatments and ongoing care they need to avoid acute care. Primary care physicians will make referrals to specialists for additional care or tests as needed.

By ensuring patients get adequate preventative care on the front end, fewer people will need expensive specialized care or emergency care for critical conditions. In children, preventative care is especially important. For example, infants with stomach flu (gastroenteritis) who receive appropriate primary care can avoid being hospitalized for dehydration. Providing a timely exam and appropriate antibiotic treatment for children with ear infections (otitis media) can prevent chronic ear problems, loss of hearing and the need for surgically placed tubes to relieve fluid build up. Treating children with bronchitis or minor lung infections in a primary care setting can help to avoid more expensive hospitalization treatment of pneumonia, including intravenous antibiotics and respiratory treatments. And early identification and appropriate treatment of children who have chronic illnesses, such as asthma, will result in fewer expensive emergency room and inpatient care visits.

If the legislation passes during the fall veto session, which began Oct. 25th, the All Kids program can be up and running by July 1, 2006. More information about All Kids is available online at www.allkidscovered.com.



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by Lenny Fell

The other day I awoke in a quandary. When I opened my eyes, I realized I was a fan of the World Champion Chicago White Sox. It really wasn't a dream. It was reality.

The problem I have is that ever since I went to that first game at Comiskey Park in May of 1969 when I was four years old, I have been aware of this feud between the Chicago White Sox fans and the Chicago Cubs fans. The feud started heating up for me in 1983 when I was just 18 years old. That was the year the Sox were supposed to make it, but then didn't. The Cubs had their chances in the late eighties and the Sox were supposed to do it in 1993 or 1994. Then came the 2000 Sox and then the fateful 2003 Cubs.

Spring training of 2005 had the Cubs in the playoffs and the Sox in third or fourth in the AL Central. But throughout the summer, it became a rabid state on the South Side. They were in first from Day One. They were in first at the All Star Break. And they were first going into the month of September, only to give all the Sox fans a scare and all the Cub fans the opportunity to get the dreaded collapse of 1969 off their backs.

But alas, the post season came to Chicago once again, and miracle of miracles, the Sox made it to the World Series! Imagine that! And better yet, they won in convincing fashion. Molly and Lenny stayed up to about 10:00 pm and I sent them to bed during the scoreless game with a promise that I would wake them if it looked like they would win. As the bottom of ninth started, I had the kids come down and share a blanket with me on the couch. I told them that this could be history for us and that this one was for Grandpa. I will never forget the excitement felt by all of us when the final out was recorded. The look on the faces of Debbie, Molly and Lenny will forever be emblazoned in my memory as the Magical Year came to a close.

After I put them to bed, I started calling my fellow Sox fan friends and share in the good times. One of my favorite calls was to an 81 year-old client of mine, Adolph. He is the biggest Sox fan I know of the old era and he sounded like a teenager whooping it up on the phone.

For a brief moment, I thought of calling my Cub friend fans and rub it in. You know, be the typical Sox fan that we are accused of being. I mean, face it, there is a fine line from just joshing about the two clubs and true sarcasm and maliciousness. We have all crossed it at one time or the other. I chose to go to bed without calling any of them.

Thursday morning came and that is when my troubles started. As I have said, all my life I have dealt with this contest of who would get there first, the Sox or the Cubs. The Sox had won and now that empty feeling of what did I have to look forward to now that it was over appeared. Is this how the Hatfields and the McCoys felt when their feud was over? I was confused.

Throughout the day I continued to share good times with fellow White Sox fanatics and some wagon jumpers as well. The few Cub fans that I talked to were very gracious and we got along well. But there was one Cub fan friend that I knew was hurting quite a bit. He will remain nameless, (but his job title is Superintendent of School District #143) who left a simple message of congratulations on my voicemail. I could tell that quite a few Sox fans were ribbing him just by his message. I tried to reach him to talk but he was out of the office. He returned my call later, only to give a more confused half congratulatory, half concession speech on his second message. And that is when it truly hit me. I wanted to talk to him in person to let him know that this Sox fan was not about to rub it in. This Sox fan was not going to act like a six year old and na-na-na-nah him to death.

That being said, here is to all my die-hard Cub fan friends and family, Mike Hollingsworth, Joe Mariscal, Mike Borden, Roger Lawrence, Larry Ryan, Dominic Bartolini, Mike Culver and above all, my best friend, Fred Rutz. My sincere wish is that sometime in your lifetime, I hope that you have the opportunity to sit on your couch with your children on each side of you, and experience the feeling I did when your Chicago Cubs become the World Champions. I hope you can always remember the look on your children's face when they get to experience a piece of history with you. I hope that you too will be able to feel the great rush of emotion that I did. I truly do.

Of course there is still enough Sox fan in me to wish that you were sitting in diapers at the Nursing Home when this happens. Just kidding.

Until next year....

MIDLOTHIAN POLICE CALLS

On Oct. 22nd at 12:51 a.m. a Midlothian police officer was assigned to an attempted robbery at Hog Wild, 14933 Pulaski Rd. As the responding officer arrived two other officers were pursuing the subject behind the Willow Crest Condominiums across from Hog Wild. The subject ran out of the field and disappeared from the sight of the officers. Units checked the area with negative results. The responding officer returned to Hog Wild and spoke with the owner who said no entry was made and nothing was missing. There was a large rock sitting next to the front door with broken glass from beer bottles; but because the door is plexi-glass the rock bounced off causing minor scratches. The owner has a security camera and was going to notify the police at a later date when the videos were downloaded. There was no further report.

On Oct. 22nd at 7:24 p.m. an officer responded to the 14800 block of Kilpatrick to assist the ambulance. Upon arrival the officer met with firefighters who advised Michael R. Seawell, 38, of Midlothian was inside and they were assisting with an overdose of heroin. Approximately 2.5 grams of heroin and drug paraphernalia was found. Seawell was taken into custody for unlawful possession of a controlled substance pending his discharge from the hospital when he will be processed.

On Oct. 23rd at 3:12 p.m. unlawful use of a credit card was reported. The victim stated an unknown person used the credit card to make three transactions at the 7-11, 3950 W. 147th St., without permission. Two transactions occurred on Oct. 17th for \$40 and \$32.33 and one on Oct. 19th for \$30.01. There was no further report.

On Oct. 23rd at 6:25 p.m. an officer was assigned for a domestic disturbance in the 14300 block of Millard. When the officer attempted to apprehend Denis P. Lynch, 37, of Midlothian at his residence Lynch jumped from a window. When he was told to stop Lynch ran and the officer pursued him, but lost sight of him. The officer then found Lynch lying in the creek to avoid arrest. When attempting to apprehend Lynch he ran again but was caught. When the officer tried to handcuff Lynch he continued to fight the officer, pushed the officer and struck him several times with a closed fist about the face and chest. The officer also received an injury to the hand. Lynch was taken to South Suburban Hospital from the scene. When he was released to the Midlothian Police Department for processing Lynch was charged with battery and resisting arrest.

DeVry Dean's Scholarship Award Recipients

DeVry University's Tinley Park campus awarded Dean's Scholarships to area students. Dean's Scholarship awards are partial-tuition scholar-

ships based on ACT/SAT scores and may be applied to any of DeVry's full-time degree programs.

Douglas Brenner of Oak

Forest, student at Oak Forest Breinen High School; and High School; Matthew Thomas McCullagh of Hendrickson and Philip Crestwood, student at Oak Skimerhorn both of Forest High School were Midlothian and students at Dean's Scholars.

For Troops

To help kick-off Operation Gratitude's holiday donation drive and reach American troops overseas, the Jeep® brand is expanding its partnership with Operation Gratitude, by making the nearly 2,800 Jeep dealerships nationwide including Mancari's Chrysler Jeep Of Crestwood, Inc. official "drop zone" locations. The announcement was made in a dramatic fashion by having an all-new 2006 Jeep Commander and seven skydivers drop 1,200 feet from a Sikorsky helicopter.

Operation Gratitude is a national non-profit organization that collects comfort items and letters of appreciation from the American public and ships them to service members overseas.

In order to reach troops in time for the holidays, Jeep dealerships have begun collecting donations for Operation Gratitude. Consumers are encouraged to drop off items ranging from packs of gum and tuna salad kits to CDs and DVDs. For a complete list of needed items, consumers can visit www.jeep.com or www.OperationGratitude.com.

Pool Property

A parcel of 'Grassy Land,' in the 14900 block of Park Ave., which was once the El Vista Pool Property, is back on the table of the Oak Forest Park District board. The property, which has been largely ignored in plans to use it as park property, had residents protesting its sale. They had asked the board to find out if the land could be used as a roller-hockey arena or splash pad.

The park board recently approved an ordinance that allows the park district attorney to go out for bids on the property. After the bids are received, the board must go before a judge to hold a hearing on whether the public land is surplus.

In the past, the board did not have the money to improve the property, nor was it in an ideal location for development. Heritage Park is two blocks east of the property and it includes tennis courts, a playground and a grassy area. It is also in a densely populated area with homes all around it.

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Thoughts On Health & Nutrition

by
Lucinda K. Lysen, RD, RN, BSN

Health 11-3 Cindy's Column

THE SOUTH BEACH DIET

If you love to eat good food, the South Beach Diet may be right for you! Last week at the American Dietetic Association annual meeting in St. Louis, I had the opportunity to spend some time with Arthur Agatston, MD, founder of the South Beach Diet, and here's what I learned.

As a cardiologist, Dr. Agatston originally had in mind not a weight loss diet, but a diet to help his patients with heart attacks and strokes. Dr. Agatston's patients were not faring well on the American Heart Association Diet - in fact, they were getting heavier and their blood chemistries were getting worse. So he studied the work of earlier physician pioneers, which led him to a new diet plan, encouraging a variety of foods - lean protein, low fat cheeses and dairy, whole grains, fruits and veggies, and good fats like olive and canola oils.

The South Beach Diet is structured in three phases, allowing you to choose foods for your meals and snacks. Phase 1 is the strictest period, lasting 14 days. You have three balanced meals a day, with normal size portions, and snacks in the morning and mid-afternoon. Drinking plenty of water is a must! Regular coffee is not allowed, but decaf is. For the first 14 days, starches are eliminated completely. Sweets and alcohol are out! You should notice looser clothing and a slight weight loss at the end of this phase. And a new way of selecting foods!

Phase 2 reintroduces carbs, along with lean meats, cheeses, and other dairy foods. Whole grains are allowed, including bread, brown rice, and whole grain cereals. Wine and light beer are allowed on occasion.

As a result of the change in your diet, you will continue to lose weight after the initial 14-day period, even though you will start adding more variety to your food choices. You will remain in phase 2 and continue losing weight until you reach your goal. Once you hit your target, you'll switch to an even more liberal version of the program, which will help you to maintain your weight loss.

Phase 3 is the stage that lasts the rest of your life! When you get to this point, you'll notice that this plan feels less like a diet and more like a lifestyle—because it is a lifestyle!

I might add that Dr. Agatston has developed a line of meals and snacks which are available now at many grocery stores across the country. Among those I have tried, his cinnamon raisin snack bars rate highest in my book! They are sweet and crunchy, are moderate in calories and fat (140 calories per bar to be exact), and contain fiber.

The South Beach Diet book is available at most book stores. As always, talk to your physician if you have special dietary needs. And see a dietitian for the guidance and support you may require. Weight loss is never easy, but you can at least make it less stressful!

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Cancer Support Programs

The Jennifer S. Fallick Cancer Support Center, 2028 Elm Rd., Homewood, is offering free cancer support programs. The Fallick Center provides free comprehensive resources that help people improve their quality of life during the cancer experience. Welcome sessions are held on Tuesday, from 7 to 8:30 p.m. This program, led by cancer survivors, is an easy way to learn more about the services that the center offers and to tour the center. This session is open to anyone who may benefit from the center's services. Friends and family are encouraged to attend. Welcome sessions are optional and not required for attendance at other programs. Families with children are always welcome at the center, but the welcome sessions are designed for people over the age of 18.

Upcoming seminars include: Women's Cancer and the Expressive Arts beginning Nov. 1st. This is a weekly art class that explores the personal journey through cancer using art which allows you to explore your creativity. Session is from 11 to 12:30 p.m.

On Nov. 5th from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., the center will hold Bereavement Camp with facilitators Cheryl Pickering, LCSW, Sarah Fenlon, LSW and Jason Here, Clinical Extern. This will be a day of activities and fun for young people ages 6 through 18 who have experienced a death in the family. This program is specifically designed for those who have been touched by the cancer experience.

On Nov. 7 from 7 to 8:30 p.m., Mind and Body Monday will present a Smoking Cessation program presented by Linda Vitkauskas, Certified Prevention specialist from St. James Hospital. This program is being held in recognition of Lung Cancer Awareness Month. Come and join the program for information gathering and discussion.

On Nov. 12th, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., there will be a Women's Arts Retreat with instructor Jackie Huxel, artist. Lunch will be served for this day of expression through art.

On Nov. 14th from 7 to 8:30 p.m., the center will offer a program called Grieving Through the Holiday, facilitated by Judy Themer, PsyD. This will be an evening of learning, discussion and fellowship as grief during the holiday season is explored. The evening will focus on ways to create a special place for yourself and your grief amid the activity and celebration of the season. Friends and family are welcome to join in this program.

The center is open Monday through Wednesday from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. and Thursday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Special programs are held on Saturday. For more information, call (708) 798-9171 or visit www.cancersupportcenter.org.

Sibling Class Offered

To help prepare your child for the newest addition to your family, St. Francis Hospital & Health Center will offer a special sibling class called, "Mom's Having a Baby."

The class, to be held Wednesday, Nov. 9, 7 to 9 p.m., is designed for children ages three to 10. Children will learn what babies look like, diapering, feeding and other care.

The cost is \$15 per child, or \$25 per family. To register, call (708) 385-4433. To insure your child retains the material presented, register for the class nearest your eighth month of pregnancy.

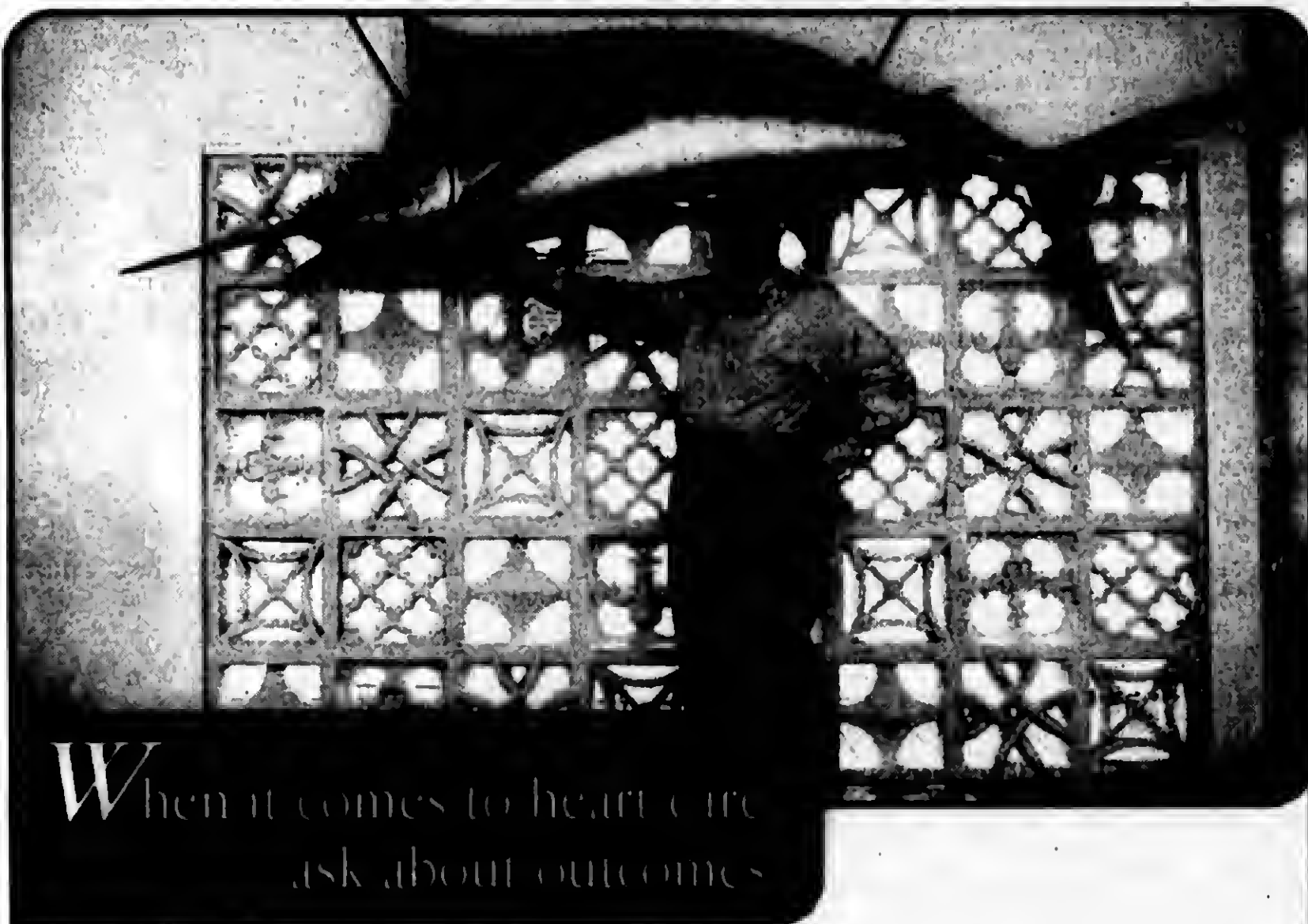
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St. Francis Hospital & Health Center will offer on Tuesday, Nov. 8, 7 to 9 p.m.

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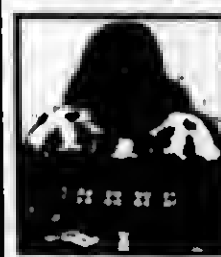
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Crotty Co-Sponsors "All Kids" Plan

The Illinois Senate has convened for its annual veto session, and State Sen. Maggie Crotty (D-Oak Forest) has signed on to co-sponsor one of the bills that has proven to be the highlight of this year's fall meeting of the legislature.

In an address to the Illinois General Assembly on Oct. 25th, Gov. Blagojevich outlined his ambitious "ALL KIDS" program, which is designed to bring health insurance coverage to the approximately 253,000 children in Illinois living without it. Over half of these children are from middle class families that earn too much money to qualify for programs like KidCare, but not enough money to pay for private health insurance.

"ALL KIDS provides access for children to good, affordable health insurance," said Sen. Crotty. "I am more than happy to sign on as a co-sponsor to this important legislation."

The ALL KIDS program uses the state's leverage and buying power to negotiate rates far lower than parents could receive on their own. ALL KIDS will include doctor and hospital visits, dental coverage, vision and hearing care and prescription drug assistance. Parents will pay monthly premiums and make co-payments for doctor visits and prescription drug purchases. For families earning between \$40,000 and \$60,000 annually, monthly premiums would be \$40 per child. Those families earning between \$60,000 and \$80,000 would pay \$70 in monthly premiums per child. If enacted, Illinois would become the first state in the nation where every child has access to quality, affordable health-care.

"This is an excellent opportunity to bring health care coverage to the children of this state, and I am optimistic that this legislation will become law in the very near future," said Sen. Crotty.

Holiday Happenings

Beverly South Christian Women's Club cordially invites you and your friends to a "Holiday Happenings" luncheon on Thursday, Nov. 17th at 12 noon. It will be held at the Lexington House banquet facility, 7717 W. 95th St. in Hickory Hills.

Sue Okarma of Aurora will bring some "Glowing Thoughts" as she talks about "The Gift that keeps on giving." The Dress Barn of Orland Park will present "Glittering Fashions" with styles to put you in a holiday mood. "Sparkling Notes" will fill the air with music of the season for your enjoyment.

The cost for the luncheon is \$11, payable at the door. Free babysitting is provided on site for toddler to kindergarten age children. Phone your reservation to Marcella at (708) 458-1855 or Helen at (708) 598-8191 no later than Monday, Nov. 14th.

Lecture On New Drug Trends

Lewis University's College of Nursing and Health Professions will host a lecture entitled "New Trends in Drug Abuse" on Wednesday, Nov. 9th at 7 p.m. in Sancta Alberta, located on the Lewis main campus. Free and open to the public, the presentation will be given by Jon Scoles, Manager of Outreach Programs for the Robert Crown Center in Hinsdale.

The program will address the inherent dangers associated with the use of inhalants and methamphetamines, as well as the signs and symptoms of abuse. Scoles also will discuss the effects of abuse and the interventions available to meet the challenges posed by these increasingly popular drugs. Registered nurses who attend may receive 2.2 Illinois Nurses Assn. (INA) continuing education contact hours.

Scoles, a community health educator, has worked for the Robert Crown Center for 11 years. The Robert Crown Center is recognized as a local leader in community education programs related to substance abuse. Scoles holds a degree in community health from Illinois State University.

For more information about the lecture, contact Betsy Wilber via e-mail at conedhpc@lewisu.edu or by phone at (815) 836-5889.

Women's Health Seminar

There will be a free Women's Health Seminar on Friday, Nov. 5th, from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m. at 400 W. 76th Street (Suite 360) in Chicago.

The seminar, sponsored by the Round Table Family Health Care Center, will be entitled, "PMS & Menopause ... Easing the Pain Naturally."

Three speakers will share their expertise via the following sub-topics: Dr. Robert James, D.C. will discuss "Balancing Hormones Naturally;" Dr. Tanya Payton-Campbell, PharmD will cover "The Truth About Hormone Replacement Therapy;" and, Keith Renfro, LCPC, will speak on "The Psychological Effects of PMS and Menopause."

This is a "don't miss" for women of all ages. For more information, call (773) 651-8124.



Classic Fairy Tales

Paige Coffman is an enchantress. She casts her spells by staging contemporary musical versions of classic fairy tales for young audiences, transforming children into life-long lovers of live theater.

Executive Director of the Chicago Kids Company, a not-for-profit theater group, Coffman has been enchanting Chicago youngsters for about 20 years, first as a professional actress and now as a writer, producer and director. She is currently producing "Little Red Riding Hood" through Nov. 18 at the Beverly Arts Center, 2407 W. 111th St., Chicago.

In this version of the story, Little Red Riding Hood, Lauren Wolf (left), meets not just a silly old wolf, played by Matt Rudy (right), but a few of the favorite characters from other fairy tales on her way to visit Grandma. As an introductory offer to area families, tickets to the Sunday, Nov. 6 show (12:30 p.m.) are buy three/get one free. Regular show times are 10:30 a.m. Nov. 8, 10, 14, 15, 16, 17, and 18, and 12:30 p.m. Nov. 6 and 11. Individual tickets are \$8; discounts are available for groups of 20 or more.

As part of her commitment to bringing live theater to children, Coffman is offering special ticket discounts to schools and other groups whose field trips are being priced out by increasing transportation costs. Families can take advantage of savings by purchasing tickets to all four upcoming plays and saving \$1 on each ticket.

For more information on the children's theater offerings and Beverly Arts Center, call the box office at 773-445-3838 or visit online at www.beverlyartscenter.org.

First Lady Honors Breast Cancer Survivors

In her ongoing efforts to promote breast cancer awareness, First Lady Patti Blagojevich joined Y-ME Illinois and 1,500 breast cancer advocates at the Y-ME Illinois Annual Fashion Show and Luncheon on Oct. 29th to honor breast cancer survivors in Illinois and to encourage annual breast cancer screening and mammograms. Early detection has proven to significantly increase a woman's likelihood of recovery from breast cancer.

The First Lady's participation in the Y-ME Fashion Show builds on her ongoing efforts to raise awareness about breast cancer. Earlier in October the First Lady kicked off Breast Cancer Awareness Month by encouraging African-American women and members of their churches to host "Pink Potlucks," a social event that promotes women's health awareness. In addition, the first lady announced \$700,000 in Penny Sevens Breast, Cervical and Ovarian Cancer Research Grants and presented the People Are Today's Heroes (PATH) Award on behalf of the Governor to Dr. Olufunmilayo I. Olopade of the University of Chicago for her dedication to breast cancer research.

Breast cancer is the most commonly diagnosed type of cancer among women 20 years of age and older in the United States. Women diagnosed with breast cancer, on average, have an 88% survival rate for the first five years. When breast cancer is diagnosed early, this five-year survival rate increases to 98%. An October study by the Cancer Intervention and Surveillance Modeling Network Collaborators estimated that breast cancer screening reduced the rate of death from breast cancer by up to 23 percent, and found that treatment is likely to be more effective if cancer is detected at an earlier stage. It is estimated that approximately 1,700 women will die from breast cancer in Illinois this year.

This year, Y-ME Illinois will provide assistance to more than 10,000 newly diagnosed breast cancer patients in Illinois. The Y-ME Illinois Fashion Show and Luncheon raises more than \$250,000 annually to support breast cancer patients throughout Illinois. This year's event, titled, "Everyone is a Star," paid tribute to all women breast cancer survivors. This year marked the silver anniversary of this annual event.

Alzheimer's Support Group

The Pointe at Kilpatrick Supportive Living Community, 14230 S. Kilpatrick, will be hosting its monthly Alzheimer's Support Group on Tuesday, Nov. 8th at 2 p.m.

The support group meets the second Tuesday of every month and everyone is welcome to attend. The group is led by an experienced Social Worker who works with Alzheimer's patients in a long-term care community. Participants discuss the day to day challenges of caring for a loved one with Alzheimer's or dementia and learn about the latest research in treatments.

For additional information contact Mikka Williams, program director, at (708) 293-0010.

Durbin Statement On Big Oil's Staggering Profits

Last Thursday (10/27) U.S. Senator Dick Durbin (D-IL) issued the following statement after Exxon Mobil reported the largest quarterly profits in U.S. history:

"Illinois consumers, businesses and farmers have spent over \$2.5 billion more this year for gasoline than last year. High energy costs are pushing family budgets to the limit and becoming a serious drag on our economy."

"Don't blame hurricanes or Saudi sheiks for these outrageous gasoline prices. It's the greed of Big Oil. Today, Exxon Mobil reported the largest quarterly profits in U.S. history: \$9.9 billion - straight from your credit card to their corporate boardroom."

"Americans may not be surprised that Big Oil is posting their largest profits ever, but they are losing patience with the Republican-led Congress for ignoring the high cost of energy. Americans need relief at the gas pump, help paying this winter's heating bills and a long term plan to lessen our dependence on foreign oil. Instead they are getting left out in the cold."

"That is why I have proposed a Windfall Profit Tax on the largest oil and gas companies. My legislation ensures that the revenue generated by the Windfall Profit Tax will be used to provide a direct rebate to consumers, fund the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program, provide financial incentives to auto makers to make more efficient vehicles and provide States with additional resources for transit and highway projects."

Forever Plaid Auditions

Auditions will be held on Sunday, Nov. 6th from 6 to 9 p.m. at the Theater Building, 1225 W. Belmont in Chicago, and Tuesday, Nov. 8th from 7 to 10 p.m. at the Beverly Arts Center, 2407 W. 111th St. in Chicago, for "Forever Plaid."

Roles are open for men, mid to late 20s, tenor, second tenor, baritone and bass. Prepare 16 measures each, up-tempo and ballad, plus 2-minute comic monologue. Bring sheet music in correct key. Resume and head shot helpful.

Rehearsals and performances (Feb. 5th through 14th) at the Beverly Arts Center. To schedule appointments, call Wayne at (773) 445-3838.

Alzheimer Caregivers Conference

The Alzheimer's Association Greater Illinois Chapter's third annual Family Conference for Alzheimer caregivers will be Saturday, Nov. 12, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Hyatt Regency O'Hare, Rosemont.

Registration is \$25 per person and includes a continental breakfast, lunch, resource fair and parking. The hotel is near public transportation. Register online at www.alzheimersillinois.org or call (847) 933-2413 or (800) 272-3900.

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Veterans And Soldiers News

By Lori Taylor Ph: 708.388.2425

Cook County Commissioner Joan Patricia Murphy needs our help. Volunteers are needed for "Stand Down Winter-2005" on Thursday, Nov. 10th from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. A Veterans Day celebration is planned for the Homeless Veterans. Help is needed to serve lunch or just to lend a helping hand. Volunteers may meet at Commissioner Murphy's office at 5405 W. 127th St. in Crestwood at 9:30 a.m. and convoy together to the Northwest Armory or meet there. The Armory is located at 1551 N. Kedzie Ave. in Chicago.

Donations of gently used men's clothing, coats, hats, shoes and toiletries are also needed. These donations must be dropped off before the 10th. "Remember these brave men who have served our country in the past, as our brave soldiers are serving now," said Commissioner Murphy.

For more information on "Stand Down Winter 2005" or to sign up to volunteer, call Patrice at Commissioner Murphy's office at (708) 389-2125.

The Chicago Department of Transportation is finishing construction of the new Vietnam Veterans Memorial Plaza at the Riverwalk along Wacker Drive between Wabash Ave. and State St. The 4.3 million dollar plaza will feature a water wall, a list of all Illinois KIA's, and service emblems of the Armed Forces and support service organizations.

Chicago's Mayor Daley will formally dedicate the new Memorial Plaza at a ceremony on Veterans Day, Friday, Nov. 11th, at 11 a.m. Prior to the ceremony, beginning at 7 a.m., all names of the over 2,900 Illinois KIA's of the Vietnam War will be read in a solemn ceremony.

The City of Chicago is currently looking for any family members of these heroic individuals, or Vietnam Veterans who would like to participate in the name reading ceremony. Priority will be given to family members of those honored on the memorial.

If you are interested in participating, send your name, address and phone number to Will Schmutz, Director of Veterans Affairs, Chicago Commission on Human Relations, 740 N. Sedgwick, Chicago, IL 60610. You may also fax the information to (312) 744-1081 or email them to william.schmutz@cityofchicago.org.

Each person selected will be sent a list of ten names that they will read and their reading time prior to the ceremony. For more information, call (312) 744-7582.

My son John Hansen, who is now a National Service Officer in training with the Disabled American Veterans in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, attended the DAV Wisconsin Fall Conference in Wisconsin Rapids from Oct. 27th to Oct. 30th (his birthday by the way). Recently he and a fellow worker made a five-day tour of Wisconsin with the Service Officers Mobile Unit to assist veterans with their claims. John really loves his job. As a part of his new position he needed to transfer his membership from the New Lenox Chapter to one in Wisconsin so he is now a member of a DAV Chapter in Greendale, Wisconsin, the town where he now resides. As you may have guessed, I miss him and his wife Anne.

Thomas D. Gorup has joined the United States Army under the Delayed Entry Program. The program gives young men and women the opportunity to delay entering active duty for up to one year. Gorup will report to Fort Benning, Georgia for active duty on Nov. 9th. He is the son of Vivian Flores of Trezevant, Tennessee and John Gorup of Midlothian.

Navy Seaman Lucyna Mol, daughter of Maria and Andrzej Mol of Burbank, recently completed basic training at Recruit Training Command, Great Lakes. She received the Navy League Outstanding Recruit Award, and was meritoriously promoted to her current rank. Mol is a 2000 graduate of Curie High School in Chicago.

Marine Corps Pvt. David J. Trester, son of Lois Gresey of Streamwood, Ill. and Scott Trester of Tinley Park, recently completed 12 weeks of basic training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot, San Diego, California, designed to challenge new Marine recruits both physically and mentally.

Navy Seaman David J. Burke, son of Janice Burke of Midlothian, recently completed U.S. Navy basic training at Recruit Training Command, Great Lakes. Burke is a 2005 graduate of Oak Forest High School.

Navy Seaman Jason E. Paron, grandson of Barbara Paron of Evergreen Park, was recently promoted to his current rank upon graduation from recruit training at Recruit Training Command, Great Lakes. Paron is a 2003 graduate of Dwight Township High School in Dwight, Ill.

Navy Seaman Recruit Mark J. Konior, son of Dawn Boese of Midlothian, recently completed U.S. Navy basic training at Recruit Training Command, Great Lakes. Konior is a 2002 graduate of Lincoln's Challenge Academy in Rantoul, Ill.

Marine Corps Pvt. Anwar J. Hayes, son of Robert Hayes of Oak Lawn, recently completed 12 weeks of basic training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot, San Diego, California, designed to challenge new Marine recruits both physically and mentally.

The Village of Orland Park and the Orland Park Veterans Commission will host the annual Veterans Day service at 11 a.m. on Friday, Nov. 11th at the Frederick T. Owens Village Hall Veterans' Memorial. This year's ceremony will commemorate the 60th anniversary of the end of World War II and the 30th anniversary of the end of the Vietnam War and the village will commemorate the 10th anniversary of the Orland Park Veterans Memorial. A highlight of the event will be the Barbie III, a vintage military B-25 bomber flying over the village center at 11:30 a.m. The Veterans Commission held a special raffle during Aug. and Sept. for a chance to win a ride on the Barbie III. The drawing was held Oct. 1st and four lucky people will be able to ride in the Barbie III during the flyover.

Fr. Leo Lyons, retired U.S. Air Force Colonel, will officiate at the ceremony and acknowledge families of the ten newly engraved veterans' names added to the memorial. Reber-Tesmond VFW Post 2604 and American Legion Orland Memorial Post 111 will present the colors. Orland Police Officer Tim Hasty will play the bagpipes and Frann Carnivale-Sidlow of the Orland Park Theatre Troupe will sing the National Anthem and God Bless America. Light refreshments will be served in the Civic Center immediately following the ceremony.

For more information, call (708) 403-6203.

That's all the information I can squeeze into this column for this week, so good-bye for this week. May God bless you and God bless America.

Make The Holidays Brighter For Military Personnel

The Village of Orland Park Veterans' Commission wishes to make the holidays brighter for U.S. military personnel. The Veterans' Commission is collecting items for holiday care packages to send to area residents currently serving in the United States military. The entire community is invited to be a part of this effort.

Suggested items are: breakfast bars, instant oatmeal, vacuum-sealed and small canned food items, Beef Jerky, coffee and tea bags, individual packets of salad dressings, tube socks, hand-held games or other fun diversionary toys, DVDs, travel-size Kleenex, fly swatters, fly paper, non-aerosol insect repellent, hard candy (no chocolate), Ziploc freezer bags, toilet paper, hand sanitizer, batteries (AA and AAA), athlete's foot spray, anti-itch powder, cough drops, multi-vitamins, disposable razors, non-aerosol shaving cream, sun block, facial cleansing pads, mole skin and blister pads, gel insoles for boots, instant cocoa and spiced apple cider mixes, dried fruit and fruit roll-ups, chewing gum, canned and foil packaged tuna, nuts and peanut butter (20 oz. or less).

The list shows what the military personnel need. The Veterans' Commission is simultaneously collecting items for personnel serving overseas and for wounded and injured military personnel recovering at the Brooke Army Medical Center (BAMC) in Texas.

It's important to note that items earmarked for military personnel serving overseas must be delivered for packaging BEFORE Thanksgiving. Those items meant for wounded personnel recovering at BAMC must be turned in before Dec. 10th.

Everyone donating is encouraged to enclose self-addressed envelopes with a sheet of paper tucked inside with their donations (no postage is needed). This makes sending thank you letters much easier and convenient for the military care package recipients. Your support is greatly appreciated.

Military Care Package Donation sites are conveniently located at the Frederick T. Owens Village Hall, 14700 S. Ravinia Ave., and the Village of Orland Park Sportsplex, 11351 W. 159th St.

For more information, call (708) 403-6203.

Moraine Valley Theater To Present South Pacific

"One Enchanted Evening" in 1943 four lovers find happiness during World War II despite looming invasions on the Japanese in South Pacific, the first show in Moraine Valley's 2005-06 Academic Theater Series. Performances will be at 7:30 p.m. on Nov. 10th to 12th and 3 p.m. on Sunday, Nov. 13th in the Dorothy Menker Theater in the Fine and Performing Arts Center on campus, 9000 W. College Parkway in Palos Hills.

The Rodgers and Hammerstein classic chronicles two love affairs: one involving Lt. Joe Cable and a young Polynesian girl, the other revolves around Nellie Forbush, a Navy nurse from Little Rock, and a French planter who sweeps her off her feet. Love cannot go smoothly during World War II, when racism and a dangerous mission behind Japanese lines are the destined fate for the lovers. Featured songs are "Honey Bun" and "Gonna Wash That Man Right Out of My Hair."

This production of South Pacific is directed by David M. Soria. Soria has a Bachelor of Arts in Theater and English degree from Wesleyan University and holds a Master of Fine Arts degree in theater from Illinois State University. He has taught at Western Springs Children's Theater, Illinois Wesleyan University, Illinois Valley Community College and at Moraine. Soria is also the artistic director of Elmhurst's GreenMan Theater Troupe. Besides directing and teaching, he has worked as a stage manager at the Illinois Shakespeare Festival, and as a designer and assistant technical director at Oakton Community College.

Cast members include: assistant director Kelly Calderone, music director Carolyn Brady, scenic designer Michael Nedza, lighting designer Sean McIntosh, costume designer Jane Bagnall, Natalie Levine as Nellie Forbush and Sarah Brandt as Sue Yeager/French Girl, all of Chicago; choreographer Melanie Herman of Palos Hills, sound/video designer David Fullerton of Evergreen Park, stage manager Lori Cepa, Bob Szczepanski as Capt. Brackett, Jhashuah Knapp as Stewpot, Maria Tagonan as Liat and Lauren Saavedra as Nurse/Islander, all of Orland Park; assistant stage manager Barbara Sikora, William Krolkowski as Cmdr. William Harbinson and Omar Khalil as Henry, all of Justice; Derek Urban of Alsip as Lt. Joseph Cable, Joe Smith of Park Forest as Emile deBeccue, Susie Therese Rios as Nurse Whitmore/French Girl and Bill Morio as The Professor, both of Bridgeview; Matthew Dzendrowski as Operator MacCaffrey and Warren Miller as Luther Billis, both of Oak Lawn; Leslie Lee of North Riverside as Bloody Mary.

Nurses include Jackilyn Brazill, Sara DeLeo, Amelia Korpes, Megan Larcher, Kim Lisak, Lindsay Pupa, Kelly Stanley, Catherine Vaughn. Sailors include Craig Knight, Art Malsen, Andy Trull.

Tickets are \$11 for adults and \$9 for students and seniors. For more information or to order tickets, call the Moraine Valley box office at (708) 974-5500. Phone orders are subject to a \$1-per order handling fee.



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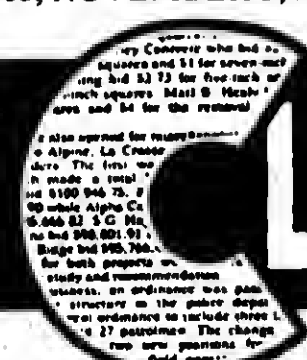
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REAL ESTATE

Houses For Sale

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF
Cook County, Illinois County
Department - Chancery Division.
ABN AMRO Mortgage
Group, Inc., Plaintiff, vs. Juanita
M. Smith, et al., Defendants.
No. 05Ch-6241.

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY
GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment
of Foreclosure and Sale entered
in the above entitled cause on June 21, 2005, Inter-
county Judicial Sales Corporation
will on Tuesday, November 22,
2005 at the hour of 11 a.m. in
their office at 120 W. Madison
St., Suite 718A, Chicago, IL, sell
at public auction to the highest
bidder for cash, as set forth be-
low, the following described
mortgaged real estate.

Commonly known as 2610
W. 98th Place, Evergreen Park,
IL 60805.

The mortgaged real estate is
improved with a single family
residence and will NOT be open
for inspection.

The judgment amount was
\$137,372.64.

Sale terms: 10% down by
certified funds, balance, by cer-
tified funds, within 24 hours. The
sale shall be subject to general
taxes, special assessments or
special taxes levied against said
real estate and any prior first
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title or recourse to Plaintiff. Pros-
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Cook County, Illinois County

Department - Chancery Division.

Mortgage Electronic Regis-

tration Systems, Inc., as nomi-

nee for Aeg's Wholesale Corpora-

tion or its successors or assigns,

Plaintiff, vs. John E. Bukowicki

a/k/a John E. Bukowicki, et al.,

Defendants. No. 05Ch-5498.

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby

given that pursuant to a Judgment

of Foreclosure entered in the

above entitled cause on June 21,

2005, Intercounty Judicial

Sales Corporation will on Thurs-

day, November 17, 2005, at the

hour of 11 a.m. in their office at

120 W. Madison St., Suite

718A, Chicago, IL, sell to the

highest bidder for cash, the fol-

lowing described property:

Commonly known as: 11013

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60415.

The improvement on the prop-

erty consists of a single family

residence.

Sale terms: 10% down by

certified funds, balance within

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relunds.

The judgment amount was

\$137,588.64.

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REAL ESTATE**Houses For Sale**

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division, Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as Nominee for Citimortgage, Inc., Plaintiff, vs. David Sandoval, et al., Defendants. No. 05Ch-4727.

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on June 14, 2005, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Tuesday, November 29, 2005, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 W. Madison St., Suite 718A, Chicago, IL, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described mortgaged real estate:

Commonly known as: 3720 W. 115th Pl., Alsip, IL 60803. The improvement on the property consists of a single family residence.

Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, by certified funds. No refunds.

The judgment amount was \$188,382.83.

The property will NOT be open for inspection.

For information call Mr. Ira T. Nevel at Plaintiff's Attorney, Law Offices of Ira T. Nevel, 175 N. Franklin St., Chicago, IL 60606. 312/357-1125. 133625C

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division, Wells Fargo Bank, NA successor by merger with Wells Fargo Home Mortgage, Inc. successor in interest to Northwest Mortgage, Inc., Plaintiff, vs. Emma M. Tyler, et al., Defendant. No. 05Ch-7124.

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on June 13, 2005, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Monday, November 28, 2005, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 W. Madison St., Suite 718A, Chicago, IL, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described mortgaged real estate:

Commonly known as: 4233 W. 76th St., Unit 102, Chicago, IL 60652.

The improvement on the property consists of a condominium residence.

Sale terms: Bidders must present, at the time of sale, a cashier's or certified check for 10% of the successful bid amount. The balance of the successful bid shall be paid within 24 hours, by similar funds.

The property will NOT be open for inspection.

For information call Ms. Diane Thomas at Plaintiff's Attorney, Freedman, Anselmo, Lindberg and Rappe, 1807 W. Olieh Road, Naperville, IL 60563-1890. (877) 729-6734. 133595C

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division, National City Mortgage Company, Plaintiff, vs. Suzanne Martinez a/k/a Suzanne T. Martinez a/k/a Suzanne F. Martinez, et al., Defendants. No. 05Ch-3241.

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on June 16, 2005, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Thursday, November 17, 2005, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 W. Madison St., Suite 718A, Chicago, IL, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described property:

Commonly known as: 4350 W. Ford City Dr., Unit 505, Chicago, IL 60652.

The improvement on the property consists of a condominium residence.

Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, by certified funds. No refunds.

The judgment amount was \$81,874.39.

The property will NOT be open for inspection.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale which will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the premises after confirmation of the sale.

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File No. PA0501583
135139C

REAL ESTATE**Houses For Sale**

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division, Wells Fargo Bank National Association, as Trustee for First Franklin Mortgage Loan Trust 2003-FFH1 By: Saxon Mortgage Services, Inc., as its Attorney-in-Fact, Plaintiff, vs. Renee Goston, et al., Defendants. No. 04Ch-15967.

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on December 9, 2004, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Monday, November 14, 2005, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 W. Madison St., Suite 718A, Chicago, IL, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described mortgaged real estate:

Commonly known as: 8608 S. Tripp Ave., Chicago, IL 60652.

The improvement on the property consists of a single family residence.

Sale terms: Bidders must present, at the time of sale, a cashier's or certified check for 10% of the successful bid amount. The balance of the successful bid shall be paid within 24 hours, by similar funds.

The property will NOT be open for inspection.

For information call Ms. Diane Thomas at Plaintiff's Attorney, Freedman, Anselmo, Lindberg and Rappe, 1807 W. Olieh Road, Naperville, IL 60563-1890. (877) 729-6734. 135173C

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division, Ameritrust Mortgage Company, Plaintiff, vs. Robert Overman, et al., Defendants. No. 03Ch-5736.

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on May 15, 2003, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Tuesday, November 15, 2005, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 West Madison Street, Suite 718A, Chicago, IL, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described mortgaged real estate:

Commonly known as: 14202 S. Springfield, Crestwood, IL 60445.

The improvement on the property consists of a single family residence.

The sale shall be subject to general taxes, special assessments, and to a prior recorded first mortgage.

Sale terms: Bidders must present, at the time of sale, a cashier's or certified check for 10% of the successful bid amount. The balance of the successful bid shall be paid within 24 hours, by similar funds.

The property will NOT be open for inspection.

For information call Ms. Kristie Taylor at Plaintiff's Attorney, James, Gustafson and Thompson, Ltd., 1001 E. Chicago Ave., Naperville, IL 60540. (630) 369-3535. 135180C

REAL ESTATE**Houses For Sale**

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division, Union Planters Bank NA d/b/a Regions Mortgage, Plaintiff, vs. Paul Guerrero, et al., Defendants. No. 05Ch-474.

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above entitled cause on August 24, 2005, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Tuesday, November 29, 2005 at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 W. Madison St., Suite 718A, Chicago, IL, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described mortgaged real estate:

Commonly known as 14810 S. Kilpatrick Ave., Unit 3W, Midlothian, IL 60445.

The mortgaged real estate is improved with a condominium residence and will NOT be open for inspection.

The judgment amount was \$92,463.68.

Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance, by certified funds, within 24 hours. The sale shall be subject to general taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and any prior first mortgages. The subject property is offered for sale without any representation as to quality of title or recourse to Plaintiff. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.

For information: Sale Clerk, Shapiro & Kreisman, 4201 Lake Cook Road, 1st Floor, Northbrook, IL 60062. (847) 498-9990, between the hours of 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. only. 133591C

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division, Washington Mutual Bank, FA 1/k/a Washington Mutual Home Loans, Inc. 1/k/a PNC Mortgage Corp. of America, Plaintiff, vs. Patricia A. Miller a/k/a Patricia A. Buckner a/k/a Patricia Ann Miller a/k/a Patricia Miller, et al., Defendants. No. 05Ch-5232.

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above entitled cause on August 2, 2005, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Wednesday, November 30, 2005 at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 W. Madison St., Suite 718A, Chicago, IL, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described mortgaged real estate:

Commonly known as 3663 W. Deer Park Dr., Alsip, IL 60803.

The mortgaged real estate is improved with a condominium residence and will NOT be open for inspection.

The judgment amount was \$134,175.35.

Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance, by certified funds, within 24 hours. The sale shall be subject to general taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and any prior first mortgages. The subject property is offered for sale without any representation as to quality of title or recourse to Plaintiff. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.

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REAL ESTATE**Houses For Sale**

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division, Washington Mutual Bank, FA 1/k/a Washington Mutual Home Loans, Inc. successor by merger to Fleet Mortgage Corp., Plaintiff, vs. James Smith a/k/a James K. Smith a/k/a James E. Smith a/k/a James Smith a/k/a James T. Smith a/k/a James B. Smith, Jr. a/k/a James P. Smith, et al., Defendants. No. 04Ch-9860.

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above entitled cause on March 29, 2005 Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Monday, November 21, 2005 at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 W. Madison St., Suite 718A, Chicago, IL, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described mortgaged real estate:

Commonly known as: 3713 N. 85th Pl., Chicago, IL 60607.

The mortgaged real estate is improved with a single family residence.

Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance, by certified funds, within 24 hours. No refunds.

The property will NOT be open for inspection.

For information call Ms. Debbie Riestler at Plaintiff's Attorney, FISHER AND SHAPIRO, LLC, 4201 Lake Cook Road, 1st Floor, Northbrook, IL 60062. (847) 498-9990. 134201C

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division, Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., Plaintiff, vs. Antoinette Sciacotta a/k/a Antoinette Sciacotta, et al., Defendants. No. 05Ch-5870.

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above entitled cause on June 1, 2005, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Tuesday, November 15, 2005 at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 W. Madison St., Suite 718A, Chicago, IL, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described mortgaged real estate:

Commonly known as: 16444 Craig Dr., Oak Forest, IL 60450.

The mortgaged real estate is improved with a single family residence and will NOT be open for inspection.

The judgment amount was \$133,952.89.

Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance, by certified funds, within 24 hours. The sale shall be subject to general taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and any prior first mortgages. The subject property is offered for sale without any representation as to quality of title or recourse to Plaintiff. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.

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Keep Warm Illinois

Following the launch of the Keep Warm Illinois campaign on Nov. 1st, Governor Rod R. Blagojevich announced that winter heating grants are now available for all income-eligible households through the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) to help Illinoisans meet their winter heating needs. He urged families who may be eligible for LIHEAP to apply early given the anticipated rise in heating bills this winter and to take steps now to conserve energy by weatherizing their homes.

Through LIHEAP, a state- and federally-funded energy assistance program run by the Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Service (HFS), heating bill payments are made on behalf of households with incomes of up to 150 percent of the federal poverty level. Gov. Blagojevich made LIHEAP funding available on Sept. 1 to households with elderly or disabled members and those currently without home heating due to service disconnections.

A single-person household can qualify for LIHEAP with a monthly income of up to \$1,196, a two-person household up to \$1,604, and a family of four can earn up to \$2,420. Benefits are paid directly to the household's appropriate utility. The energy grant applications are processed through a network of 35 local administering agencies around the state. These agencies accept applications on a first-come, first-served basis until funding for the program is exhausted. For a complete listing of LIHEAP's local administering agencies and additional information about the grant program, go to www.liheapillinois.com, or call the toll-free LIHEAP information line at 1-800-252-8643. The winter heating program is expected to reach 300,000 households this winter with an estimated \$150 million in state and federal funding.

Governor Blagojevich launched the Keep Warm Illinois campaign and website to help all Illinoisans stay warm, healthy and safe this winter. The Keep Warm Illinois campaign is a comprehensive effort to inform and prepare Illinois residents, especially the elderly, families with small children and persons with disabilities, for record high home heating costs this winter. It will include unprecedented coordination between state agencies as well as a statewide public awareness effort in partnership with community colleges and Clear Channel Radio in Chicago to help inform Illinoisans about winter preparations and resources available.

Governor's Key Gun Control Vetoes

Illinois State Police (ISP) Director Larry G. Trent was joined by the Illinois Association of Chiefs of Police and gun safety advocates recently seeking to uphold Governor Rod R. Blagojevich's vetoes of Senate Bill 57, Senate Bill 2104 and House Bill 340. Backed by the National Rifle Association (NRA), these bills, if enacted, would have mandated the destruction of all gun purchase records, eliminated the waiting-period for gun owners trading in weapons, and overridden laws dealing with transportation of firearms in local communities.

During the Spring 2005 Legislative Session, the NRA supported Senate Bill 57, which tied the gun show loophole legislation designed to keep guns out of the hands of criminals together with a bill that would mandate the destruction of all records of attempts to purchase guns. Governor Blagojevich signed Senate Bill 1333 earlier this year, which closed the gun show loophole without endangering law enforcement personnel and tying the hands of prosecutors.

This summer Governor Blagojevich vetoed Senate Bill 57 and two other bills that would weaken protections designed to prevent criminals from purchasing and carrying guns: Senate Bill 2104 and House Bill 340, all backed by the NRA.

SB 2104 would have overridden local laws concerning the transportation of firearms. The veto allows many towns and cities across Illinois, including Chicago, that have stricter firearm laws to keep their communities safe by enforcing laws that they deem appropriate. The Senate recently voted 38-20 to override the Governor's veto on SB 2104. The veto still must be overridden in the House before the legislation becomes law.

The Governor also vetoed HB 340 because it would have eliminated the waiting period for gun owners trading in firearms, allowing an individual to trade-in a hunting rifle or small caliber handgun for a military-style assault weapon without delay.

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Southwest Area Obituaries

William E. Childs

Mass was said on Saturday, Oct. 29th at St. Bernadette Church for William E. Childs, 77.

He is survived by his wife, Betty; his children, Deborah, Victoria (Gene) Martin and Jeffrey A.; and his brothers, Charles T. (Regina) and Jerome (Barbara).

Jeannette S. Kaderabek

Mass was said on Saturday, Oct. 29th at Sacred Heart Church, Palos Hills, for Jeannette S. Kaderabek, wife of the late Otto.

She is survived by her brother-in-law, Rudy (Mary); & many nieces and nephews.

Thomas L. Hartnett

Mass was said on Saturday, Oct. 29th at St. Germaine Church, Oak Lawn, for WWII Veteran and life member of Disabled American Veterans, Thomas L. Hartnett, 90, husband of the late Mary Patricia.

He is survived by his daughter, Dr. Rosemary (Dr. Barry) Levin; 1 grandchild; & his sister, Bernadette Dower.

Kenneth M. Mette

Services were held on Saturday, Oct. 29th, at Sheehy & Sons Funeral Home, Burbank, for Kenneth M. Mette.

He is survived by his brothers, Tom and John H. Mette IV; a nephew and two nieces.

Jeanette T. Shemezis

Mass was said on Saturday, Oct. 29th at St. Christopher Church, Midlothian, for Jeanette T. Shemezis.

She is survived by her husband Adam; her children, Paula Shemezis, Stephen (Jeanette) Shemezis and Judy (Matthew) Schumacker; and two grandchildren.

Daniel V. Swatkowski

Mass was said on Saturday, Oct. 29th at St. George Church, Tinley Park, for Daniel V. Swatkowski.

He is survived by his sons, Robert, Cory and Kenneth; his parents Edward & Catherine; brother and sisters, Edward (Karen), Catherine (Daniel) Stua and Elizabeth (Mark) Cotter; and his fiancé, Nina Diaz.

Bernice Winslow

Mass was said on Saturday, Oct. 29th at St. Terrence Church, Alsip, for Bernice Winslow, 79.

She is survived by her husband, Felix, Sr.; her sons, Felix Jr. (Shirlee) and Donald (Donna); five grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

Margaret

Mary Mittermann

Private services are to be held for life-long registered nurse and WWII Army Veteran, Margaret Mary "Peg" Mittermann, 85, formerly of Evergreen Park.

She is survived by her husband, Emil F. Mittermann, former member of the Glen Miller Band; her children, Michael (Lauren) Mitterman and Francis (Mary) Mitterman; and five grandchildren.

Pauline M. Okroi

Mass was said on Wednesday, Nov. 2nd at St. Elizabeth Seton Church, Orland Hills, for Pauline M. Okroi, 69.

She is survived by her husband, Robert J.; her children, Linda (Gary) Milbourn, Robert Jr. (Carrie), Tina (Kevin) Hennis, John (Cathy), Jeanette Okroi, Bonnie (Bill) Schirato, and Joseph; thirteen grandchildren; one great grandchild; and her sisters and brother, Diane (Lee) Schultz, Dolores Oberg and Jack (Terry) Mozzi.

Gayle E. Messino

Graveside services were held on Tuesday, Nov. 1st at Orland Memorial park Cemetery for Gayle E. Messino.

She is survived by her sons, Chris (Jennifer) Messino and Paul (Robin) Messino; her mother, Joan (Arthur) Bellone; seven grandchildren; and her brother Dennis (Denise) Bickford.

Dr. Robert R. Newsome

Mass was said on Monday, Oct. 31st at St. Christina Church, Mt. Greenwood, for Dr. Robert R. Newsome, 63.

He is survived by his wife, Charlene; his children, Robert Edward, Brendan Howard, Jonathan Daniel and Kristin Marie; his sister, Patricia Murdaugh; and his brother, John (Kim) Newsome.

Mary Lucile Peterson

Services were held on Tuesday, Nov. 1st at Vandenberg Funeral Home, Tinley Park, for Tinley Park substitute grade school teacher, Mary Lucile Peterson, 88, wife of the late Vernon E.

She is survived by her children, David (Deborah), Lawrence (Pat) and Nancy (Michael Mathers); seven grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; and her brothers, Gordon (Catherine) Stow and Richard (Donna) Stow.

Henry H. Hinrichs

Services were held on Wednesday, Nov. 2nd at Kosary Funeral Home, Evergreen Park, for Henry H. Hinrichs, 92.

He is survived by his sisters, Ann Postlewait, Mabel (James) Lancaster and Hazel Daniels.

John R. Stancik

Mass was said on Tuesday, Nov. 2nd at St. George Church, Tinley Park, for John R. Stancik, 57.

He is survived by his wife, Colette; his children, Nicole and Nathan; and his sisters, Judy (Ross) Beard and Diane Stancik.

Michael J. McNicholas

Mass was said on Wednesday, Nov. 2nd at Sacred Heart Church, Palos Hills, for Michael J. McNicholas, 56.

He is survived by his wife, Kandy; his sons Michael and Kevin; his brothers and sisters, Peggy Casey, Mary L. McNicholas and Thomas (Jeanne) McNicholas;

Joyce H. Walczak

Mass was said on Wednesday, Nov. 2nd at St. Gerald Church, Oak Lawn, for Joyce H. Walczak, 79, wife of the late, William "Ray" Emmick and Steve Walczak.

She is survived by her children, Hallie (Paul) Schmied, Gary (Nancy) Emmick, Larry (Dolores) Emmick, Terry Emmick, Kevin (Eileen) Walczak, Jackie (Walt) Schneck and Joanne (Jim) Rochford Walczak; nineteen grandchildren; and thirty great-grandchildren.

George Zeleznak

Mass was said on Tuesday, Nov. 1st at St. Fabian Church, Bridgeview, for Korean Army Veteran, George Zeleznak.

He is survived by his wife, Geraldine; his children, Gary (Mara), Kerry and Dawn (Raymond) Gallet; six grandchildren; and his brother, Emil (Dorothy).

Marie A. Oliver

Services were held on Tuesday, Nov. 1st at McKenzie Funeral Home, Oak Forest, for Marie A. Oliver, wife of the late John E. Oliver.

She is survived by her children, Barbara (Thomas) Burke, Jacqueline (Daniel) Mazzoni, Judith Dahms, John (Cathy) Oliver and Dolores (Mel) Wroblewski; fourteen grandchildren, thirty-one great-grandchildren; seven great-great grandchildren; and her sister, Orville Hires.

Barbara Lyn Parker

Services were held on Tuesday, Nov. 1st at The Lutheran Church of the Resurrection, Oak Forest, for Barbara Lyn Krone Lindberg Parker, 50.

She is survived by her children, Jason (Nicole) Krone and Nicholas Lindberg; her mother, Gay; and her brothers and sisters, Wesley (Carmen) Wedel, Janet (Wesley) Smith and John Douglas (Kathy) Wedel.

Beatrice Pressley

Mass was said on Wednesday, Nov. 2nd at St. Terrence Church, Alsip, for Beatrice M. Pressley.

She is survived by her husband, Robert; her children, Stephen (Bonnie), Karen (mark) Tomlin, Ellen (Kirk) Myma and Robin; and her sister, Jacqueline (Elmer) Giese.

Richard A. Niebauer

Services were held on Wednesday, Nov. 2nd at Lawn Funeral Home for Richard A. Niebauer.

He is survived by his wife, Carol; his daughters, Nora Lynn (Michael) Mucha, Cassandra (Craig) Szplett and Margaret (Paul) Ulanowski; three grandchildren; and his brothers, Robert and Ronald (Carol).

Raymond F. Kaczmarz

Mass is being said this Thursday, Nov. 3rd at St. Walter Church, Chicago, for Veteran, Raymond F. Kaczmarz, 75.

He is survived by his children, Rita (Marco) Castorena, Teresa (marty) Tapling and Kenneth (Barbara) Kaczmarz; companion, Marjorie Hannah; five grandchildren; and his brother Gene Nagel.

Charles E. Holmes

Services were held on Monday, Oct. 31st at Becvar and Son Funeral Home, Crestwood, for WWII Navy Veteran, Charles E. Holmes, 82.

He is survived by his wife, Laurine; his children, Anna Mae (Lee) McCurry, George (Ellen) and Eunice (Mark) Walter; six grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; and his brothers, Frank and George.

Bernadette E. Klimas

Mass was said on Tuesday, Nov. 1st at Our Lady of The Ridge Church, Chicago Ridge, for Bernadette E. Klimas, wife of the later Walter J. Sr.

She is survived by her children, Nancy (Donald) Podgorny, Kathleen (Ronald) Dorr, Walter J. Jr., and Bernard L. Klimas; five grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; and her sisters, Mary Frale and Ethel Corie.

Edward

Francis Simcoe

Mass was said on Wednesday, Nov. 2nd at Sacred Heart Church, Palos Hills, for Edward Francis Simcoe, 90. He was a 32-year lay lector at Sacred Heart Parish and a 50-year member of the Chicago Bar Association among his many affiliations.

He is survived by his wife, Annette; his children, Mary Ann (John Matthews) Simcoe, Thomas (Jean) "Simcoe, Barbara (Lee Murray) Simcoe, Bernadette Simcoe and Joan Szymko; and four grandchildren.

Rita E. Pulley

Services were held on Tuesday, Nov. 1st at Chapel Hill Gardens South Funeral Home, Oak Lawn, for Rita E. Pulley, 82, wife of the late Fred.

She is survived by her children, Barbara Persak, Diane Neal, Shirley (William) Fuller, Bill (Marilee) Scott, Leroy (Miriam) Scott, Judy (Frank) Marks, Nancy (Roger) Kuhlmeier and Gale Nicholson; twenty three grandchildren; and many great-grandchildren.



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Deeply Rooted Dance Performs At Beverly Arts Center

In celebration of its 10th year as a Chicago dance institution, Deeply Rooted Productions (DRP) will highlight its diverse and award-winning repertoire with a series of performances Nov. 17 through 20 at the Beverly Arts Center, 2407 W. 111th St., Chicago. The performances will feature the company premieres of DRP Artistic Director Kevin Iega Jeff's Naeemah's Room and Associate Artistic Director Gary Abbott's Hand to Mouth, along with DRP's critically acclaimed repertoire, including Junto, The Dance We Dance suite, Dedication and Desire.

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expresses the African-American aesthetic, offering work that is familiar, in the tradition of modern dance—yet newly found—inspiring innovation in expressing contemporary life. The excellence of DRP's professional dance theater productions and training programs has allowed the development of a strong audience base, which is diverse in terms of ages and cultures.

Performances at the Beverly Arts Center, 2407 W. 111th St., are Thursday, Friday and Saturday, Nov. 17, 18 and 19 at 8 p.m., with matinees on Saturday, Nov. 19 at 2 p.m. and Sunday, Nov. 20 at 3 p.m. Tickets are \$26.50, balcony; \$36.50, main floor. Group discounts available. Call the Beverly Arts Center box office, 773-445-3838.

Dinner And Fashion Show

Garden Center Services (formerly Garden Center for the Handicapped), 8333 S. Austin Ave. in Burbank, will hold their 49th annual Dinner and Fashion Show at the Lexington House in Hickory Hills on the evening of Wednesday, Nov. 9th. Cocktails at 6 p.m. (open bar), dinner at 7 p.m. - \$37.50 donation.

This year's theme is "Come Experience Our Story." Fashions will be shown by Annie's Ltd., 5203 W. 95th St. in Oak Lawn, and Mal's Men's Shop, 5201 W. 95th St. in Oak Lawn. For a great evening, come join us.

Ticket information is available through Garden Center's office, (708) 636-0054.

Dr. James B. Casey Is Librarian Of The Year

The Illinois Library Association has named Oak Lawn this award by peers in the Public Library Director, Dr. James B. Casey, Illinois Librarian of the Year.

Each year, the award recognizes "a librarian's distinguished service and leadership in Illinois libraries." Recipients are chosen for their impact and positive contributions to libraries on the local, state and national level.

Casey was nominated for this award by peers in the library field. In his more than 13 years at the Oak Lawn Public Library, Casey has led several capital projects, including the building expansion and renovation project completed in 2004 that increased the library's overall size by 25 percent and allowed for countless additions and improvements to the facility and library services.

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The most sweeping changes to the Medicare Program since its inception in the 1960's will occur this year with the introduction of Medicare PART D. Medicare has always covered hospital stays, skilled nursing facilities, and doctors' visits. Beginning January 1, 2006, it will also cover drugs. This benefit will provide reliable, affordable, guaranteed access to the medications needed most by those eligible to enroll. Anyone on Medicare, regardless of income or resources can enroll.

On average, seniors can expect to save up to 50% on their total drug costs, even after paying their monthly premiums and co-payments. For those seniors meeting the guidelines established by the federal government for limited income and resources (less than \$14,355 a year for individuals and \$19,245 a year for couples) extra help is available through the State "No Senior Left Behind" program. Of the insurance companies offering drug coverage in Illinois, twelve will have prescription drug plans available with no premium to beneficiaries who qualify for that extra help. To receive the reduced expense, individuals need to apply at their Social Security office or request an application by calling 1-800-772-1213.

In Illinois, Medicare recipients will be able to get prescription drug coverage on January 1st through their choice of either a newly approved, stand-alone prescription drug plan (PDP) that works with traditional Medicare, or a Medicare Advantage plan (Managed Care) that offers drug coverage and other benefits.

Consumers can choose from seventeen (17) Prescription Drug Plans (PDPs) operating in Illinois. The enrollment period will extend from November 15, 2005 until May 15, 2006. All Medicare prescription drug plans will provide at least a standard level of coverage to all enrollees. These plans will differ in terms of their formularies (lists of covered drugs) and CMS (Medicare) will require plans to cover a range of drugs in the most commonly prescribed classes to make sure that people with different medical conditions can get the treatment they need. An "exceptions and appeals" process will be in place to ensure access to non-formulary drugs (non-covered drugs).

Each of the 17 competing plans will offer different options for consumers with regard to the cost of the monthly premium, the cost of the individual drugs, the availability of different drugs, and "enhanced" plans that offer additional benefits beyond the Medicare standard drug coverage. Some plans will have zero deductibles or deductibles lower than Medicare's initial \$250 deductible. The weighted average monthly premium for Illinois PDP plans is \$31.85, slightly below the national average of \$32.20.

Obviously, the cost of each plan affects the range of the formulary (drug list) for that plan, although every formulary must include at least two drugs in each therapeutic category and class of covered Part D drugs: antidepressants, antiretrovirals, antipsychotics, anticonvulsants, antineoplastics and immunosuppressants. Certain categories must contain all or substantially all of the medications in that category.

The purpose of all these competing plans is to give private consumers as much choice as possible to find the most cost effective plan to meet their needs. All of the PDPs will be competing and marketing their plans to Medicare beneficiaries in the coming weeks. The potential for a great deal of confusion, hesitancy and uncertainty among the elderly is paramount. There are numerous sources available to make a conscientious decision. Starting October 15th consumers can access an on-line comparison site that will assist consumers in choosing the PDP best suited to their medication needs.

Thank comparison site can be found at www.cms.hhs.gov/pdps. Within the coming weeks, CMS will be mailing out a new booklet "Medicare & You" describing the new drug benefit program and more information on how to sign up starting November 15th.

Even if you do not take a lot of prescription drugs now, it's still very important to consider enrolling. As we age, most people need prescription drugs to stay healthy. Enrolling now means you pay a lower monthly premium than if you join after the open enrollment period, which ends on May 15, 2006.

Current Medicare beneficiaries who do not sign up by May 15th will face a 1% per month penalty on their monthly premium if they eventually do choose Medicare Part D. For example, if a beneficiary waits ten months after May 15, 2006 to enroll, their monthly premium will be 10% higher. Thus, a beginning premium offered at \$32.20 a month will now be \$35.42 a month. How to Pick the Best Plan for You

- List the medications you take and the dosage
- List what you currently pay for your prescription drugs
- List the name, address and phone number for the pharmacies you are using
- Talk to your family members, health care providers or pharmacist about choosing the best plan for you
- Keep all of your information in one place so you can sign up for coverage beginning November 15th.

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Oak Lawn Chapter Of Aglow s A Back To School Thanksgiving

The Oak Lawn Chapter of Aglow International will meet on Thursday, Nov. 10th at Mama Luigi's Restaurant, 7500 S. Harlem Ave.

Do you remember being in school and being given a homework assignment to write down what you were grateful for? If you do, here's your chance to relive your childhood. If you don't remember, come see what you might have missed.

Last year a skit was presented in celebration of Thanksgiving. It was met with enthusiasm and a request to "do it again."

This year, you will have the opportunity to be onlookers or participants in a classroom setting complete with teacher, dunce chair, students, and much "riff raff."

Bring a friend for an evening of laughter and relaxation.

Dinner tickets are \$13, available at 6:30 at the door. Dinner is served promptly at 7 p.m. Reservations are required by Nov. 7th.

For additional information and reservations, call June at (708) 424-1656.

Oak Lawn Man Critically Injured Working On Reagan Tollway

Michael Pironti, 55 of Oak Lawn was critically injured Tuesday, Oct. 25th while he was painting markings in the east-bound lane of the Ronald Reagan Memorial tollway. According to the Illinois State Police, a car struck him just before 9 p.m. as he was said to have been standing in the painted area between the merging lane and the tollway.

A 24 year-old Chicago motorist was being held for the incident. Authorities are considering whether or not they should file criminal charges against the driver. A driver can face felony charges for seriously injuring or killing a construction worker in work zones. According to the State Police, there will be an investigation on why the accident happened.

Pironti worked for K-Five Construction Corp of Lemont. He was listed in critical condition at Good Samaritan Hospital in Downers Grove on Wednesday, Oct. 26th.

Realtor Winners

Realtor Association of West/South Suburban Chicagoland (RWSSC) has announced its 2005 award winners.

Receiving an award for "distinguished and outstanding service" was Joan Berngen of Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage of Oak Lawn for her role as Shareholder Representative for MLSNI.

She went over and above the call of duty as an extremely dedicated and conscientious member of RWSSC.

Local Student Receives Presidential Award

Christopher Smith of Oak Lawn, a class of 2005 graduate of St. Laurence High School, has been offered a 2005 Presidential Scholarship from Elmhurst College.

Presidential Scholarships are awarded to students based on an outstanding record of achievement during high school, and on the College's judgment that the student has potential to be highly successful at Elmhurst College.

The scholarship represents a very significant reduction in tuition and will continue for four years, provided the awardee maintains an academic average of 3.25 on a 4.0 scale.

In addition, the recipients are invited to be part of the College's Honors Program.

Garden Club Next Meeting

The Oak Lawn Garden Club will hold its next meeting on Thursday, Nov. 17th at 4625 W. 110th St., at 9:30 a.m.

The speaker will be Susan Larkin, who is a horticulturalist and landscaper. Her topic will be "The Perennial Garden." This will be a slide lecture which will show the best perennials for the Chicago area-Zone 5.

Residents of surrounding communities are welcome to attend a meeting as guests.

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Website For Parents & Guardians About Childcare Facilities

In a continued effort to provide Chicago parents with resources for their children, the Department of Chicago and Youth Services and the Chicago Public Schools have developed an informational map-based website to help parents and guardians locate early childcare facilities throughout Chicago — www.earlychildhoodchicago.org.

Through the website, users enter a specific address and a customized map reveals all of the city-supported infant, preschool and toddler programs. Parents, guardians, teachers and others can also use the online website as an informational guide that describes the types of programs offered at each site.

The Department of Children and Youth Services administers federal, state and city funds for more than 300 organizations citywide that provide various programs for children and youth from infancy to age 18. CYS is dedicated to meeting the needs of Chicago's youngest citizens.

Music At Stony Creek

Come to Stony Creek and hear your favorite tunes as well as original work from one of Chicago's newest solo acoustic performers, Diggy K. Beck, on Friday, Nov. 18th from 7:30 to 11 p.m. There is no cover. Come listen to the music and order food and drinks off the menu. The Stony Creek Clubhouse is at 5850 W. 103rd St.
For more information, call (708) 857-2433.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

- NOVEMBER 11 — Friday — Veteran's Day Ceremony, Patterson Park, 87th and Pulaski Rd., 6 p.m.; Drop-Off for Non-Perishable Items for Overseas Troops, 1 to 3 p.m. at VFW 9773, 9092 Main St., Hometown, Open House, VFW and Ladies Aux. 9773, 9092 Main St.
- NOVEMBER 12 — Saturday — Two Penny Social, Oak Lawn Community Church Presbyterian, 9000 Ridgeland Ave., 5 p.m.
- NOVEMBER 12 — Saturday — Craft Fair, Trinity Lutheran Church, 9701 Brandt Ave., 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- NOVEMBER 14 — Monday — AARP Meeting, VFW Hall, 9514 52nd Ave., 1 p.m.
- NOVEMBER 14 — Monday — OL Park Board Meeting, 4625 W. 110th St., 7:30 p.m.
- NOVEMBER 14 — Monday — Business Development Commission Meeting, 9446 S. Raymond, 7:30 p.m.
- NOVEMBER 15 — Tuesday — OL Library Board Meeting, 94th & Raymond, 7 p.m.
- NOVEMBER 15 — Tuesday — Environmental Concerns Meeting, 9446 S. Raymond, 7:30 p.m.
- NOVEMBER 15 — Tuesday — Special Events Committee Meeting, 9446 S. Raymond, 7:30 p.m.
- NOVEMBER 15 — Tuesday — Community Mental Health Board, 9401 S. 53rd Ct., 8 p.m.
- NOVEMBER 15 — Tuesday — Human Services Board, 9446 S. Raymond, 8 p.m.
- NOVEMBER 16 — Wednesday — Oak Lawn Community High School District 229 Board Meeting, 9400 Southwest Highway, Board Room, 119, 7:30 p.m.
- NOVEMBER 17 — Thursday — Public Works Meeting, 9446 S. Raymond, 7:30 p.m.
- NOVEMBER 17 — Thursday — Athletic Club Meeting, VFW Hall, 9514 S. 52nd Ave., 8 p.m.

Strike Ends

Everybody's happy! Chicago Ridge School District 1277 has resumed its school year as of Monday after a strike had left 1,300 children, 88 teachers and 3 schools inactive for one week.

Parents of students are no longer scrambling to make temporary child care arrangements; the kids are no longer falling behind in their education; and the teachers have had removed from them a feeling that their time was not appreciated.

The District and Chicago Ridge Education Association negotiated through two marathon meetings totaling 14 hours before reaching agreement. The teachers' new contract provides for a 21 percent salary hike over the next four years, as well as an extended school day whereby 30 minutes of "instructional time" will be added to each school day. The extra half hour will go into effect at the beginning of the next school year.

As for the seven days missed, this agreement provided for four of those days to be made up.

Two Penny Social

The Oak Lawn Community Church, 9000 S. Ridgeland Ave. will hold a Two Penny Social, Nov. 12th, at 5 p.m. Drawings begin at 6 p.m.

There will be hundreds of gifts to be raffled. There will also be a 50/50 Split the Pot. Food and bakery items will be available.



Students Commended

Mackenzle Mesco, Fida Abulsneineh, Melanie Roon, and Hannah Kolb (left to right), all seniors from Richards High School in Oak Lawn, have been named Commended Students in the 2005 National Merit Scholarship Corporation Program.

To qualify for the Commended Student award, they scored in the top five percent of the more than 1,000,000 high school students who took the Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test last spring.

St. Xavier University Offers Class

St. Xavier University has partnered with the Chicago Public Schools to offer an honors algebra class to gifted 7th graders in its public schools.

Michael Hardy, assistant professor and director of the Mathematics Education Program at SXU, set up the class to teach 9th grade honors level algebra to mathematically gifted 7th graders after being contacted in the summer by the Office of Academic Enhancement for the Chicago Public Schools. While Hardy set up the class and the curriculum, the Chicago Public Schools provided textbooks and calculators for the class and is funding the program.

The 20 students attend the class every Friday morning from area Chicago public schools including Addams, Ariel, Caldwell, Cullen, Earhart, Finkl, Grimes, Hale, Hoyne, Lee, Peck, Pershing, Sawyer, Seward, Sutherland & Woodson. The class will continue to meet weekly throughout the school year.

To participate in the program, the students

had to score at or above the 95th percentile in mathematics on the SAT (Scholastic Aptitude Test). The students and their parents or guardians are responsible for transporting them to and from SXU, and students are expected to make up any class work and homework they miss as a result of participating in the algebra course.

The Chicago Public Schools system has had similar gifted programs at area universities for many years, but this is the first such partnership with SXU, which is located in Chicago's Mt. Greenwood neighborhood.

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Illinois Mathematics Science Academy® Invites Students And Parents To Visit Its Campus

The Illinois Mathematics and Science Academy® (IMSA) will host two types of campus visitation opportunities this academic year.

IMSA Preview Days are an opportunity for students and their parents and teachers interested in learning more about the Academy's academic and residential life programs. Take a student-led tour of campus, speak with faculty and sit in on a mock class, and meet IMSA residential staff, parents and alumni. Get a first-hand look at what the programs are about. IMSA Preview Days will run from 10:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday Nov. 12 and Sunday, Jan. 29.

No advance reservations are needed for IMSA Preview Days. These are informal events. Participants should arrive by 10:30 a.m. to take advantage of all offerings.

The Academy will open its doors to prospective students and parents one Saturday of most months now through May 2006 to provide information about its residential educational program.

During the sessions, called Saturday 2-Hour Tours at IMSA, Admissions staff will be available to answer questions about the admissions process and provide information about IMSA's academic and residential programs. Student-led tours also will be available.

Advance reservations are required and space is limited. RSVP for a morning, 10 a.m. to noon, or an afternoon, noon to 2 p.m.; session. Call the IMSA Office of Admissions at (630) 907-5028 or (800) 500-IMSA to schedule a visit.

Veto Keeps Gun Laws Intact

Governor Rod R. Blagojevich applauded members of the Illinois House of Representatives for upholding his veto of legislation on Nov. 2nd that would have weakened gun restrictions across the state. The governor's veto of Senate Bill 2104 allows Illinois municipalities to continue regulating their own gun transport laws. Many cities across Illinois, including Chicago, have stricter firearm laws to keep their communities safe by enforcing laws that they deem appropriate. The Governor's veto, and the House's action on Nov. 3rd, keeps those laws intact.

Senate Bill 2104 is one of three gun bills backed by the National Rifle Association (NRA) that the Governor vetoed following the 2005 legislative session. The other two bills would have weakened protections designed to prevent criminals from purchasing guns, and destroyed the firearm purchase database.

Governor Blagojevich vetoed Senate Bill 57, which tied the gun show loophole legislation designed to keep guns out of the hands of criminals together with a bill that would mandate the destruction of all records of attempts to purchase guns. Governor Blagojevich signed Senate Bill 1333 earlier this year, which closed the gun show loophole without endangering law enforcement personnel and tying the hands of prosecutors.

The Governor also vetoed HB 340 this summer because it would have eliminated the waiting-period for gun owners trading in firearms, allowing an individual to trade-in a hunting rifle or small caliber handgun for a military-style assault weapon without delay.

Program On Trash Can Raiders

"Trash Can Tricksters," an all-age family program sponsored by the Forest Preserve District of Will County, will be Sunday, Nov. 20, 1 p.m. at Plum Creek Nature Center in Beecher. This program is free of charge but requires registration by Nov. 19.

Having problems with those pesky raiders of your trash can? Have you identified the culprits? Most likely, you have been visited by a raccoon, opossum, or skunk - or perhaps all three! This program takes a look at these three garbage bandits. Participants will learn who they are, why they like that tasty trash, and what one can do to keep them out. Participants may even find themselves starting to like this trio of tricksters. Crafts and snacks will follow.

Plum Creek Nature Center is located in Goodenow Grove Forest Preserve, 1.25 miles east of the intersection of Routes 1 and 394 on Goodenow Road, south of Crete.

For information and registration, call (815) 727-8700, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Animal Eating Plants

"Plants That Eat Animals," a free, all-age family program sponsored by the Forest Preserve District of Will County, will be on Saturday, Dec. 3rd at 2 p.m. at Plum Creek Nature Center in Beecher.

Bzzz...crunch! Some of the most amazing plants are those that eat animals. Come to this family program for an amazing journey into the life of a carnivorous plant and learn about the many varieties that thrive throughout the world.

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The most sweeping changes to the Medicare Program since its inception in the 1960's will occur this year with the introduction of Medicare PART D.

Medicare has always covered hospital stays, skilled nursing facilities, and doctors' visits. Beginning January 1, 2006, it will also cover drugs. This benefit will provide reliable, affordable, guaranteed access to the medications needed most by those eligible to enroll. Anyone on Medicare, regardless of income or resources can enroll.

On average, seniors can expect to save up to 50% on their total drug costs, even after paying their monthly premiums and co-payments. For those seniors meeting the guidelines established by the federal government for limited income and resources (less than \$14,355 a year for individuals and \$19,245 a year for couples) extra help is available through the State "No Senior Left Behind" program. Of the insurance companies offering drug coverage in Illinois, twelve will have prescription drug plans available with no premium to beneficiaries who qualify for that extra help. To receive the reduced expense, individuals need to apply at their Social Security office or request an application by calling 1-800-772-1213.

In Illinois, Medicare recipients will be able to get prescription drug coverage on January 1st through their choice of either a newly approved, stand-alone prescription drug plan (PDP) that works with traditional Medicare, or a Medicare Advantage plan (Managed Care) that offers drug coverage and other benefits.

Consumers can choose from seventeen (17) Prescription Drug Plans (PDPs) operating in Illinois. The enrollment period will extend from November 15, 2005 until May 15, 2006. All Medicare prescription drug plans will provide at least a standard level of coverage to all enrollees. These plans will differ in terms of their formularies (lists of covered drugs) and CMS (Medicare) will require plans to cover a range of drugs in the most commonly prescribed classes to make sure that people with different medical conditions can get the treatment they need. An "exceptions and appeals" process will be in place to ensure access to non-formulary drugs (non-covered drugs).

Each of the 17 competing plans will offer different options for consumers with regard to the cost of the monthly premium, the cost of the individual drugs, the availability of different drugs, and "enhanced" plans that offer additional benefits beyond the Medicare standard drug coverage. Some plans will have zero deductibles or deductibles lower than Medicare's initial \$250 deductible.

The weighted average monthly premium for Illinois PDP plans is \$31.85, slightly below the national average of \$32.20.

Obviously, the cost of each plan affects the range of the formulary (drug list) for that plan, although every formulary must include at least two drugs in each therapeutic category and class of covered Part D drugs: antidepressants, antiretrovirals, antipsychotics, anticonvulsants, antineoplastics and immunosuppressants. Certain categories must contain all or substantially all of the medications in that category.

The purpose of all these competing plans is to give private consumers as much choice as possible to find the most cost effective plan to meet their needs. All of the PDPs will be competing and marketing their plans to Medicare beneficiaries in the coming weeks. The potential for a great deal of confusion, hesitancy and uncertainty among the elderly is paramount. There are numerous sources available to make a conscientious decision. Starting October 15th consumers can access an on-line comparison site that will assist consumers in choosing the PDP best suited to their medication needs.

Thank comparison site can be found at www.cms.hhs.gov/pdps.

Within the coming weeks, CMS will be mailing out a new booklet "Medicare & You" describing the new drug benefit program and more information on how to sign up starting November 15th.

Even if you do not take a lot of prescription drugs now, it's still very important to consider enrolling. As we age, most people need prescription drugs to stay healthy. Enrolling now means you pay a lower monthly premium than if you join after the open enrollment period, which ends on May 15, 2006.

Current Medicare beneficiaries who do not sign up by May 15th will face a 1% per month penalty on their monthly premium if they eventually do choose Medicare Part D. For example, if a beneficiary waits ten months after May 15, 2006 to enroll, their monthly premium will be 10% higher. Thus, a beginning premium offered at \$32.20 a month will now be \$35.42 a month.

How to Pick the Best Plan for You

- List the medications you take and the dosage
- List what you currently pay for your prescription drugs
- List the name, address and phone number for the pharmacies you are using
- Talk to your family members, health care providers or pharmacist about choosing the best plan for you
- Keep all of your information in one place so you can sign up for coverage beginning November 15th.

At Crestwood Care Centre we are available to help you with reviewing the various plans. Please contact us at (708) 371-0400.

Letter To The Editor:

Why not choose Gonzales for the U.S. Supreme Court? ["Why not choose a Latino?" *Chicago Tribune*, 11/4/05. (None)] But U.S. Atty. Alberto Gonzales?

Because the torture friendly slough who slipped into the Office of U.S. Attorney General should, in all likelihood, be indicted along with a few other Bush louses who condoned (if not sanctioned or at minimum acquiesced in) torture policies at Abu Ghraib Prison, Guantanamo Bay, in the nooks and crannies of Afghanistan and the "black sites" of the CIA. Read yesterday's Trib (11/3/05) - "U.S. policy of 'no torture, no excuses' urged."

Bush, Jr., Cheney, Rumsfeld, Rove, Rice, Gonzales and a few U.S. military generals (for starters) can't all know nothing and about everything and should be impeached and/or indicted, as the law may allow and the facts may reveal, for their suspected crimes against the human race (invasion, torture, mass bombing, home invasion, deception, lying, Plame outing, Halliburton non-bidding...). An International Criminal Court (Bush is not for it for some reason) or perhaps the jury that hears Saddam's Case, should review the actions of American leaders regarding torture and nominate accordingly.

This is one American angered by torture and human rights violations regardless of who is doing the abusing or who is being abused. This conduct is not emanating from the America I know and believe in.

Why not Attila The Hun for U.S. Supreme Court justice? He has experience, knows how to extract the truth, and rules accordingly with dispatch. And he's not a liberal.

s/s James E. Gierach
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Friend Of MADD Award

The Illinois Dept. of Transportation (IDOT) has been singled out by the Illinois chapter of Mothers Against Driving Drunk (MADD) for its annual "Friend of MADD" Award. MADD Illinois chose IDOT's Division of Traffic Safety, citing the close cooperation that has enabled the anti-impaired driving group to get its message out more effectively.

Susan McKinney, executive director of MADD Illinois, said the agency earned the accolade through its pro-active efforts to increase the level of cooperation and coordination with MADD.

McKinney added that this close working relationship was highlighted at the State Fair in August, when the two organizations shared space inside the Traffic Safety Division's booth.

"For the first time, MADD Illinois was significantly displayed at the State Fair and we had more visitors who received valuable information and heard our message of 'Don't Drink and Drive!' than ever before," McKinney said. "We appreciate the support of the Division and hope this is only the beginning of a long, cooperative relationship."



Moraine Valley Opens New Entrance

With the help from a host of dignitaries, Moraine Valley dedicated its new main entrance Oct. 21 off of 111th Street, and established a new address, 9000 W. College Pkwy. Helping in the ribbon cutting from left are Jerry Cibulka, Teng and Associates; State Senator Edward Maloney; Dave Yendell, Teng and Associates; Board of Trustee Member Maureen Ryan; State Senator Maggie Crotty; Joseph Murphy, board secretary; Dr. Vernon O. Crawley, college president; State Representative Kevin Joyce; State Senator Louis Viverito; Sandra Wagner, board chairman; Patricia Roach, board vice chairman; Tim Krum, Thelen Sand and Gravel (behind Roach); Palos Hills Mayor Gerald Bennett; and Jeff Russell, Thelen Sand and Gravel.

Observe Organ Donor Sabbath

St. Michael's, one of the largest parishes in the south suburban area, will participate next weekend of the annual Organ Donor Sabbath. The church is located at 143rd and Highland Ave. in Orland Park.

On hand to answer questions about organ donation will be the John J. Gill family. John's wife Joan was on dialysis for 10 years waiting for a kidney. In 1979 she finally received a kidney from a 42-year-old man who died of a brain aneurysm. She had her kidney for 15 years and died in 2003 of a heart attack. Her transplanted kidney had continued to function right to the end.

Two of Gill's daughters will be there to tell of their kidney transplant. Janice Gill of Orland Park received a kidney transplant in 1995. The Gill family calls her transplant a miracle because she received the transplant one day before her first dialysis treatment. The kidney came from a 12-year-old girl who died from a fall. Yet that family was able to think of helping others despite the tremendous grief that happens to anyone who has lost a child.

The Gills' middle daughter, Jo Ann Villanueva of Oak Forest, received a kidney from her older sister, Suzanne Ruff of Eden Prairie, Minn., on Oct. 19th last year. Other recipients and donor families will assist in answering any questions after each mass. Masses are on Saturday, Nov. 12th at 4:30 and 6 p.m. and Sunday, Nov. 13th at 7:30, 9, 10:30 and 12:30 p.m.

"With more than 83,000 Americans waiting for lifesaving organ transplants and thousands more waiting for life-enhancing tissue or cornea transplants, we must all participate in this celebration of life and hope," Cardinal Francis George announced in a letter to all Chicago Archdiocese parishes recently. In his letter the Cardinal reminds the Archdiocese's 2.5 million Catholics of the Church's teachings and statements of support for organ donation and transplantation.

Each year, National Donor Sabbath is observed two weekends before Thanksgiving. The weekend is a time for leaders of all religions to reach out to their congregates with the message that giving life to others through organ and tissue donation is a noble and selfless act that coincides with – and supports – their religious beliefs. The scheduling prior to Thanksgiving is important because so many families are together for the holiday. It is a good time for a family discussion about organ donation.

While a new law of "presume donation" will go into effect on Jan. 1st, 2006, in the event of a loved one's death, it is always helpful that a family knows that a person wishes to be a donor.

National Donor Sabbath is also a time for congregations to remember families who suffered the loss of a loved one, and yet gave the greatest gift of all, the gift of life. Thoughts and prayers also focus on the thousands of men, women and children who continue to wait desperately for needed organs and tissues to save or improve their lives.

Nearly all faith traditions in the United States – from Buddhism to Judaism to the Wesleyan Church – support donation and transplantation as one of the highest expressions of human compassion and generosity. Yet, according to officials with Gift of Hope Organ & Tissue Donor Network, many families mistakenly believe donation is against their religious beliefs and choose not to donate for that reason.

NARFE Meeting

The National Active and Retired Federal Employees Assn. (NARFE) Southwest Chicago Metro Chapter 1106, will hold its next meeting on Wednesday, Nov. 16th at 10 a.m. The meeting will take place in the Oak Lawn Municipal Building, 9446 S. Raymond Ave. (5300 west).

NARFE accepts all current federal employees, federal retirees, their spouses and survivors into membership. The chapter covers the southwest side of Chicago and many of the suburbs north and south of I-55.

At the meeting members are given the latest updates on legislation that affects the federal employee and retiree community. There usually is a guest speaker as well.

For more information, come to the meeting or call president John Altar at (708) 458-4990 or secretary Cathy Siciliano at (708) 599-1601.

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IDOT Seeks Young Artists With A Vision For Safety

Illinois Dept. of Transportation (IDOT) Secretary Timothy W. Martin announced recently an opportunity for Illinois students to put their creative art skills to the test. Children in kindergarten through sixth grade are invited to participate in the first-ever Illinois Work Zone Safety Calendar Contest, with the chance to compete in the National Work Zone Calendar Contest.

In an effort to educate students on the importance of safe driving in work zones, Illinois School Board of Education (ISBE) and IDOT have joined together with the American Traffic Safety Services Assn. (ATSSA) to coordinate the statewide calendar contest. The contest will promote work zone safety by introducing children at an early age to safe driving techniques. The idea is to instill a lifelong awareness of work zone hazards and foster safe driving behavior in the future.

Working with the American Traffic Safety Services Foundation (ATSSF), ATSSA and the ISBE, schools across Illinois holding the drawing contest will send the finalists to IDOT. Students are vying for the chance to win savings bonds, trophies and the opportunity to be featured in the 2006-07 Illinois Work Zone Safety Calendar.

There are two age divisions for this contest: Kindergarten through third grade, and fourth through sixth grade. Each school will choose the top two entries from each age group and submit them to IDOT for the state contest. Through on-line judging and celebrity panel judges, the top three entries from each age group will be chosen and will qualify for the national calendar contest.

Along with the top six contestant winners, 10 additional contestants will be chosen to have their entries displayed in a 16-month Illinois Work Zone Safety Calendar, which will be distributed to the public through community events throughout Illinois.

The top 16 winners will be invited to an awards luncheon in February where they will receive their prizes. The top six Illinois works of art will advance to judging at the national level and vie for a spot in ATSSA's work zone safety calendar.

IDOT sent contest packets to nearly 3,000 superintendents and schools statewide with information on the contest. Each school is asked to send in two entries from each age group to IDOT's Springfield Headquarters. Students can submit their drawings to their teachers. All entries are due by Dec. 1st. Beginning Dec. 12th, all entries will be on the IDOT web site for the public to vote online and choose their favorite drawings.

Meth Makers Legislation

Calling it a major victory for law enforcement and communities, Attorney General Lisa Madigan recently hailed the passage of her proposal to ensure that Illinois' restrictions on the sale of ingredients used to make methamphetamine are as tough as or tougher than those of surrounding states. The bill now goes to the governor for his signature.

Such restrictions will help keep Illinois from becoming a favored shopping stop for out-of-state meth makers looking to buy the pseudoephedrine (PSE) or ephedrine needed to make meth. Illinois meth makers also will face significant new barriers in producing their deadly drug because of the increased restrictions on purchasing PSE products.

If signed into law by Gov. Rod Blagojevich, the new restrictions will become effective on Jan. 15th, 2006. The legislation was proposed by State Rep. John Bradley and State Sen. William Haine. As part of her effort to research and draft this bill, Madigan held three law enforcement summits across the state. She also testified before both the House and Senate Judiciary Committees in support of the bill.

The legislation, Senate Bill 273, the Methamphetamine Precursor Control Act, is similar to a law that took effect in Iowa on May 21st, 2005. The bill makes PSE and ephedrine "schedule V controlled substances" – meaning they must be kept behind pharmacy counters. It requires that all single and multi-active ingredient products, tablets, liquids and gel caps be placed behind the counter. Although customers wishing to purchase such products do not need a prescription, they must display a photo ID and sign a log.

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Identity Theft On-Line Is Rampant

The convenience of shopping on the Internet has a dark side: for those who pay by credit card, identity theft is on the rise.

There have been massive security breaches in recent months. In one instance, hackers obtained the credit card and debit account data of hundreds of thousands of card holders. The cost to banks and credit companies has topped \$1.2 billion, and those costs are ultimately passed along to consumers.

If you suspect that someone has stolen your personal information and is using it to commit fraud or theft, there are three basic steps you should take:

Contact the fraud departments of the major credit bureaus - Experian, Equifax and TransUnion. Tell them that you believe you're a victim of identity theft and request that a "fraud alert" be placed in your file, as well as a statement asking that creditors call you before opening any new charge accounts.

Review their records carefully to make sure that no new accounts have been opened in your name. You should also check the section of your report that lists "inquiries." If any "inquiries" appear from the entity that opened the account, you can request that these be removed from your report.

After a few months, order a copy of your report to ensure that no new fraudulent activity has taken place.

Contact any creditors where the identity thieves opened or tampered with your accounts. Your creditors may run the gamut from credit card companies to utilities to banks and lenders. According to the law, consumers must notify their credit card companies in writing about the theft. It is important to immediately close the account under your name and open a new one with a personal identification number (PIN) and password.

File a report with the local police. Follow up by getting a copy of the police report in case a creditor needs proof of the crime.

Prepare For Winter

Concerns about rising energy costs this winter have prompted lawmakers in Springfield to pass a proposal to assist families and business as they prepare for the winter months ahead. House Bill 466 is co-sponsored by State Senator Ed Maloney (D - Chicago).

Under the terms of the proposal:

- * The Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) is expanded by providing an additional \$9.2 million for low income energy assistance helping some 18,000 additional families. Those funds - already in the state's budget - would have remained in the state's General Revenue Fund without this legislation.

- * A state sales tax holiday is created from January 1 to January 31st for energy-efficient products and home weatherization products used on homes and other residential structures. During this period, the sales tax will be reduced from 6.25% to 1%. Eligible for the sales tax holiday are items carrying the Energy Star logo, such as windows, doors, skylights, insulation, roof products, residential lamps and lights, transformers compact fluorescent light bulbs, energy saving light bulbs, programmable thermostats, ceiling fans, water heaters, heating and cooling equipment, and appliances.

- * A Power for Jobs income tax credit is created that will allow the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity (DCEO) to provide energy assistance to businesses creating or retaining jobs in Illinois, by giving them a tax credit for up to 10 percent of their energy costs.

House Bill 466 passed the Senate on Nov. 3 by a unanimous 59-0 vote.

Reject Nominee

On Nov. 3rd, in a vote of 28-22, the Illinois Senate rejected the nomination of consumer advocate Martin Cohen as chairman of the Illinois Commerce Commission. This move was sparked as a result of intense lobbying efforts from major utilities such as Commonwealth Edison to block the governor's appointment.

"It is a sad day when our elected officials cave to the intense lobbying efforts and financial influence of special interests at the expense of the consumers that they serve," said Rev. James Demus, co-director of MAADD. "ComEd clearly crossed the line when it ran an underhanded aggressive campaign in the press and at the legislature to tarnish the character of a man that is nothing but a fair-minded individual. ComEd's true colors show that it will do whatever it takes to manipulate the system in its favor and everyone who supported the utility's manufactured witch hunt should be ashamed of themselves."

Earlier this year, the media exposed potential unethical conduct and improprieties by certain commissioners at the Illinois Commerce Commission in regards to improper relationships with People's Gas and other utilities that they regulate. As a result, Gov. Blagojevich took action by removing ICC Chairman Ed Hurley and encouraging the resignation of Commissioner Erin O'Connell-Diaz - both of whom had a track record of supporting the large utilities.

"We encourage the governor to stand his ground on his commitment to appointing an ICC chairman that is committed to the interests of consumers," said Demus. "Moving forward we urge the governor to appoint former Sen. Pat Welch or William McNary of Citizen's Action to be the new Chairman of the ICC. Further, we ask the governor to appoint Martin Cohen as the Executive Director of the ICC - a position that does not need Senate confirmation."

SCORE Workshop

Attend a half-day workshop on Tuesday, Nov. 15th from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., offered by SCORE, Counselors to America's Small Business. Learn to protect yourself and your business from potential damage and lawsuits. You will also learn the basics of record keeping, federal, state and local taxes. The workshop is one required for a SCORE Completion Certificate, helpful when seeking a loan. Attendees should be in business or planning to start a business.

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All Points Southwest

By THOMAS E. GAVIN

State Treasurer Judy Baar Topinka looks like a woman on a mission. The popular incumbent kept the Illinois State Republican Party in limbo these past few months as she pondered whether to seek a fourth term as treasurer or run for the governor's office in the March 21st Republican primary. With the filing deadline for candidate petitions for the March primary only a few weeks away, Topinka has finally concluded that she might best serve the citizens of Illinois by running for governor, according to knowledgeable Republican insiders. Her formal announcement should come in a matter of days.

Topinka is expected to be the sixth candidate seeking the nod as the GOP representative for governor in the primary this spring. She joins businessman Jim Oberweis, State Senators Steve Raushenberger and Bill Brady, DuPage County State's Attorney Joseph Birkett and businessman Ron Gidwitz as erstwhile candidates for the largest Republican prize in state politics. Don't be surprised if some of the men mentioned above re-think their potential elect ability with Topinka now in the field. A possible switch from the governor's race to different statewide offices is a strong possibility. We'll keep you informed.

The offices of U.S. Senators Dick Durbin (D-IL) and Barack Obama (D-IL) have announced that Illinois will receive more than \$214 million in funding for transportation and housing projects in the Fiscal Year 2006 U.S. Department of Transportation, Treasury, Housing and Urban Development, and Independent Agencies Appropriations bill, which was recently approved by the Senate.

The legislation includes \$50 million for the construction of a new federal courthouse in Rockford and more than \$45 million to reconstruct the Douglas Line of the Chicago Transit Authority's Blue Line. Additionally, \$40 million was included to expand the CTA's Ravenswood Brown Line, \$42 million to expand Metra (including the southwest corridor); \$10 million for bus replacement and bus facilities; and \$4 million for the Normal Transportation Center among the projects.

The bill now goes to a Senate-House conference committee.

On Nov. 1st in recognition of November as Diabetes Awareness Month, Governor Rod Blagojevich and Illinois Department of Human Services (IDHS) Secretary Carol L. Adams, Ph.D., announced the Foot Care Aware and Eye Care Aware programs. Both programs provide free exams for eligible persons with diabetes.

In Illinois, more than 567,000 adults, age 18 and older, have been diagnosed with diabetes. An estimated additional 3 million Illinoisans are at increased risk for developing diabetes due to age, obesity and sedentary lifestyles. Diabetes can affect many parts of the body and can lead to serious complications such as blindness, kidney damage, and lower-limb amputations.

People with diabetes and health care professionals may contact the Department's Help Me Grow Help Line 1-800-323-4769 for names and phone numbers of participating local podiatrists and eye care professionals to make appointments. When calling the local podiatrist office, diabetics should state that they have diabetes and wish to schedule a free foot exam as part of the Foot Care Aware Program. When scheduling an eye appointment, individuals with diabetes should state that they are diabetic and are calling to schedule a free eye exam as part of the Eye Care Aware Program.

"Diabetes is a serious and costly disease. We can help improve and even save lives by making Illinoisans aware of the disease and the importance of prevention," said Gov. Blagojevich.

Congressman Dan Lipinski (D-3rd Dist.), in conjunction with State Rep. Kevin Joyce (D-35th Dist.) and Senator Edward Maloney (D-18th Dist.), wishes to invite all interested constituents to a Senior's Fair on Friday, Nov. 18th, from 10 a.m. until 1 p.m. at Mt. Greenwood Park, 3724 W. 111th St. in Chicago. Seniors are encouraged to participate in this event. Learn more about financial planning; receive healthcare updates and participate in blood pressure screenings; listen to presentations on senior safety issues and concerns; and learn more about the Medicare Prescription Drug benefit. Representatives from local police departments, law offices, financial institutions, as well as the Social Security Office, and the Department of Aging will be available to address your concerns and provide information on how to keep communities educated and safe.

For more information call the Congressman's office at (312) 886-0481.

State Senator Christine Radogno (R-41st Dist.) has reported to All Points that the Illinois Senate began the second week of the Fall Veto Session by unanimously voting to override an amendatory veto that would have allowed Governor Blagojevich to siphon revenues from Illinois' Teacher Health Insurance Fund to finance general state operating expenses.

Senator Radogno explained that the legislation, House Bill 3272, provides for the Teachers Health Insurance Security Fund to be placed on the list of state funds from which the Governor is prohibited from withdrawing revenue for general purposes. Radogno said that the bill is intended to protect the integrity of the fund, and was introduced last spring in response to a \$4.5 million sweep of the fund that the Governor authorized in 2004.

"It was extremely important that the General Assembly override the Governor's amendments, and I'm relieved that all of my legislative colleagues voted in favor of the original legislation," said Radogno. "Not only would the amendatory veto have significantly altered the fundamental purpose of the legislation, it would have allowed the Governor to siphon money from the teachers' health insurance fund, as well as every Illinois fund that isn't protected by law."

Radogno said that upholding the initial legislation was particularly important, citing information provided by Jim Bachman, Executive Director of the Illinois Retired Teachers Association (IRTA), who had been informed by the Governor's Office of intentions to sweep an additional \$1.3 million out of the Teachers Health Insurance Security Fund if the Legislature did not override the Governor's amendments.

"Because the Governor's administration was planning to withdraw over one million dollars from the fund, I commend the Illinois Legislature for upholding the original legislation and protecting the future of Illinois' retired teachers," said Radogno.

The League of Women Voters of the Palos-Orland area will sponsor a town meeting on Mental Health Care in the south suburbs on Saturday, Nov. 12th, at St. Coletta's of Illinois, 18350 Crossing Drive in Tinley Park. The meeting will begin at 9:30 a.m. & will include a panel of health care professionals who will give an update on plans to close the Tinley Park Mental Health Center and an overview of what services will remain available in the south suburbs if that facility is closed.

Panel speakers include Illinois Senator Maggie Crotty, member of the Tinley Park Health Center Task Force; Dr. Lorrie Stone from the Illinois Division of Mental Health; Dr. Daniel Winship from the Cook County Bureau of Health Services; Dennis Regnier from Grand Prairie Services; Michael Brady from Metropolitan Family Services and Richard Shaw from U.S. Senator Richard Durbin's office to speak about the mental health needs of area veterans.

The event is open to the public. For more information or directions to the event, contact Karen Switalski at (815) 469-0493 or Doris Wallace at (708) 425-4891.

Secretary of State and State Librarian Jesse White is encouraging Illinois families to make time to read together during the evening of Thursday, Nov. 17th to celebrate the Secretary of State's annual Family Reading Night.

This is the 14th year in which the Secretary of State's office and Illinois State Library have worked with libraries, schools, educational associations, publishers, literacy programs, community organizations and others to sponsor Family Reading Night. White said the target audience for this event is pre-kindergarten to 6th grade children and their families. The theme of this year's Family Reading Night is "Picture the Magic of Reading." The Illinois State Library distributed colorful Family Reading Night posters and bookmarks to several thousand public libraries, school libraries, literacy programs and other agencies to promote and celebrate the event.

"Reading can enrich and enhance all of our lives, and I commend all adults who take the time to regularly read to children," said White.

Charter One Bank Provides \$100,000 To Reduce Shelter Heating Bills

With heating bills set to skyrocket this winter, Charter One Bank announced recently a commitment to help defray this season's heating costs at area homeless shelters. Heating costs are expected to increase as much as 50 to 70 percent this winter, resulting in budget strains on critical programs and services offered to Chicago-area low-income and homeless people.

Charter One Bank presented a lead gift of \$100,000 to four local organizations to assist with their winter heating bills. The four recipient organizations were the YMCA of Metropolitan Chicago-SRO (Single Room Occupancy) program, Lakefront Supportive Housing, Southwest Women Working Together and DuPage P.A.D.S.

"We've all been warned about the expected record-high heating costs this winter. We also know that it's going to take its toll on the poor and the homeless," said Paul Greig, Charter One Bank-Illinois President and CEO. "By partnering with these quality organizations, we know that our donation will help serve those most in need of warmth this winter."

In addition, Charter One is asking the Chicago-area community to help spread the warmth by collecting donations for additional heating assistance in all of its 132 Illinois branches. Donations will be accepted now through Jan. 31st, 2006.

Chicago-area shelters expect to see a significant increase in heating costs this year over last. The latest numbers on homelessness in Chicago are staggering. Latest statistics from the Chicago Coalition for the Homeless and the National Coalition for the Homeless show that there are more than 80,000 homeless in Chicago and that 15,000 people cannot find adequate, permanent housing on any given night.

New Agency To Oversee Juvenile Offenders

Gov. Rod R. Blagojevich applauded members of the Illinois General Assembly for passing legislation creating a new Illinois Dept. of Juvenile Justice. The new department will provide treatment and services including education, vocational, social and emotional services to the state's youngest offenders.

Senate Bill 92, sponsored by Rep. Annazette Collins (D-Chicago) and Sen. John Cullerton (D-Chicago), separates the juvenile justice division from within the Dept. of Corrections and makes it its own agency. The legislation received final approval in the Illinois Senate on Nov. 4th. It was approved in the Illinois House of Representatives on Nov. 3rd.

There are approximately 1,400 juveniles incarcerated within the Illinois Dept. of Corrections (IDOC) and nearly 47 percent of juvenile offenders return to the system. By creating a separate Dept. of Juvenile Justice, young offenders will receive individualized services including educational, vocational, social and emotional that will help enable them to become productive adults. It's expected that the new department will help reduce the number of juvenile offenders that return to the juvenile system.

In addition to the services provided inside of juvenile facilities, the new department will also provide transitional and post-release treatment programs for juveniles, including counseling, mental health, and substance abuse services.

Senate Bill 92 moves eight juvenile facilities and the Dept. of Corrections School District into the new department. The new department is "budget-neutral" meaning its funding, approximately \$125 million, will simply be transferred from IDOC's existing budget.

Illinois joins 39 other states that currently separate their juvenile and adult corrections systems.

WorldCom Settlement

Attorney General Lisa Madigan announced on Nov. 3rd that a settlement has been reached between the Illinois State Board of Investment (ISBI), the State Teachers' Retirement System (STRS), the State Universities' Retirement System (SURS) and nearly all the defendants in complaints brought against numerous banks, Arthur Andersen and the former officers and directors of WorldCom.

Illinois pension funds will receive approximately \$23 million in payments. Nationwide, the defendants are paying more than \$650 million to about 70 different pension funds.

The settlement addresses the sale of WorldCom stocks and bonds to the state pension funds during a four-year period. The complaints allege the banks that underwrote the bonds, Andersen, and the former WorldCom officers and directors made material misrepresentations in their public literature and Securities Exchange Commission (SEC) filings regarding the financial strength of the company to sell more WorldCom bonds to the funds. These misrepresentations constituted securities fraud under the federal securities laws.

The lawsuits were filed in 2002 and followed in accounting scandal at one of the world's largest telecommunications companies in the late 1990s, which ultimately led to WorldCom's collapse and the filing of the largest bankruptcy action in U.S. history.

The settlement covers the common stock losses of the Illinois pension funds, as well as their bond losses for the April 1998, May 2000, December 2000 and May 2001 bond offerings.

The ISBI lost almost \$13 million on the bonds, and will recover just over \$6 million under the settlement. The STRS lost about \$33 million (including nearly \$5 million in stocks), and will recover about \$13 million under the settlement. The SURS lost about \$34 million (including \$28 million in stocks), and will recover about \$4 million under the settlement. In addition, the defendants will pay the funds' legal fees and costs, which amount to another \$2.7 million. These recoveries are substantially more than what will be recovered by pension funds that opted to remain part of the WorldCom class action, which also recently settled.

Most of the settlement funds are being paid by the banks which underwrote the bond offerings, including JP Morgan Chase, Citigroup and Bank of America. A number of other banks provided funds based on their level of involvement in underwriting the issuances. Andersen and the former WorldCom officers and directors contributed a smaller portion. Two defendants who have not yet settled with the funds - Bernard Ebbers and Scott Sullivan - have agreed in principle to a settlement, although the details have not yet been finalized. Any settlement amounts paid by them will come from their own personal assets.

In addition to the money, Citigroup and JP Morgan Chase have agreed to jointly petition the SEC for a rule change that will require greater disclosures on public bond offerings regarding loans made by underwriters to bond issuers and officers of the issuers.

The Illinois funds have received their money from the defendants. The class action members may have to wait up to two years to be paid.



Dr. Hogg Has Gone "High Tech"

Dr. James A. Hogg, a former clinical instructor at the University of Illinois College of Dentistry, has gone "High Tech" in his dental office. He now uses intraoral cameras and digital X-rays (90% less radiation than conventional X-rays) that display the images on computer monitors in each patient operatories. This allows the patient to see their teeth and X-rays magnified on the computer screen. A full examination also includes a non-invasive laser cavity detection system that identifies cavities before they become painful. Lasers are also used to whiten patient's teeth in as little as one hour.

Although all of these innovations are helpful in diagnosing dental problems, Dr. Hogg's main concern is that his patients have a comfortable and pain-free experience in his office. To learn more about his office, visit him at www.drjameshogg.com and register to win a free whitening or a sonicare toothbrush. His office is located at 10232 S. Central Ave., Oak Lawn. Dr. Hogg is a former employee of Blake Lamh Funeral Homes.

Focus Action: Appeals Court 'Declares Parenthood Unconstitutional'

The 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals - already infamous for ruling the Pledge of Allegiance unconstitutional in 2002 - has outdone itself by ruling recently that parents have no right to challenge what their children are taught in public school sex-education classes.

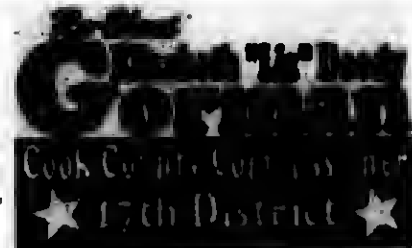
Focus on the Family Action Director of Issues Analysis Carrie Gordon Earll called the decision, in the case of *Fields v. Palmdale School District*, "perhaps the most abhorrent example of judicial tyranny in American history."

"Anyone who wonders why pro-family organizations like ours have been so concerned about activist courts only has to look at this case," Earll said. "The 9th Circuit did more than rule against parents who were upset that their elementary-school-aged children were being asked explicit questions about sex in class. They told all parents they have no right to protest what public schools tell their children."

The exact wording from the ruling: "There is no fundamental right of parents to be the exclusive provider of information regarding sexual matters to their children ... Parents have no due process or privacy right to override the determinations of public schools as to the information to which their children will be exposed while enrolled as students."

"What the court did here is declare parenthood unconstitutional," Earll said. "It's long been the liberal view that it takes a village to raise a child - but never before have the 'villagers' been elevated, as a matter of law, above mothers and fathers."

"Every parent in America should shudder at this decision - liberal or conservative, Democrat or Republican," Earll concluded.



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ENTERTAINMENT NEWS

St. Coletta's To Honor "Mr. Cub" Ernie Banks

The Caritas Society, the official auxiliary of the St. Coletta's of Illinois Foundation, is pleased to announce the 53rd Annual Caritas Benefit "My Kind of Town" to benefit developmentally disabled individuals.

This year, the Caritas Society and St. Coletta's of Illinois Foundation are proud to announce Ernie "Mr. Cub" Banks as the 2005 Humanitas Award honoree for the Old Chicago themed event. The Humanitas Award recognizes an individual at the national or local level who represents, to the greatest extent possible, a role model for society, both in the person's public and private life.

The black-tie benefit will be held at the Cadillac Club in Soldier Field on Nov. 18th. Guests attending will enjoy an evening of cocktails with field access, a cigar bar, dinner, dancing to the Al Solfia Orchestra, and a raffle. Raffle prizes include a customized tour of Tuscany with cooking classes, wine tasting, classes in the Italian culture and language, and more. Raffle tickets are \$50 each or 3 for \$100.

There will be a silent auction, as well as a live auction, which will include a Harley-Davidson XL 883C Sportster Custom cycle, donated by Chi-Town Harley in Orland Park. Sealed bids prior to event can be made by going to <http://www.stcolettail.org/caritas-benefit-sealedbid.htm>.

Also attending this year is special guest Eunice Kennedy Shriver, founder of the Caritas Society.

If you would like to purchase tickets to the Caritas Benefit, call (708) 342-5246.

Jerry Lewis Talks About His Memoir

Entertainment legend Jerry Lewis will discuss and sign his new memoir, *Dean and Me: (A Love Story)*, at the Chicago Public Library. The free program will be held on Wednesday, Nov. 16th at 6 p.m. in the Cindy Pritzker Auditorium, lower level, at the Harold Washington Library Center, 400 S. State St.

Jerry Lewis and Dean Martin made 16 popular movies between nightclub engagements, recording sessions, radio shows and television bookings during their 10-year partnership. This candid memoir examines the tumultuous yet productive relationship that developed between the two, as they became a national sensation.

In *Dean and Me*, Lewis makes a convincing case for Dean Martin as one of the great - and most underrated - comic talents of our era. What comes across in this moving, hilarious, and at times tragic story is the admiration and affection Lewis felt, and still feels, for his partner.

Please note: Mr. Lewis will only sign copies of his book. He will not be signing any other items such as memorabilia.

The Caritas Society was founded in 1952 by Eunice Kennedy Shriver to render support through service and contribution of funds to children and adults with developmental disabilities.

St. Coletta's of Illinois, located in Tinley Park, is a not-for-profit agency providing residential, educational and work opportunities for children and adults with developmental disabilities. St. Coletta's operates the Kennedy School, and the Vocational Training Center, along with 33 residential locations in various communities.

Starved Rock Lodge Offers Mobster Tours

Gangsters, a part of the Starved Rock area? This scenic area of trails, rivers and natural charm was once the scene of bombs, brothels and betting barons. Starved Rock Lodge invites visitors and locals to look back at the unsavory past with Dan Churney, author of *Capone's Cornfields*. Starved Rock Lodge has announced the dates for its "Mobster" Trolley Tours, which will take place from 11 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 12th, 26th and Dec. 10th.

On the Mobster Trolley Tour visitors will be taken for a ride (not a one-way ride!) to sites connected to mob happenings in the Starved Rock area. Answers will be given to questions such as "What mob boss won kudos from the Ottawa City Council?" "What mob madman was born in Streator?" Or "What are the Illinois Valley links to the St. Valentine's Day Massacre?"

Starved Rock Mobster Tours include a picturesque trolley ride, lunch at Starved Rock and wine tasting at the Tasting Room at Cattails. The trolley ride will be hosted by Dan Churney, an Ottawa reporter, who has unearthed more than 30 cases in which organized crime touched on - or clobered - the Starved Rock area, ranging from moonshine to murder. Churney will guide visitors to many sites located in Ottawa and Streator that are listed in his book.

The tours are likely to fill up fast, so call (800) 868-7625, ext. 386, for more information or to make a reservation. The cost for Mobster Tour is \$27 per person including lunch and wine tasting.

Starved Rock Lounge is open year-round, offering lodging, dining and entertainment. For more information on its amenities and activities, check out their web site at www.starvedrocklodge.com.

Noted Harpist/Singer In Concert

With harp and voice, international recording artist Therese Schroeder-Sheker will perform at a concert on Saturday, Nov. 19, at 7 p.m., in McDonough Chapel at Saint Xavier University, 3700 W. 103rd St., Chicago. She will also conduct a one-day workshop on Thursday, Nov. 17, titled, "Music in the Care of the Sick and Dying: Pastoral Care and the Arts," also at Saint Xavier University.

Schroeder-Sheker will perform French, German, Spanish, Sephardic, Irish and Romanian love songs, prayers and lullabies from the late Middle Ages to the 20th Century. Since her debut at Carnegie Hall in 1980, Schroeder-Sheker has played concerts all over the world, has multiple recordings, and has been featured in documentaries for ABC, PBS and NBC. Her career has been distinguished with a gold record, a Christopher, a Gabriel, a shared Emmy, and a first place in the Palm Springs International Film Festival in the documentaries section for a film on the work of music-thanatologists, the field of providing musical comfort using harp and voice at the bedside of patients near the end of life.

She is founder and director of the Chalice of Repose Project, in Mt. Angel, Oregon, the first music-thanatologists school and clinical practice in the country, and artist and clinician in residence at The Catholic University of America in Washington, DC. Her concerts, recordings and more than 100 publications have reached American, European and Asian audiences.

She has been the academic dean of the Chalice of Repose Project School of Music Thanatology for more than a decade, and has delivered plenary and keynote addresses, concerts and medical grand rounds for 125 national and international conferences, universities, medical centers, and centers for performing arts.

The concert is open to the public and revolves around the theme of devotion expressed in several cultures, medieval to modern. Admission is \$10. For more information, call the Pastoral Ministry Institute at 773-298-3900.

In addition, Schroeder-Sheker will conduct a one-day workshop titled "Music in the Care of the Sick and Dying: Pastoral Care and the Arts," from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 17, in the Butler Reception Room at Saint Xavier University. The seminar may be taken for one credit or on a non-credit basis. Cost is \$60. For more information, call the Pastoral Ministry Institute.

The program will employ voice and harp, image and word, case study and story, theory and reflection. Participants will be introduced to the uses of prescriptive music in the work of palliative and pastoral care. Schroeder-Sheker's work has been developed in response to the many levels of grief, loss, physiological pain and interior suffering that can occur throughout the entirety of the human biography, but especially at the end of life.

CLASS REUNIONS

St. Rita High School - Reunion of graduating classes of 1985, 1990, 1995 and 2000 on Friday, Dec. 2nd from 6:30 to 10 p.m. in St. Rita's Dining Hall, 7740 S. Western Ave. RSVP by calling (773) 925-5029.

St. Christopher Alumni Association - looking for all alumni. Visit their web site at www.st.chrisalumni.org.

St. Mary of Czestochowa School Alumni - Dec. 8th Mass at 8 a.m. with Blessing and Rededication in front of school - Brunch in School Hall. Call Mr. Theis at (708) 656-5010 or e-mail elem.stmaryczestochowa@archchicago.org.

Bogan High School class of June 1965 will hold a reunion on Nov. 25th. Call (708) 349-7059.

Bowen High School class of 1974 is looking for classmates. Call (773) 768-3895 or (773) 721-8330.

Mendel High School - "All Year Reunion" honoring the class of 1955 on their 50th anniversary is planned for November. Contact Ron Dubin at RONHAWKS@AOL.COM.

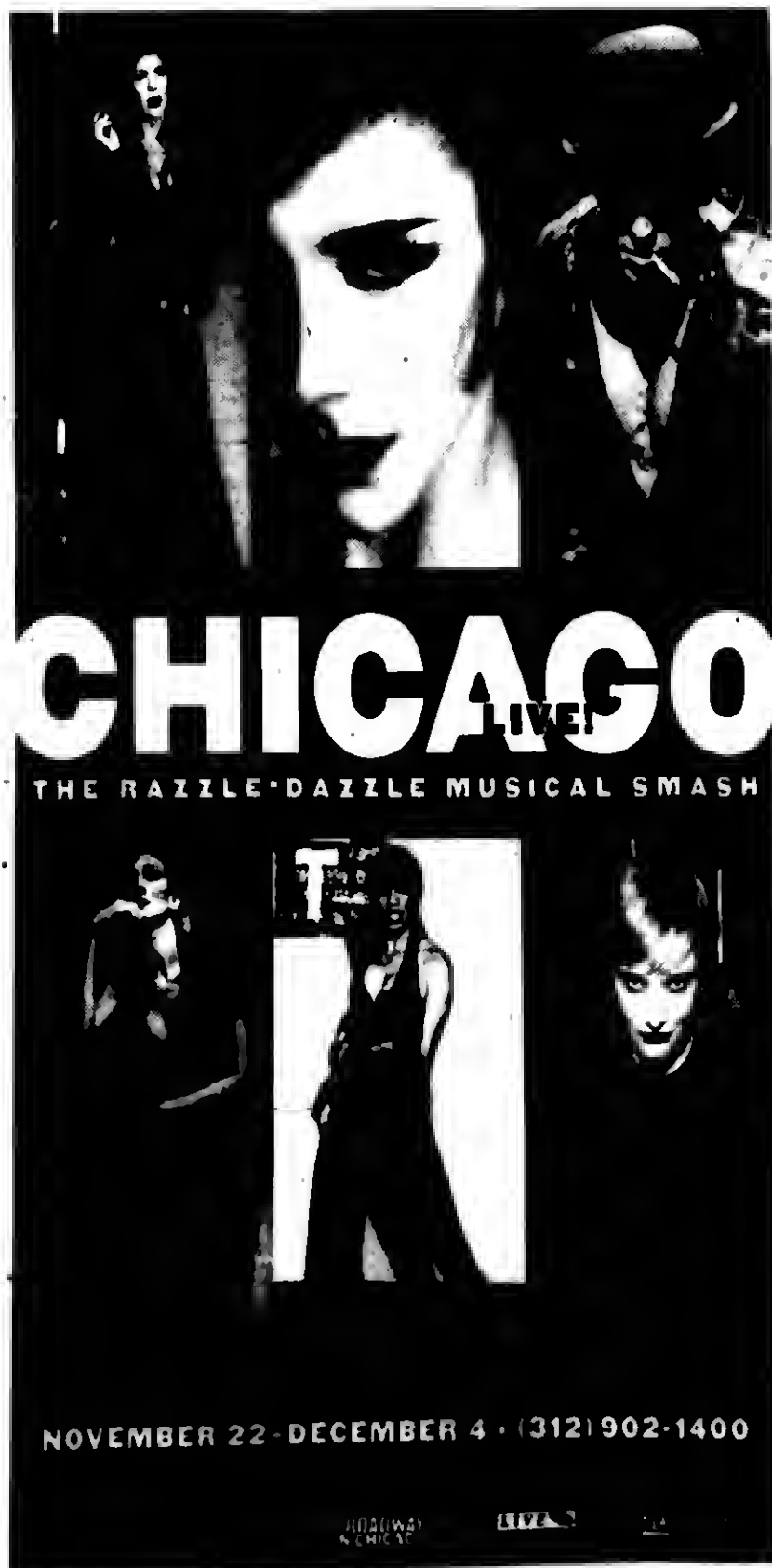
Morton West High School class of 1975 reunion on Nov. 26th at Skylight West Banquets in Berwyn. Call (630) 420-2521.

Hearts Tournament

Come and Shoot the Moon! The Chicago Hearts Players League is having a Hearts Tournament Saturday, Nov. 19, at South Suburban Bridge Club, 591 Williams, Thornton. Play starts at 9 a.m.

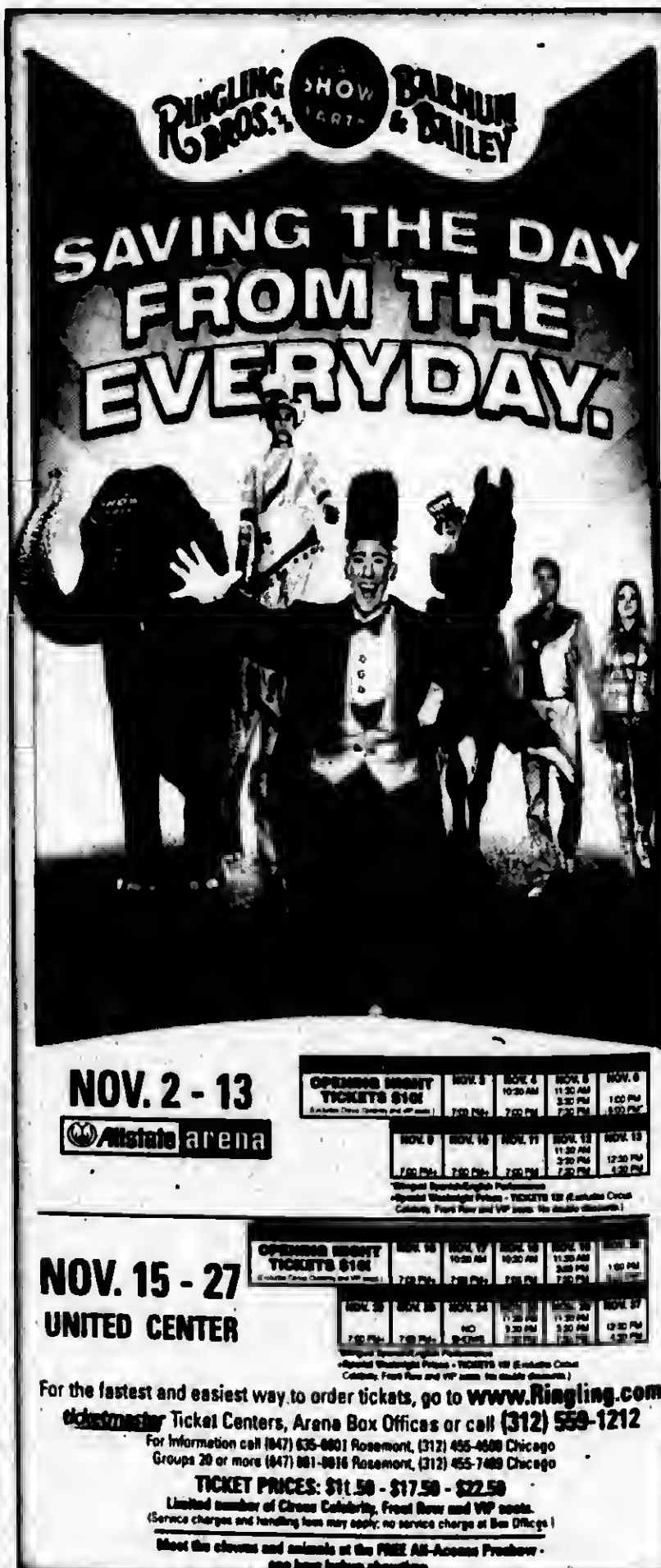
The tournament includes three preliminary games, a semifinal game, and a championship game. Lunch break after preliminary with restaurants available in the area. Trophies awarded to finalists and an optional money pool is also available.

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ENTERTAINMENT NEWS

Lewis University Homecoming

Lewis University will feature several activities including campus tours, alumni reunions, men's and women's basketball matches, a campus bonfire, a Flyer Athletic Hall of Fame presentation, and an alumni awards ceremony during Homecoming 2005, to be held Nov. 14-20. All events will be held on the Lewis main campus on Route 53 in Romeoville, and are free and open to the public, unless otherwise noted.

Homecoming activities will kick off on Monday, Nov. 14, with the Lewis University Gospel Choir's presentation of its Thanksgiving musical at 7 p.m. in Sancta Alberta. A homecoming bonfire and pep rally also is planned that evening, beginning at 9 p.m. between Shell and Fitzpatrick residence halls.

At 9 p.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 15, a "Homecoming Comedy Explosion" will be held in the Student Union Commons, featuring local and nationally known talent.

On Wednesday, Nov. 16, the Lewis men's basketball team will compete against Trinity Christian College at 7:30 p.m. All Homecoming basketball games will be played in the Neil Carey Arena, and admission to each game is \$5 for adults and \$3 for children.

Also on Nov. 16, a student talent show complete with singing, dancing, instrumental performances and poetry will highlight the natural abilities of many Lewis students. The show will begin at 8 p.m. and will be held in the Student Union Commons.

On Thursday, Nov. 17, the University Jazz Band will give a performance at 8 p.m. in the Student Union Commons. Also at 8 p.m. on Nov. 17, the play "The Underpants," written by Carl Sternheim and adapted by Steve Martin, will be featured in the Philip Lynch Theatre. Admission to the play is \$10 for adults and \$9 for seniors and students. For more information or to make reservations, call the box office at (815) 836-5500.

On Friday, Nov. 18, the Lewis women's basketball team will play against Lake Superior State University at 5:30 p.m. A swim meet versus IIT Morningside College will be held at 6 p.m. in the Student Recreation and Fitness Center. At 7:30 p.m., the Lewis men's basketball team will compete against Lake Superior State.

On Saturday, Nov. 19 from 3 to 5 p.m., all alumni and friends of Lewis University can register for a campus tour that leaves every hour from the University Dining Hall. From 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., there also will be opportunities to purchase souvenirs and explore the new look of the University Bookstore located in De La Salle Hall.

Also on Nov. 19, a memorial mass will be held at 4 p.m. in Sancta Alberta Chapel. All alumni, friends and families are invited to attend to remember those individuals who have passed away and to worship as a community.

Later that evening, Lewis will host several reunions and special alumni receptions. At 5 p.m., an all-alumni and faculty/staff champagne reception will be held in the Student Union as an opportunity for visiting alumni to catch up with former classmates and Lewis personnel. Also at 5 p.m., a Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) reunion for the classes of 1980 and 1985 will be celebrated in South Hall. At 5:30 p.m., a 40th class reunion will be held for the classes of 1965 and 1966 in the University Dining Room.

Much Ado About Nothing

The Drama Club at Saint Xavier University will present performances of Shakespeare's classic play *Much Ado About Nothing* on Nov. 11, 12 and 14, at 7:30 p.m. and Nov. 13, at 2 p.m. in McGuire Hall, located in the Warde Academic Center, 3700 W. 103rd St.

The comedy, directed by Saint Xavier students Lisa Lodico and Jennifer Grisolan, is set in Messina, Italy, during the 16th century. The play tells the story of two sets of lovers, Claudio and Hero, played by Chris Corrie and Jennifer Nelson, and Benedick and Beatrice, played by Gary Johnson and Jessica Touhy, and the problems they encounter in their relationships.

The play is open to the public and tickets for the performances can be purchased at the door. Admission is \$5 for the evening performances on Nov. 11, 12 and 14, and \$3 for the matinee performance on Nov. 13. All proceeds from the Nov. 12 show will benefit the victims of Hurricane Katrina.

For more information, please contact Lisa Lodico at llodico@sxu.edu or (773) 298-4155.

Girls Night Out

Christ The King's family and school presents the original *Girls Night Out*! This shop and socialize event will be held on Tuesday, Nov. 22nd at 7p.m., in Christ The King's Gym, 9240 S. Hamilton Ave.

Be sure to bring friends and family to this fabulous shopping spree. Some favorite and well-known vendors will be on hand with their amazing wares as well as some exciting new vendors.

This is your night to get out and have some fun! There is a \$5 admission for pop, coffee and light snacks. There will also be a cash bar for wine and beer. There will be plenty of raffles too.

Lewis also will host two basketball games as part of Saturday's events. The Lewis women's basketball team will play Michigan Tech University at 5:30 p.m. and the Lewis men's basketball team will compete against Michigan Tech beginning at 7:30 p.m. During half-time of the men's basketball game, five of Lewis' most outstanding athletes will be inducted into the Lewis University Athletic Hall of Fame. The 2005 inductees will include: Brian Gibbons '95, men's basketball; Tisha McDonald '96, women's soccer; Sara Van Gorp '01, women's softball; Greg Washburn '67, men's baseball; and Molly Ward '02, women's swimming.

Also at 7:30 p.m. on Nov. 19, soprano Elaine Swearingen of Manhattan, instructor of voice at Lewis University, will present a voice recital entitled "An Evening of Inspirational Music" in Sancta Alberta. A repeat performance of "The Underpants" will be held at 8 p.m. in the Philip Lynch Theatre.

On Sunday, Nov. 20, an Alumni Awards Ceremony will be held at 11:30 a.m. in Sancta Alberta. The event will recognize seven alumni for outstanding professional, personal and civic accomplishments. Honorees will include: James A. LaGrippe '61 of Chicago, Majority Owner of Virtual Learning Systems. LaGrippe will receive the 2005 Lewis University Distinguished Alumni Award; Charles Kehoe '67 of Midlothian, Va., Vice President of Marketing and Communication for G4S Youth Services, LLC; and Edward D. Maloney '68 of Chicago, State Senator (D-Chicago).

Beauty Of Vegetable Gardens

Feast Your Eyes: The Unexpected Beauty Of Vegetable Gardens, a Smithsonian traveling exhibition, will open at the Joliet Area Historical Museum in Joliet on Saturday, Nov. 19th and remain on view through Sunday, Jan. 15th, 2006.

Centuries ago vegetable gardens were the "belles of the floral ball" designed to be productive and pleasing to the eye; artists have painted vegetables, and writers have waxed poetic about them. Over time, vegetables shed their ornamental finery and became hardworking wall-flowers. Today, fashions have changed once again. Vegetable gardens are taking center stage in many American yards, and vegetables proudly strut their stuff in flowerbeds traces this transformation across centuries, continents and cultures.

This colorful exhibition brings together images from the Smithsonian Institution's Archives of American Gardens, as well as images and documents from other sources. Beginning with the "floating gardens" of Montezuma II's Aztec empire, the vegetable gardens of China's Ming dynasty, and the Baroque potager of Louis XIV at Versailles, the exhibit charts the history of vegetables' importance in ornamental gardens. Over the next two-and-a-half centuries, vegetable gardens were placed out of view until World Wars I and II when they took on a renewed importance as war and victory gardens. The exhibition concludes with "vegettes," whimsical tales of vegetables popular today in both public and private gardens, due to their visual interest and appeal.

Kim Shehorn-Martin, educator at the museum, offers special programs for school groups and community groups that relate to the exhibit. For information about educational programming, call (815) 723-5201, ext. 235. The museum gift shop will feature special items in conjunction with the exhibit; call Elaine Stonich, gift shop manager, (815) 723-5201, ext. 226.

"The Underpants"

Lewis University's Philip Lynch Theatre (PLT) will continue its 30th anniversary season with comedian Steve Martin's latest work for the theatre, "The Underpants." Martin adapted and reinvigorated Carl Sternheim's classic 1910 German comedy "Die Hosen" into a hilarious, laugh-out-loud farce. The show's performances are scheduled for Nov. 11th to 13th and Nov. 17th to 20th.

Evening performances begin at 8 p.m. Sunday matinees begin at 2:30 p.m. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$9 for seniors and students. Tickets are \$8 for groups of 15 or more, a savings of more than 10 percent off the original ticket price.

Advance ticket purchases are strongly encouraged. Tickets are non-refundable. For more information, call the box office at (815) 836-5500 or check out the PLT Web site, www.lewisu.edu/plt. The Philip Lynch Theatre is located on the main campus of Lewis University on Route 53 in Romeoville.

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Symphony Center Season Begins

The Chicago Symphony Orchestra recently offered a glimpse of programming plans for its 2006-07 season, offering an advance preview of exciting musical highlights and artistic collaborations to be presented in the upcoming year. Chicago Symphony Orchestra Association President Deborah R. Card shared this news at the Association's 2005 Annual Meeting held on Oct. 19th in Buntrock Hall at Symphony Center.

"The CSO's artistic team has been hard at work, looking to the future and developing concert programming for our upcoming 2006-07 season," said Ms. Card. "We are very excited about the plans made thus far and having this chance to share a substantial preview with you. This time of transition means great opportunity for us. Our 2006-07 season is being thoughtfully constructed in ways that best showcase the strength and talents of our amazing orchestra, while deepening our longstanding relationships with leading solo artists and conductors. We are creating high quality, distinctive programs that will not only thrill audiences, but will also connect with Chicago cultural partners and the community-at-large."

Full details for the Chicago Symphony Orchestra's 2006-07 season, including artists and complete concert programs, will be announced in February 2006. Updates on future touring activities will be provided as information becomes available in coming months.

Ticket information: Subscription packages for the Chicago Symphony Orchestra's 2006-07 season will be available starting in February 2006. Single tickets for all Symphony Center 2006-07 concerts will go on sale in mid-August 2006. For more information, patrons are asked to call PhoneCharge at (312) 294-3000.

Sanctuary Episode

The next episode of "Sanctuary" will air on ABC7 Channel 7 on Sunday, Nov. 13th at 12 noon. This program will feature prominent guests discussing the history and significance of the Catholic Church's landmark document, "Nostra Aetate." The program will reflect on the transformations that the document brought about and will consider how the messages of "Nostra Aetate" can continue to advance understanding and respect between the Catholic and Jewish communities. This autumn commemorates the 40th anniversary of the issuing of "Nostra Aetate" by the second Vatican council.

Special guests on the program will be:

- Rev. John Pawlikowski, Director of the Bernardin Center of the Catholic Theological Union, author of many publications and a leading figure in the Christian-Jewish Dialogue.
- Rabbi Herman Schaalman, who has been an inspiring leader and gifted educator and is currently Rabbi Emeritus at Emanuel Congregation of Chicago.

The program is hosted by Jerry Kaye.

Poco Rocks Beverly Arts Center

Poco rocks the Beverly Arts Center, 2407 W. 111th St., Chicago, with a unique blend of harmonious country and rhythmic rock n' roll; Friday, Nov. 11 at 8 p.m.

Influenced in both country and pop music, Poco paved the way for fellow musical groups ranging from Crosby, Stills & Nash and the Eagles to Loggins & Messina and Fleetwood Mac. Founded in 1968, their innovative country-rock sound was born when they decided to use a steel guitar. Poco is sure to leave audiences reeling.

Tickets to Poco's performance are \$25. For tickets or more information, call (773) 445-3838 or go online to <http://www.beverlyartcenter.org>.

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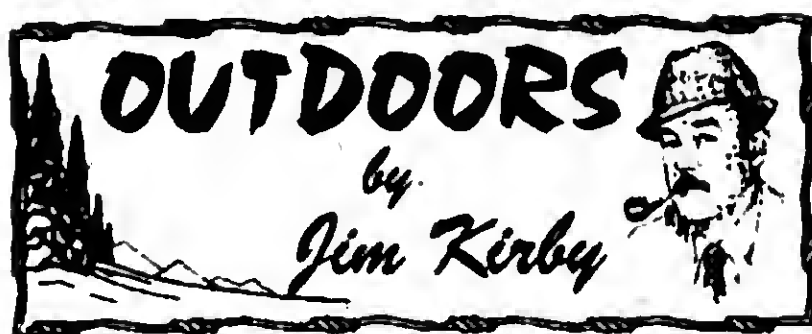
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ASIAN CARP SEEN IN UPPER MISSISSIPPI RIVER: People have spotted three species of Asian carp on the upper Mississippi, and Wisconsin's DNR say that's a cause for concern.

While most have been seen closer to the Illinois River, the carp are now appearing near Wabasha, Minnesota, about 65 air miles southeast of Minneapolis. That's almost two-thirds of the way up into Wisconsin, north of the Illinois state line. Many of the fish are caught by a dam near Keokuk, Iowa, but numerous carp are flying over it.

SEASONS OPENING TODAY: South zone - muskrat, mink, beaver, raccoon, opossum, striped skunk, weasel and badger trapping (closes Jan. 20th); coyote, red and gray fox trapping (closes Jan. 25th); raccoon and opossum hunting opens (closes Feb. 15th); statewide fox hunting (closes Jan. 31st).

Nov. 12th is Canvas back duck opener in the Central Zone, closes on Dec. 11th.

Dove season closes Nov. 13th.

Reminder: Monday, Nov. 14th is the last day to apply for late-winter firearm antlerless-only deer permits in select counties.

MISSOURI BILL TO HELP COMBAT ANTIS: Legislation in Missouri will hinder anti-hunters' efforts to ban outdoor sports via the ballot box.

House Joint Resolution 8, introduced by Rep. Mike Dethrow (R-Alton), will require a two-thirds majority vote to pass initiative proposals dealing with the harvest of birds, fish game, wildlife and forestry. It will make anti-hunters' efforts to ban hunting, fishing or trapping more difficult.

"Bringing wildlife issues before voters has become a popular tactic employed by the anti's," said Rob Sexton, U.S. Sportsman's Alliance vice-president for government affairs. "They want to take the science out of wildlife management and allow the public who can be swayed by emotional issue campaigns, to decide what is best for the state's wildlife resources."

Sending wildlife issues to the ballot ignores the Department of Conservation's management authority and the science on which management is based. Current Missouri law states that these initiatives receive only a majority vote for passage.

Last year the U.S. Sportsman's Alliance played a key role in the defeat of anti-bear hunting initiatives in Maine and Alaska. Both states require a simple majority to pass a ballot issue forcing sportsmen to spend unprecedented amounts of money to get their message out to voters. House Joint Resolution 8 would give sportsmen the upper hand if anti-hunting initiatives arise in Missouri.

THE GLORY OF FALL CAN BE PRESERVED IN PHOTOS: (From the Williamson County Tourism Bureau) All too often, photos of a hunting trip, or vacation, can be a bit boring, showing little or no imagination. With a little advance thought, these photos can become memorable.

*Consider the light needed to take good photos and how different lighting can be used. A tip here is that the light at the end of the day is great for those small game photos. And it does not interfere with quality hunting time.

*Good quality photos can be taken with very inexpensive cameras if one pays attention.

*The view in the viewfinder seems closer than reality. Generally, if one fills the viewfinder with just the subject, the background will take care of itself. It is not necessary to try and compose a photo with a subject and background in perfect harmony, unless you are into scenic photos.

*Photos in the outdoors are often taken under poor light conditions. A flash will keep shadows out of the pictures. Many hunters wear hats when being photographed. The bill of the cap will cast a shadow across the face of the subject. A flash will help erase that shadow and bring out the face.

*Pick your background carefully. It is best to have one that is uncluttered so as not to detract from the subject.

*Do not take photos that are disrespectful of the quarry. Remove all beverage cans, trash or cigarettes from the scene before posing your subject. Avoid taking pictures that show blood or animal guts. Remove any debris that may have become attached to the subject, smooth any ruffled feathers or fur.

*It helps to prepare the person who is the subject of the photo. If he or she is wearing dark clothing, then the addition of a red bandana can add a little color and make the shot more visually interesting. Always have the subject remove any sunglasses or shooting glasses. Ask them to hold the trophy(s) at different angles.

*Take as many pictures from as many angles as possible. Move around the subject.

Cougar Invitational II

Behind solid play from juniors Jessica Buchmeier (Steger, Bloom Trail) and Paige Pedigo (Chicago Ridge, Queen of Peace), the St. Xavier University volleyball team won all four of its matches in its own Cougar Invitational II over the weekend at the Shannon Center in Chicago. The Cougars have won five of their last six matches and sit at 20-18 overall this season.

Buchmeier and Pedigo combined for 29 kills in Saturday's three-game match win over Trinity Christian College (Ill.). Looby had 45 assists and team-high 21 digs in the victory, while sophomore Kate Eckhoff (Grant Park) had six service aces. In St. Xavier's final match of the Invitational, Buchmeier recorded 11 kills and 10 digs, both team-highs, while senior Carrie Mockovak (Burbank, Queen of Peace) turned in nine kills and Looby had 19 assists for the Cougars.

Parents Save Life At Volleyball Match

On Tuesday, Nov. 1st, when Bob Adams was stricken with a heart attack, he couldn't have been in a better place. Adams was sitting in the grandstand, watching his granddaughter, Mother McAuley junior volleyball setter Brittany Cermak as she and her team battled their rival Carl A. Sandburg in a Class AA Sectional semifinal game when he was incapacitated.

Judy O'Brien, a nurse at St. Francis Hospital in Blue Island and McAuley players Ashley and Kim O'Brien's mother, and Eileen Couture, a doctor at Oak Forest Hospital and the mother of a Marist JV player, were on hand to begin cardiopulmonary resuscitation on Adams. According to reports, Adams was turning blue and appeared not to be breathing.

Also present was Brian Corley, a Chicago firefighter who was supporting the Mother McAuley team, who used an automated external defibrillator to help restart Adam's heart.

The incident took place at Eisenhower High School in Blue Island during the game between McAuley and Sandburg.

Adams regained consciousness and was talking to his rescuers before he was taken to St. Francis Hospital for further treatment.

As Adams was being treated, the game continued since no one realized what was happening in the grandstand.

Implant Walleye With Transmitters

On Friday, Nov. 4th, staff from the Forest Preserve District of Cook County's Fisheries and Wildlife Sections and members of the veterinary staff at Brookfield Zoo implanted 12 walleye with transmitters for the purpose of tracking and study over an approximate two-year period. The procedure was performed at the District's McGinnis Field Station, 13700 S. 110th St. in Orland Park.

The fish, inserted with transmitters by zoo staff, will be studied for the purposes of better determining the walleyes' habitat needs and migration patterns in District waters. Data collected through the study will be used to inform fishermen of the walleye's habits and movement and to help further improve the District's heralded Walleye Propagation Program, implemented in 1995.

This is the second time that the District and zoo have worked cooperatively for this endeavor. The same study, performed on fish at southwest Cook County's Tampier Lake and northern Cook County's Skokie Lagoons two years ago, has provided useful information for the District and it is believed that this study will do the same.

The procedure is performed in several stages. Fish are procured by staff at District lakes and transported to the District's McGinnis Field Station. In preparing for the surgical procedure, the fish are sedated and, once the surgery begins, they are out of water for approximately 30 minutes. Zoo staff surgically places the transmitter inside the fish and, when completed, suture the fish's incision. Following completion of the surgery, the fish are tagged and begin a 21-day recovery period.

At the end of the recovery period, the fish will be placed in Busse Lake's Main Lake and its South Pool in Elk Grove Village. By requirements set forth by the United States Food and Drug Administration, fishermen who catch one of these fish should not eat them as they have been exposed to drugs during the surgical process. The fish are easily identified by two tags placed on their bodies: a yellow tag with a numerical designation and a blue tag reading "do not eat." Any fisherman that catches one of these fish should note the weight, length and tag number of the fish, release it back into the water and contact the District's Fisheries Division immediately at (708) 403-6951.

Whitetails Unlimited Media Resource Available

Whitetails Unlimited has a new media resource section on their web site, with stories and information about deer, deer hunting and related information. Media outlets may use the stories, with proper credit to Whitetails Unlimited, or use the stories as a resource for their own research. Also, feel free to contact Whitetails Unlimited for additional information when working on stories about deer, hunting or conservation issues.

The direct URL to the media resource page is: www.whitetailunlimited.com/news/media_resources.

It may also be accessed by going to www.whitetailunlimited.com, clicking on the News button, and then on Media Resources.

Included at this time are stories on: Deer-Car Safety, Hunter Safety, Strange Deer Tales, Calculate Live Weight of Your Deer, A Whitetail Deer Quiz, Late-Season Deer Hunting Tips, Flying with Firearms, The Key Deer, an Endangered Species Success Story, Using GPS Units, Customizing Your First Aid Kit, A Five-part Series on Reloading (three stories, with sidebars on safety and terminology).

More stories and information will be added, so stop back whenever you need information about deer or deer hunting. Some photos are also available on this site.

Sports Valve

By: Brad Allen

Welcome inside the Sports Valve. Leave the world's problems (and the wind) in the background and shut the valve door behind you quickly. Don't let it get drafty in here.

In honor of the Bears decision to wear their predominantly orange alternate uniforms this Sunday, I have put a nice orange coat of paint on the valve walls. Don't touch it. It's still wet.

Professional Sports Valve: The Bears are a young team - still wet behind the ears you might say, but they appear to be in Phase I of building a new winning tradition. That is to say they are at least beating the teams they should beat. Their victims so far this season (Lions, Vikings, Saints and Ravens) have an aggregate winning percentage of .333. That percentage will drop even further after the Bears muck out another win against San Francisco this week - and it is imperative that they do win this "must game."

How can a Week 9 game be described as a must win situation? Well, I'm glad you asked. It's a critical game for this reason: They will most likely need the cushion of a 6-3 record as they enter into the final seven weeks of the season.

Let's break out the sports valve periscope and take a look ahead. After this week, the Bears will host a tough Carolina squad and then travel to Tampa Bay. They will then return to Soldiers Field to face a Green Bay team with something to prove. Next, the Bears hop out of the frying pan and into the fire for a game in Pittsburgh. Afterward, last year's NFC Champion runner-up Atlanta Falcons will try and dig their talons into our beloved Bears.

Therefore, unless the Bears suddenly and spontaneously advance to Phase 2 of their new tradition and demonstrate an ability to beat excellent teams, they will probably go 1-4 during that stretch. Therefore, they will travel to Lambeau Field in Week 15 as a .500 team and try to withstand what might be Favre's last stand.

This will set the stage for a possible showdown in Minnesota to climax the season - and the Vikings are the only other team in the division that still has a pulse and could work their way into striking position over the next month-and-a-half.

Granted, Culpepper is down for the year, but I am of the opinion that Brad Johnson, because of his varied experience through the years, is better able than Culpepper to distribute the ball in a balanced attack that no longer has Randy Moss to turn to anymore. Culpepper had never run a pro offense that didn't feature Moss.

If Minnesota cuts back on their off-the-field shenanigans and focuses on football, they have a chance to be tied with the Bears going into that final game, but not if the Bears keep beating the teams they should beat - namely, the 49'ers this week. A victory virtually guarantees a title in this year's fledgling North Division, and a trip to the playoffs. Go orange!

As for our basketball team, the Bulls 2005-2006 objective is fairly obvious - don't go backwards! They lack the inside presence, offensively and defensively, to move forward. On sheer heart, determination and coaching, they'll make the playoffs again, but again they will have exhausted themselves too much to expect to win a post-season series. However, I do believe that next season will bring the Bulls' first post-Jordan playoff triumphs. Everything falls into place after this season. They have free agent spending money, cap room, a first round draft pick and an ever-improving nucleus of players to build around and they are bound to move forward.

Condolences to the Chicago Fire. For the second time in this year's soccer playoff's, they had a goal stolen away from them in the closing seconds. This time, it resulted in their elimination. However, the southwest suburbs have a lot to be excited about next season as the Fire, an outstanding organization and a perpetual playoff contender, moves to Bridgeview. In the meantime, I'm moving into the amateur section of the sports valve.

Amateur Sports Valve: Congratulations Good luck to the Mother McAuley volleyball team for their come-from-behind victory over Stagg. The Mighty Macs will hope to give Normal Community High School an abnormal thumping in the Class AA quarterfinals this Friday at 5:30 p.m.

Elsewhere in the amateur sports valve, Oak Forest (9-2) will go into battle Saturday at 7 p.m. versus Hubbard (9-2) in the Class 6A State football quarterfinals. At the same time, undefeated Lincoln Way East (11-0) will show up for their showdown against Brother Rice (9-2) in Class 8A action.

Sports Tip Valve: This week's sports tip addresses the psychological aspect of competing. When I coached, I preached a particular mindset to my serious players called "Calm Aggression." Whether you are hitting a baseball, rushing a quarterback or on a fast break in basketball, the imagery is this - feel the aggressive force inside of you like a volcano, but then release it calmly and orderly like a sniper. In other words funnel your frenzy efficiently. A concrete way to practice this seemingly intangible tip is to workout as hard as you can, but instead of churning your teeth and bulging your eyes, maintain an absolutely tranquil expression on your face during all the grinding and sweating. You might even smile as you muscle up that last rep. Ultimately, your opponents won't find it very amusing. You will be an explosive athlete. Exit valve!

Wildlife Action Plan

The Illinois Wildlife Action Plan, the product of a two-year effort by scientists, sportsmen, conservationists and other members of the community to conserve and enhance the state's wildlife, has been accepted by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Illinois Dept. of Natural Resources (IDNR) Director Joel Brunsfold announced recently.

All states and territories agreed to develop a Wildlife Action Plan and submit it to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service by Oct. 1st, 2005 as a condition of accepting State Wildlife Grant Program funding for non-game conservation. Thanks to more than 150 agencies and organizations that assisted in developing the document, the Illinois Wildlife Action Plan is among the first ten to be accepted nationwide.

The Illinois Wildlife Action Plan identifies goals for fish and wildlife conservation, and priority actions to address problems affecting wildlife. A committee of IDNR staff and representatives from The Nature Conservancy, Illinois Audubon Society, the National Wild Turkey Federation and Ducks Unlimited provided oversight of the planning process. The Dept. of Natural Resources has welcomed public participation through workshops and other opportunities to review the draft action plan.

Wildlife-associated recreation generates nearly \$4 billion in economic activity in Illinois each year. Fishing and hunting provide about 40 million days of recreation, with a value of more than \$2.5 billion. Non-consumptive activities, such as bird watching and photography, generate about \$1.3 billion in economic activity and support more than 13,000 jobs.

Midwest Baseball Academy Opens Palos Hills Location

At Midwest Baseball Academy, young players can enjoy a real Spring Training experience without leaving Illinois.

Midwest Baseball Academy, which operates a national network of affordable hitting and pitching camps for players in grades 1 through 12, announce the addition of Palos Hills to its lineup for the coming winter and spring. Registration is now under way at www.MidwestBaseballAcademy.com.

The Academy's Spring Training 2006 is a unique concept that provides young players with advanced hitting and pitching training programs, instruction by the area's top high school and college coaches, and fantastic indoor facilities. The training sessions include six weeks of instruction for only \$98.

Midwest Baseball Academy's 2006 Spring Training program will be held at nearly 100 sites in 16 states. The session in Palos Hills runs January 15 to March 19 at Moraine Valley Community College. Moraine Valley head coach Mike Kashirsky will direct the program. Instructors will include a staff of the area's top high school and college coaches.

With a player-coach ratio of 5 to 1, each player gets plenty of individual attention in a small-group atmosphere. In addition to unbeatable instruction by the area's best high school and college coaches, players get a pre-season tune-up that helps them enter team practice in mid-season form. With numerous age-specific sessions, instruction is specially tailored for each ability level. Overall, it's the type of intense, professional instruction young players just can't get in a summer league.

Each week, hitters rotate through a series of supervised stations, including indoor batting cages, with each drill designed to teach a different aspect of hitting. Players enjoy participating in hitting games and unique stations used by top high school and college programs. The program is designed to improve pitch and strike zone recognition, timing, balance, power, situational hitting, bunting and other aspects. Pitchers work under the supervision of coaches who can help with all aspects of pitching, from fundamentals and mechanics to more advanced concepts. Drills and repetition will improve a pitcher's speed and control.

Registration deadlines are approximately six weeks before each session begins, but last year's camps sold out much earlier. Because of the low player-coach ratio, spots in each session are limited. Complete details and times for each site, as well as registration forms, are available online at www.MidwestBaseballAcademy.com or by phoning toll free 866-MBA-HITS.

Since 1988, Midwest Baseball Academy has run hundreds of camps and clinics for thousands of players nationwide.

Jesse White Honors White Sox Legend Minnie Minoso



Illinois Secretary of State Jesse White recently hosted a National Hispanic Heritage Month celebration where he spotlighted the achievements of White Sox legend Minnie Minoso and other Hispanics who have contributed to the community in many ways. White presented Minoso with a Lifetime Achievement award and a commemorative Illinois license plate (MINOSO) honoring his accomplishments on and off of the baseball field. He also presented Jesse Ruiz, Aida Giachello, Ignacio Granja and Pepe Vargas with an Education award, a Social Health Research award, an Entrepreneur award and a Cultural Arts award respectively.

Deer Vs. Car Crashes

The Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) and the Illinois Department of Natural Resources (IDNR) reminds motorists that as cooler fall weather approaches the likelihood of car vs. deer crashes increases. Fall is the busiest season for these crashes as deer seek mates and food sources.

In 2004 there were 23,438 deer-vehicle accidents reported in the state, down 9% from 25,660 the year before, according to preliminary statistics compiled by the Illinois Department of Transportation.

If a deer-vehicle accident does occur, drivers and passengers involved should provide assistance to anyone injured. Contact local, county or state law enforcement - do not attempt to remove a dead or injured deer from a busy roadway. Illinois law requires all accidents resulting in damage of \$500 or more to be reported and an accident report to be filed with the police.

The driver involved in an accident involving a deer may take possession of the deer. If the driver does not want the deer, any Illinois resident may claim the animal. Anyone possessing the deer must keep a personal record of the date the deer was claimed, the sex of the animal, the location of the accident, and the place where the deer or deer parts are stored. This information must be kept until the deer is consumed or no longer in the possession of any person. This information must be provided to any law enforcement officer investigating the death and possession of the deer.

Those taking possession of vehicle-killed deer are not required to phone in a report and obtain a registration number for the deer unless the deer is taken to a taxidermist or tannery. If the deer is to be taken to a taxidermist or tannery, call the IDNR Office of Law Enforcement at (217) 782-6431 to obtain a tag before delivering the deer.

Baseball Camp

Youngsters who want to improve their baseball skills are invited to attend Benedictine University's baseball camp from 6:30 to 9 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 3rd, 10th, 17th and 24th in the campus' Dan and Ada Rice Center.

The clinics are designed for youngsters who want to become better schooled in the fundamentals of baseball. The main goal of the camp is making certain each student receives individual instruction and coaching. Individual attention is assured by the camps' low camper-to-instructor ratio.

The clinics are conducted by veteran Benedictine baseball coach and Illinois High School Baseball Coaches Assn. Hall of Fame member John Ostrowski whose 33-year record ranks in the top 25 among all active NCAA coaches.

Camp participants will receive a Benedictine baseball T-shirt. Campers should bring a baseball glove and wear gym shoes. Bats will be provided.

The camps are open to youngsters ages 7 to 14. The fee is \$35 for one session, \$70 for two sessions, \$100 for three sessions, and \$130 for all four sessions. Campers are encouraged to register early. For more information, call (630) 829-6140.

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Pom Dance Champions

On Sunday, Oct. 30th the Mid-Crest Panthers cheerleaders competed in a SWCCL competition held at St. Xavier University. The JV Cheerleading competed in a POM dance category and danced their hearts out to bring home a first place trophy. A big congratulations goes out to all the girls and coaches for all their hard work and dedication. A special thanks goes out to the Bremen POMS Coach Rita Damhost and Coach Jenny Foss for their help and suggestions and to Pat Spreadbury from Legacy Productions for his help with the music.

Pictured: (front, center) Rebecca White (mascot); (first row, left to right) Monique Aguirre, Sarah Skelley, Kathlyn Nelson, Kalin McKean, Lauren Longoria, Alexandra Cook, Chanel Wilder, Brandi Alessi, Morgan Coppolino, Taylor Sanders, and Alexis Reglino; (second row) Amanda Dorner, Shannen O'Meara, Crystal French, Alicia Drish, Morgan Sohl, Angela Czub, Meghan Misner, Taylor Kaniewski, Tasia Page; (back row) Amanda White (high school dance coach), Sam Daggy (high school cheer coach), Lisa White (assistant coach), Debbie Dorner (assistant coach), and Diane Drish (head coach).

PREP SPORTS ROUND-UP

BOYS FOOTBALL Friday, 11-4-05

St. Rita 47, Marist 7
Joliet Catholic 35, Batavia 19
Gordon Tech 21, Bremen 13
North Chicago 20, Hillcrest 14
Brother Rice 19, Stagg 6
Oak Forest 31, T.F. South 14
North Chicago 20, Hillcrest 14
Fenwick 29, Laurence 20

BOYS FOOTBALL Saturday, 11-5-05

Lincoln Way East 39, Lincoln Way Central 9
Mount Carmel 41, Loyola Academy 3
Hubbard 35, Dunbar 16
Lemont 36, Rochelle 7
Immaculate Conception 32, Chicago Christian 6

BOYS FOOTBALL Monday, 11-7-05

Morgan Park 34, Harper 0
Craic 35, Curic 28

BOYS SOCCER Friday, 11-4-05

Chatham Glenwood 1, Sandburg 0

GIRLS VOLLEYBALL Tuesday 11-1-05

Mother McAuley d. Sandburg 25-21, 25-23
Stagg d. Queen of Peace 25-11, 25-15

Hinsdale South d. Hinsdale Central 25-12, 20-25, 25-20

Lyons Township d. St. Ignatius 25-19, 25-21
Mount Assisi d. Mendota 25-18, 23-25, 25-23
Morgan Park Academy d. Chicago Christian 18-25, 25-20, 25-22
Joliet Catholic d. LaSalle-Peru 25-15, 25-10
Providence Catholic d. Andrew 25-20, 16-25, 25-22
Lincoln Way East d. Lockport 26-24, 25-23

GIRLS VOLLEYBALL Thursday 11-3-05

Stagg d. Hinsdale South 25-11, 19-25, 25-15
Joliet Catholic d. Rosary 25-15, 25-11
Mount Assisi d. Wheaton Academy 25-16, 25-14
Morgan Park Academy d. Beecher 26-24, 25-18

GIRLS VOLLEYBALL Friday 11-4-05

Mother McAuley d. Marist 21-25, 25-20, 25-13

GIRLS VOLLEYBALL Monday 11-7-05

Mother McAuley d. Stagg 17-25, 25-18, 25-18
Joliet Catholic d. Lincoln Way East 26-24, 25-13
Spring Valley Hall d. Mount Assisi 17-25, 25-19, 25-22
Crescent-Iroquois co-op d. Morgan Park Academy 25-12, 25-21

BOYS HOCKEY Tuesday 11-1-05

Mount Carmel 7, Joliet Catholic Academy 3

Thoughts On Health & Nutrition

by
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Ms. Lysen is currently on vacation. Her column will resume upon her return.

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St. Francis Named A

'100 Top Cardiovascular Hospital' For The 6th Year

For the sixth time, St. Francis Hospital & Health Center in Blue Island has been ranked among the 100 best cardiovascular hospitals in the nation, according to an annual study released this week by Evanston-based Solucient. This year's achievement makes St. Francis the only hospital in the State of Illinois and one of a handful in the nation to receive this recognition six times.

The Solucient 100 Top Hospitals: Cardiovascular Benchmarks for Success Study was released in the Oct. 28 edition of Modern Healthcare and identifies top performing hospitals that are setting benchmark levels of performance for cardiovascular services throughout the nation. According to the study's results, winning hospitals like St. Francis have higher survival rates, lower complications indices and shorter lengths of stay as compared with their peer hospitals.

The 2005 Solucient 100 Top Hospitals®: Cardiovascular Benchmarks for Success study includes non-federal, acute-care hospitals with at least 30 unique cases each of acute myocardial infarction (heart attacks), congestive heart failure (CHF), percutaneous transluminal coronary angioplasty (PTCA) and coronary artery bypass graft (CABG).

St. Francis has been a pioneer in the treatment of heart disease in the South Suburbs since the mid-1960s, when cardiac surgeons first began performing treatments to address coronary artery disease. In 1971, St. Francis became the first hospital in the region to perform open-heart surgery. Today, the hospital performs approximately 400 open-heart surgeries and more than 3,000 cardiac catheterizations every year.

Other cardiac milestones at St. Francis Hospital in 2005 include the recent opening of the hospital's new magnetic resonance imaging suite, which offers the area's only MRI studies of the heart. The hospital has also begun construction on a new, state-of-the-art electrophysiology lab that will open in early 2006.

Cancer Support Center Events

The Jennifer S. Fallick Cancer Support Center, 2028 Elm Rd, Homewood, strives to provide free comprehensive resources that help people improve their quality of life during the cancer experience.

The Center is hosting their 4th Annual Thanksgiving Dinner on Monday, Nov. 21st from 6 to 8 p.m. Gather with the center for an evening of gratitude, reflection and good food! This is a special evening for the whole family. Bring a potluck item to share. Call to register and find out how you can add to the menu.

On Nov. 28, from 7 to 8:30 p.m. the Center presents "Look Good, Feel Better." This program, sponsored by the American Cancer Society, is designed to teach women with cancer about makeup techniques, skin care, nail care and options related to hair loss such as wigs, turbans and scarves. A free cosmetic kit will be provided.

Due to the nature of this program, it is limited to eight people; you must call to reserve a spot. This class is a one-time only program.

On December 5th, from 7 to 8:30 p.m., the Center will host a town forum entitled "The Chemotherapy Experience" facilitated by Sarah Fenlon, MSW, LSW and Valeria Piazza, RN. Come for this informal discussion to share and receive both practical and personal information regarding the chemotherapy experience.

The center will also hold a Holiday Open House on Thursday, Dec. 8th from 7 to 9 p.m.

For more information or to register for these special programs, call (708) 798-9171.

Hatha Style Yoga

Yoga helps create a sense of union in body, mind and spirit. St. Francis Hospital & Health Center is offering a Hatha style of yoga that focuses on beginner as well as advanced postures and poses on Wednesdays. Now through Dec. 7, 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.

The cost is \$40; \$35 for seniors. To register, call (708) 385-4433.

For a complete listing of programs and events at St. Francis Hospital & Health Center, visit www.stfrancis-blueisland.com.

Adult Day Center Participates In USDA Program

The Little Company Adult Day Center announces its participation in the USDA Child and Adult Care Food Program. The same meals will be served at no separate charge to enrolled participants at the Adult Day Center.

This program, administered by the U.S. Dept. of Agriculture and the Illinois Dept. on Aging, gives financial assistance to adult day care services so that nutritious meals can be integrated with nonresidential care services. The goal of the program is to improve the diets of participants. The meals and snacks served meet standards established by the U.S. Dept. of Agriculture.

Listed below are USDA Income Eligibility Guidelines, which are effective July 1st, 2005 through June 30th, 2006. The amount of reimbursement received by the Little Company Adult Day Center is based on the number of enrolled participants whose family income is at or below:

Family Size: Free: Yearly: 1, \$12,441; Monthly: 1, \$1,037; Weekly: 1, \$240; Yearly: 2, \$16,679; Monthly: 2, \$1,390; Weekly: 2, \$321; Yearly: 3, \$20,917; Monthly: 3, \$1,744; Weekly: 3, \$403; Yearly: 4, \$25,155; Monthly: 4, \$2,097; Weekly: 4, \$484; Each Additional Family Member: Yearly: \$4,238; Monthly: \$354; Weekly: \$82.

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For further information, contact Little Company of Mary Adult Day Center, 2800 W. 87th St., Chicago, IL 60652, (773) 863-7575.

The Face Of Leukemia 2006 Calendar

The Leukemia Research Foundation (LRF) announces its 2006 *The Face Of Leukemia* calendar, available now for \$15 by calling (847) 424-0600 or visiting www.leukemia-research.org. One hundred percent of the proceeds from the calendar benefit the Leukemia Research Foundation.

The Face Of Leukemia calendar recounts the captivating stories of individuals and families who battle with legions of others in pursuit of the ultimate cure for leukemia and the other blood cancers - individuals on the front lines of discovery, fundraising, living with loss, and living each day in remission. This collection of truly extraordinary accounts is proving to be an admired holiday and year-end gift of inspiration shared as corporate and employee appreciation or as Individual "stocking stuffer" keepsakes. The LRF has been fighting the battle against leukemia, lymphoma and myelodysplastic syndromes for 60 years by funding research into their causes and cures, and to enrich the quality of life of those touched by these diseases.

Travis (December) was diagnosed with acute lymphocytic leukemia at the age of five. "Travis' best hope was a bone marrow transplant... a matched, unrelated donor was found soon after through the National Marrow Donor Program. It was the only perfect match."

Mae (July) lost her adult son David to leukemia in 2000. Part of her son's legacy is the David Wortman Memorial Fund that Mae began in 2002 providing critical research dollars to help find a cure.

Six-year-old Jordan (May) has been fighting leukemia for most of her young life (since 2000). "Jordan has a great attitude and lives life fully on her good days!"

These are just a few of the stories of courage and determination found in *The Face Of Leukemia* calendar.

Home Care & Hospice

More than four million Americans receive home-delivered health care daily from nearly one million caregivers. In their honor, the Illinois HomeCare Council joins the National Assn. for Home Care & Hospice in celebrating November as National Home Care Month under the theme, "When You Are Well, and Especially When You Are Sick, There Is No Place Like Home."

Through technological advances, home-delivered health care has grown far beyond basic professional nursing and home care aide services. Today's modern home care agency offers a wealth of nursing, physical, occupational, respiratory and speech therapies, counseling, dietary, laboratory, dental, optical, pharmacy, podiatry, X-ray, medical equipment and home medical supplies, and personal care.

Home care services are paid for by public and private sources, or directly by patients and their families.

Despite massive cutbacks in government funding, home care continues to be the preferred means of receiving quality health care services for nearly five million Americans.

The Illinois HomeCare Council is the nation's first home care association and has been a part of growth and change in the home care industry for the last 43 years. IHCC represents nearly 200 home health providers and suppliers. IHCC will participate in the month's celebrations by holding its annual Legislative Breakfast and Summit on Feb. 1st, 2006 at the President Lincoln Hotel and Conference Center in Springfield.

Every day medical professionals and researchers get closer to solving the mystery of leukemia, lymphoma and other blood cancers. *The Face Of Leukemia* is a powerful daily reminder that the ultimate goal - a cure for blood cancers - can be obtained when one does what he or she can to win.

The calendars are \$15 each, plus \$3.50 postage and handling. To place an order, call (847) 424-0600 or visit www.leukemia-research.org.

"Breast Friends For Life" Program

Breast cancer affects women of all ages and ethnic groups. At Little Company of Mary Hospital and Health Care center, it is believed the best defense is a good offense. Reducing risk factors and early detection are crucial in the battle against cancer.

As part of its "Breast Friends for Life" program, The Cancer Center and the Breast Health Center at Little Company of Mary Hospital and Health Centers teamed to provide outreach to women living in the Southwest suburbs of Chicago on National Mammography Day (Oct. 21). National Mammography Day was designed to make women aware of life saving breast health screenings and encourage them to get regular mammograms.

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The Cancer Center's treatment modalities and program services reinforce the hospital's commitment to the community's health and cancer care. Schedule a mammogram with its breast health experts, certified by the American College of Radiology, by calling (708) 499-8550. For more information on the National Mammography Day outreach campaign, call (708) 229-5049.

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To save on future college costs, families across the state can now enroll their children in the state's prepaid tuition plan, *College Illinois!*, now in its eighth enrollment period. The program helps parents and grandparents reduce college costs by allowing them to lock in a price now to cover future college tuition and fees.

"*College Illinois!* gives families control over rising tuition costs even in an economic period where costs are rising all around us. The program stops tuition inflation on future college costs once a contract is purchased. Not many other products or services allow people to lock in that kind of financial security," said Randy Erford, director of *College Illinois!*.

Experts say that earlier college planning by parents of young children results in families who are better equipped to handle college costs, which have doubled in the last 10 years and are projected to continue rising in the future. This year, there are additional incentives for

planning early. Families who enroll in *College Illinois!* online or via mail before Dec. 31 will receive a 30 percent discount off of the program's application fee. *College Illinois!* general enrollment period runs through April 3.

Early enrollees will also be the first to have an opportunity to benefit from a new state tax deduction that allows Illinois taxpayers to deduct *College Illinois!* contributions (up to \$10,000 per year for individuals; \$20,000 for married couples) from their state taxable income. The deduction is effective on 2005 contributions and contributions made to the plan each tax year beyond. There are other tax advantages to participating in the program. Plan earnings are 100 percent exempt from state and federal income taxes. Purchasers also enjoy federal gift and estate tax benefits.

Administered by the Illinois Student Assistance Commission, *College Illinois!* is a secure college funding option because benefits do not fluctuate with the stock market. Similar to an insurance policy, *College*

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Families interested in enrolling in *College Illinois!* can find information about this year's plans and pricing options at collegeillinois.com. Online registration is also available at the site and takes less than 10 minutes to complete.

College Illinois! benefits keep pace with the increases in tuition and fees equal to those found at in-state, public institutions. Participants can purchase from one semester at a community college to nine semesters at a public university. Various payment options are available, including monthly and annual installments and down payment options.

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The Burbank Girl's Fastpitch Association will hold registration for its 2006 teams on Friday, Nov. 18th from 5 to 7:30 p.m. and Saturday, Nov. 19th from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Our Savior's Lutheran Church, 8607 S. Narragansett Ave., Burbank.

The association consists of girls from the ages of six through 16. There are no residency requirements.

For further information, call George Harcar at (708) 423-6757.

Praise Worship

Trinity Lutheran Church, 9701 S. Brandt Ave. (two blocks west of Cicero Ave.) invites the community to Praise Worship presented by the Trinity Praise Team at 11 a.m. on Sunday, Nov. 20th. Come and experience worship with contemporary music praising God!

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Rain Forest Is Coming To Town

How can a rain forest come to town?

It's truly something you will have to see to believe. On Monday, Nov. 14, Ridge Lawn School, 5757 W. 105th St., will be transformed into a tropical rain forest.

Touring under the name "Live on Stage, The Rain Forest," not only will you think you are right in the middle of the tropical rain forest with the beautiful sounds and sights of the Amazon region, you will also see exotic birds, monkeys, alligators, jungle cats, and snakes.

It all started as a dream for founder and current director Mike Kohrieser. Mike's father being a professional animal trainer gave him an entire childhood of learning his profession. Then in the 80's Mike and his wife Marcia became increasingly aware of problems in the tropical rain forests. Using his already developed skills as an animal trainer and stage entertainer, Mike wanted to educate young and old alike about these animals facing possible extinction.

In 1992 the non-profit organization Understanding Wildlife, Inc. was created. The goal is simple - educate and inspire individuals to get involved and make this a better world for us all (including the animals) to live in.

This fascinating comedy animal show will only be at Ridge Lawn School on Monday, Nov. 14 for one show at 6:30 p.m. Tickets are \$6 for adults and \$3 for children and will be available at the door.

America Recycles Day

Get involved to celebrate "America Recycles Day," the West Cook County Solid Waste Agency and Keep West Cook Beautiful have partnered with Classic Computer Recovery, Inc. and Triton College to host a FREE One-Day Electronics Recycling Event on Nov. 19th from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Triton College in the Northwest Student Parking Lot, 2000 Fifth Ave. in River Grove.

Among the items accepted are Computer (PCs), all-in-ones, laptops, modems, printers, monitors, CD-ROM drives, keyboards, mice, cables, hard drives and motherboards. The contractor specializes in electronic products recycling and is capable of recycling over 95% of the materials and components in the items listed above.

Electronic equipment, especially computers, printers and monitors, quickly become outdated. Consequently, many of these items end up in landfills. While these types of electronic equipment are not banned from landfills, the components often contain materials that are hazardous to human health. Computer monitors, for example, contain toxic materials such as cadmium, lead, mercury and chromium. Each monitor contains five to eight pounds of lead that, if not disposed of properly, can harm humans and the environment. For this reason, WCCSWA encourages residents to properly dispose of electronic waste at the collection. For more information, contact Jim Caporusso at (708) 450-0100.

Letter To The Editor

Letter to the Editor:

As a community member who attended the Oak Lawn Park District meeting in September, I was happy to read that the elected board members will consider a dog park proposal at their meeting Monday, Nov 14th at 7:30 p.m. at the Oak View Center (4625 W 110th St - east entrance).

At first I was disappointed with the initial reaction from some of the board members. This is an important issue for the community to discuss.

As a dog owner and long time resident of Oak Lawn I think the dog park would be a great benefit to the community at a low or zero cost to taxpayers. It is not just dogs who enjoy a dog park. Many adults and families enjoy dog parks just as much or even more than the dogs. A dog park would not only be a great way for residents to interact with their dog but it will be a great way for community members to interact with each other.

With the growth of condos, town homes, apartments, and homes with small yards a dog park is needed now more than ever to allow responsible dog owners to enjoy the full benefits of pet ownership.

I encourage the park board members to consider this issue and move forward on it so community members can start to fundraise to defray cost from taxpayers, find a suitable location, and help draft guidelines and proposals that will help the dog park to be a success.

Kelly Burke
Oak Lawn

Garden Club Meeting

The Oak Lawn Garden Club will hold its next meeting on Thursday, Nov. 17th at 4625 W. 110th St., at 9:30 a.m.

The speaker will be Susan Larkin, who is a horticulturalist and landscaper. Her topic will be "The Perennial Garden." This will be a slide lecture which will show the best perennials for the Chicago area-Zone 5.

Residents of surrounding communities are welcome to attend a meeting as guests.

Hostesses will be Joy Fett, Gretchen Krass, and Melissa Krass. For further information, call (708) 424-4846.

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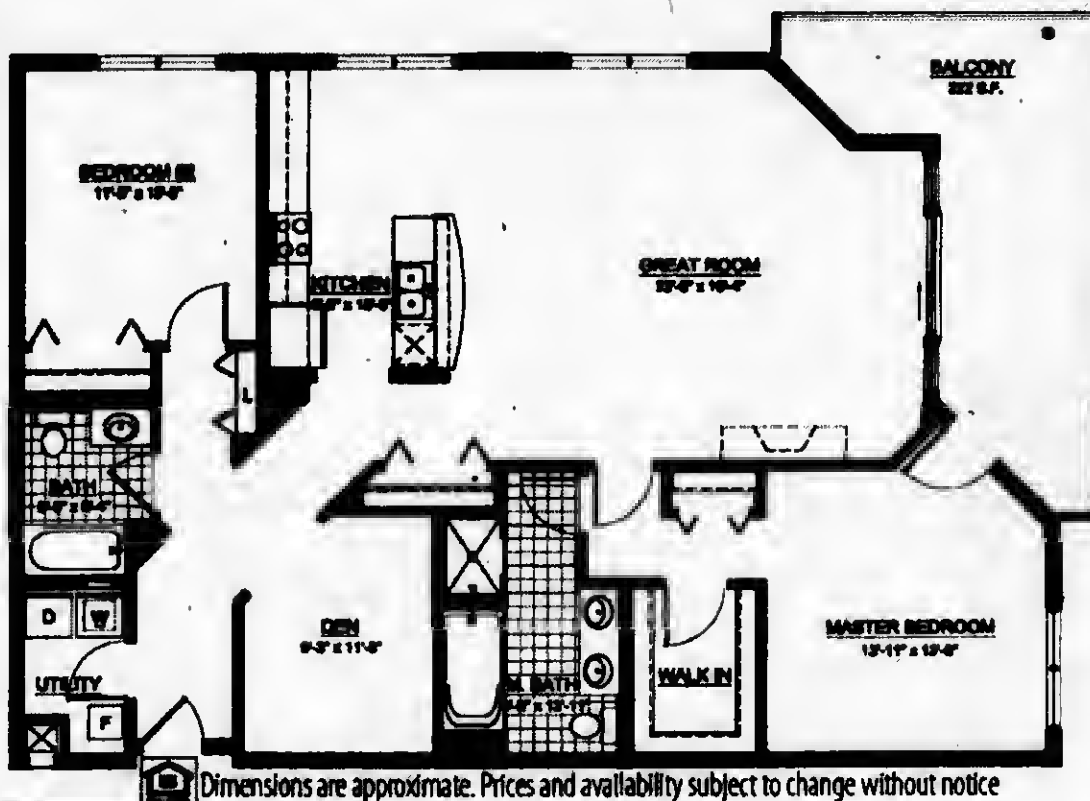
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Veterans And Soldiers News

By Lori Taylor Ph: 708.388.2425

We received this statement from the House of Representatives Veterans Committee on Veterans Affairs Chairman Steve Buyer (R-Ind.) entitled Veterans Day: Their Precious Service: Our Renewed Obligation.

"America's veterans embody the ideals upon which America was founded more than 229 years ago. Since the Revolution, eight generations of America's veterans have established an unbroken commitment to freedom.

This Veterans Day, we will honor more than 25 million living veterans and the memory of those patriots who came before them. With pride, we remember each soldier, Marine, sailor, airman and Coastguardsman who has served our country by taking up arms when called by our nation in a time of need. The sacrifices ordinary American men and women from communities large and small have been willing to make, often before they were past their teenage years, have secured our nation unprecedented freedoms and made us the world's bulwark of liberty.

The young patriots now returning from war in Iraq and Afghanistan and other deployments worldwide are joining the ranks of veterans to whom America owes an immense debt of gratitude. For those who have made the ultimate sacrifice, we are grateful that such men and women were among us. For those who continue to serve, we honor their commitment. For those who return to civilian life, we honor their service.

Our greatest privilege and responsibility as leaders of the House Committee on Veterans Affairs is to provide our veterans with a system that cares for their wounds and ensures that they have an opportunity to succeed. Every member of the committee shares that calling.

Our nation has kept faith with its veterans. Funding for veterans healthcare and benefits is strong, and has increased more than 75 percent in the last decade. VA healthcare is now synonymous with world-class quality. An expansion of community-based outpatient clinics is enhancing access to care, especially for rural veterans. Yet, we must never stop looking for ways to improve the services we provide our veterans.

Our commitment to America's veterans is to provide them with a system that offers first-rate healthcare and a system of benefits that is administered fairly, swiftly, and consistently. Service members returning from war deserve a "seamless" transition from the military into the VA healthcare and benefits system. Our pledge to each veteran is to make that happen; when they took the oath, service members volunteered to uphold the Constitution, not fight jealous bureaucracies.

And so, at the appointed hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month, let us renew our obligation to them."

The National Vietnam Veterans Art Museum, 1801 S. Indiana Ave. in Chicago, would appreciate any donations to advance the museum's exhibits, educational programs and art conservation. I had the opportunity to visit this museum two years ago when our National President was in town for her official visit. The museum is unlike any other art museum in the entire nation. It is the only museum committed to showing art created by those who have seen war. Through the museum's activities, everyone whether currently in the military, are veterans, or citizens who have never seen war, can honor the service and sacrifice of these veterans and engage in an examination of the human experience of war. It is a real enlightening experience to visit this museum. If you or your organizations would like to consider giving a donation to the NVVAM to support the exhibits and programs, call Ruth Crnkovich at (312) 326-0270 for more information. If you would like to view their new award winning web design visit www.nvvam.org.

Navy Seaman Raymond E. Galvin, son of Maureen and Raymond V. Galvin of Chicago, and his shipmates represented the United States when they participated in the 10th annual International Exchange of Sports soccer tournament in Yokosuka while assigned to the amphibious command ship USS Blue Ridge, also home-ported in Yokosuka, Japan. A total of 12 teams took part in the tournament, including two semi-professional Japanese clubs and teams from Peru, Brazil and Argentina. Galvin is a 2002 graduate of Brother Rice High School in Chicago. He joined the Navy in August 2004.

Air Force 1st Class Trisha L. Arena is currently deployed to an overseas forward-operating location to support the missions of Operations Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom. She is the daughter of Cynthia Carroll of Homewood and the granddaughter of John Arena of Matteson. The airman is a 2003 graduate of Mother McAuley Liberal Arts High School in Chicago.

Army Spec. Martin A. Aguilar has deployed to Iraq as a member of the 172nd Stryker Brigade Combat Team (BCT) to support the mission of Operation Iraqi Freedom. Aguilar, a fire direction specialist with two years of military service, is the son of Charlene and Martin Aguilar of Stickney, Ill. The specialist is a 2003 graduate of Morton West High School in Berwyn.

Navy Petty Officer 3rd Class Garrick S. Corder has deployed to the U.S. Naval Base, Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, to serve as a member of Joint Task Force-GTMO in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. Corder has served in the military for three years. He is the son of Linda and stepson of Paul Arvia of Midlothian. The sailor is a 2002 graduate of Bremen High School in Midlothian.

Good-bye for this week. God bless you and God bless America.

A Veteran To Remember

If the name of Jim Stockdale rings a bell with you at all, it's probably got something to do with a late-night comedian. Stockdale made all the opening monologues back in 1992 when, as the running mate of presidential candidate Ross Perot, he stumbled big-time in a televised debate with the other vice-presidential hopefuls. His opening sentences - "Who am I? Why am I here?" - were intended to begin introducing himself and his take on the political scene to the American public. They didn't come off that way, though, and the stay-up-late comics, a tough crowd, had a field day with Stockdale's awkward lines.

There is, of course, more to the story - a lot more - and Veterans Day seems a good time as any to tell it.

If there's one other thing you might remember about James B. Stockdale, it's that he was a retired Navy admiral. That's where the real story of Jim Stockdale begins.

After graduating from the U.S. Naval Academy in 1947, he signed up for flight school and became a pilot. His was a distinguished but relatively uneventful career until September 9, 1965, when he was shot down over North Vietnam and was taken prisoner. As the senior officer with a group of other American captives (including John McCain, now U.S. Senator from Arizona), he was destined to live his most difficult hours - and his finest ones as well.

Stockdale's leadership helped to develop a genuine esprit de corps among the prisoners, who formed a true community complete with its own laws, discipline, and even a secret communication system. But it all came at a terrible cost to Stockdale. Forced to wear leg irons and tortured because he refused to appear in propaganda films, he ultimately spent four years in solitary confinement, including two 18-month stretches in total darkness.

"There are many of us who performed far better [in captivity] than we otherwise would have because of his leadership and example," McCain said last summer to Thomas M. DeFrank, Washington bureau chief of the *New York Daily News*.

Stockdale was a hero not only to his own men, but to his country. His 26 combat awards include the Congressional Medal of Honor, the nation's highest military tribute; two Distinguished Flying Crosses, three Distinguished Service Medals, two Purple Hearts and four Silver Star Medals. Only a few can attain that kind of record. We should remember, especially on the day we honor our veterans, that those who do - and, indeed, all those who have risked their lives for their country - are heroes to us all.

That's why DeFrank wrote his appreciation of the hero-warrior in July, a few days after Admiral Stockdale died at the age of 81. Death came on his beloved Coronado Island in San Diego, a retirement community for so many Navy veterans. The lingering laughter that resulted from his brief foray into politics is a "monumental injustice" to Stockdale's memory, DeFrank wrote. "Anyone who has ever laughed at Jim Stockdale should be required by law to read his Medal of Honor citation," he added.

Sen. McCain would agree.

"He is my commander always," the Senator reminisced. "If the job of a leader is to inspire people to greater achievement, accomplishments and courage, no one fit that description better than Jim Stockdale."

May he rest in peace.

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Fish Fry

Every Friday evening (except the day after Thanksgiving) the Midlothian VFW Post 2580 will hold a fish fry from 5 to 8 p.m. at the post home, 14817 Pulaski Rd. in Midlothian.

On the all-you-can-eat menu they have catfish or augratin potatoes, French fries, cole slaw, coffee and cake. Shrimp plates are also available. The cost is \$8 per person.

Also VFW Post 1580 and Auxiliary, American Legion Post 691 and Auxiliary and the Sons of the American Legion hold a breakfast every Sunday from 8 to 11 a.m. at the VFW Post. They each have a Sunday and when there are five Sundays in the month that Sunday is handled jointly to raise funds for postage to send packages to the troops, which they do regularly together.

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On Oct. 24th The Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States Post #177, located in Chicago Ridge, sent its Hospital Chairman, Julie Freeze, to the Jesse Brown VA Hospital in Chicago. She brought a donation of comfort items for inpatient and outpatient veterans at the hospital. Many of these veterans are homeless and are in need of clothing items. Marie James, Chief Voluntary Services stated, "It is unfortunate that many of the homeless are veterans and we try to do the best we can with the support of the community." VFW Post #177 is taking donations of gently used men's clothing, coats, hats, gloves, and scarves. If you would like to make a donation of these items or a monetary one that will purchase new undergarments, call Julie at (708) 636-3220.

Pictured left to right: Marie James, Chief of Voluntary Services at Jesse Brown VA Hospital and Julie Freeze.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as Nominee for Citimortgage, Inc., Plaintiff, vs. David Sandoval, et al., Defendants. No. 05Ch-4727. PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on June 14, 2005, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Tuesday, November 29, 2005, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 W. Madison St., Suite 718A, Chicago, IL, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described mortgaged real estate: Commonly known as: 3720 W. 115th Pl., Alsip, IL 60803. The improvement on the property consists of a single family residence. Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, by certified funds. No refunds. The judgment amount was \$188,382.83. The property will NOT be open for inspection. For information call Mr. Ira T. Nevel at Plaintiff's Attorney, Law Offices of Ira T. Nevel, 175 N. Franklin St., Chicago, IL 60606. 312/357-1125. 133625C	IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Washington Mutual Bank, FA 1/k/a Washington Mutual Home Loans, Inc. successor by merger to Fleet Mortgage Corp., Plaintiff, vs. James Smith a/k/a James K. Smith a/k/a James E. Smith a/k/a James Smith a/k/a James T. Smith a/k/a James B. Smith, Jr. a/k/a James P. Smith, et al., Defendants. No. 04Ch-9860. PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above entitled cause on March 29, 2005 Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Monday, November 21, 2005 at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 W. Madison St., Suite 718A, Chicago, IL, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described mortgaged real estate: Commonly known as: 3713 N. 85th Pl., Chicago, IL 60607. The mortgaged real estate is improved with a single family residence. Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance, by certified funds, within 24 hours. No refunds. The property will NOT be open for inspection. For information call Ms. Debbie Riesterer at Plaintiff's Attorney, FISHER AND SHAPIRO, LLC, 4201 Lake Cook Road, 1st Floor, Northbrook, IL 60062. (847) 291-1717. 134201C	IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Union Planters Bank NA d/b/a Regions Mortgage, Plaintiff, vs. Paul Guerrero, et al., Defendants. No. 05Ch-474. PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above entitled cause on August 24, 2005, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Tuesday, November 29, 2005 at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 W. Madison St., Suite 718A, Chicago, IL, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described mortgaged real estate: Commonly known as: 14810 S. Kilpatrick Ave., Unit 3W, Midlothian, IL 60445. The mortgaged real estate is improved with a condominium residence and will NOT be open for inspection. The judgment amount was \$92,463.68. Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance, by certified funds, within 24 hours. The sale shall be subject to general taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and any prior first mortgages. The subject property is offered for sale without any representation as to quality of title or recourse to Plaintiff. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information. For information: Sale Clerk, Shapiro & Kreisman, 4201 Lake Cook Road, 1st Floor, Northbrook, IL 60062. (847) 498-9990, between the hours of 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. only. 133591C
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Wells Fargo Bank, NA successor by merger with Wells Fargo Home Mortgage, Inc. successor in interest to Norwest Mortgage, Inc., Plaintiff, vs. Emma M. Tyler, et al., Defendant. No. 05Ch-7124. PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on June 13, 2005, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Monday, November 28, 2005, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 W. Madison St., Suite 718A, Chicago, IL, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described mortgaged real estate: Commonly known as: 4233 W. 76th St., Unit 102, Chicago, IL 60652. The improvement on the property consists of a condominium residence. Sale terms: Bidders must present, at the time of sale, a cashier's or certified check for 10% of the successful bid amount. The balance of the successful bid shall be paid within 24 hours, by similar funds. The property will NOT be open for inspection. For information call Ms. Diane Thomas at Plaintiff's Attorney, Freedman, Anselmo, Lindberg and Rappe, 1807 W. Diehl Road, Naperville, IL 60563-1890. (877) 729-6734. 133595C	IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Washington Mutual Bank, FA 1/k/a Washington Mutual Home Loans, Inc. 1/k/a PNC Mortgage Corp. of America, Plaintiff, vs. Patricia A. Miller a/k/a Patricia A. Buckner a/k/a Patricia Ann Miller a/k/a Patricia Miller, et al., Defendants. No. 05Ch-5232. PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above entitled cause on August 2, 2005, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Wednesday, November 30, 2005 at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 W. Madison St., Suite 718A, Chicago, IL, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described mortgaged real estate: Commonly known as: 3663 W. Oer Park Dr., Alsip, IL 60803. The mortgaged real estate is improved with a condominium residence and will NOT be open for inspection. The judgment amount was \$134,175.35. Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance, by certified funds, within 24 hours. The sale shall be subject to general taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and any prior first mortgages. The subject property is offered for sale without any representation as to quality of title or recourse to Plaintiff. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information. For information: Sale Clerk, Shapiro & Kreisman, 4201 Lake Cook Road, 1st Floor, Northbrook, IL 60062. (847) 498-9990, between the hours of 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. only. 133578C	IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Regency Savings Bank, a United States Corporation, Plaintiff, vs. Arthur Oishman, et al., Defendants. No. 05Ch-6711. PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on June 29, 2005, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Tuesday, December 6, 2005, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 W. Madison St., Suite 718A, Chicago, IL, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following mortgaged real estate: Commonly known as: 3453 W. 85th Pl., Chicago, IL 60652. The improvement on the property consists of a single family residence consisting of a living room, dining room, kitchen, three bedrooms and two and one-half bathrooms along with an attached two car garage. Sale terms: Bidders must present, at the time of sale, a cashier's or certified check for 10% of the successful bid amount. The balance of the successful bid shall be paid within 24 hours, by similar funds. The property will NOT be open for inspection. For information Call: Mr. Francis J. Pendergast III at Plaintiff's Attorney, Law Offices of Crowley & Lamb, P.C., 350 North LaSalle Street, Chicago, IL 60610. (312) 670-6900. 132778C
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, as Trustee of Ameritrust Mortgage Securities, Inc., Asset Backed Pass-Through Certificates Series 2003-11 under the Pooling and Servicing Agreement dated as of 11/1/03, willnot recourse, Plaintiff, vs. Brenda J. Couch, et al., Defendants. No. 04Ch-19657. PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on March 17, 2005, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Friday, December 9, 2005, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 W. Madison St., Suite 718A, Chicago, IL, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described property: Commonly known as: 8846 S. Pulaski Rd., Hometown, IL 60456. The improvement on the property consists of a single family residence. Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, by certified funds. No refunds. The judgment amount was \$81,690.36. The property will NOT be open for inspection. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the premises after confirmation of the sale. For information: Visit our website at http://service.atty-pierce.com, between 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. only. Pierce & Associates, Plaintiff's Attorneys, One N. Dearborn St., Ste. 1300, Chicago, IL 60602. Tel. No. (312) 476-5500. PIERCE & ASSOCIATES File No. PA0409312. 132730C	Sell Your Auto In The Classified Section. Call (708) 388-2425	NOTICE The Classified headings in our Help Wanted Section are used only for the convenience of our readers to let them know which jobs have been historically more attractive to persons of one sex more than the other. The placement of an advertisement by an employer or employment agency under one of these headings is not in itself an expression of a preference, limitation, specification or discrimination based on sex. Those who advertise here will consider any legally qualified applicant for a job without discrimination as to age or sex.

Census Bureau To Update Numbers On Employment

U.S. Census Bureau data show that the country's official unemployment rate was 5.1 percent in September 2005. So what is the source for this important economic indicator?

The information was gathered from the Census Bureau's monthly Current Population Survey (CPS) — which dates from 1942 — making it the longest-running household survey in the country.

Every month, Census Bureau field representatives ask selected households questions relevant to the U.S. labor force, such as employment status, hours worked, earnings, age, sex, race, marital status, educational attainment, occupation and industry. From their answers come estimates of the unemployment rate, released monthly by the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS).

Prior to the survey, local households selected in the nationwide sample receive a letter from Census Bureau Director Louis Kincannon. Some participants are interviewed by telephone and others interviewed in person. The field representatives carry official identification cards.

Sponsored by the BLS and the Census Bureau, the CPS will be conducted during the week of Nov. 13th when nearly 2,000 Census Bureau field representatives will interview about 78,000 households.

Ten Girls Charged In School Fight

Ten girls were arrested for their involvement in a hallway fight that occurred at H.L. Richards High School on Oct. 26th. Seven of the girls arrested were charged as adults with disorderly conduct and breach of peace.

The incident was a continuation of a summer argument between two of the girls according to officials. Two groups of girls faced each other in the school's main hallway near the theater.

Officials said that the girls would receive the 'most severe punishment' due to the fact that they ran from the police who came to break up the fight. On police officer and a teacher was slightly hurt in the melee.

The seven students who were arrested as adults included Brenda Allen, 17, of Calumet Park; Nita Glenn, 17 of Calumet Park; Candace Hightower, 18, Calumet Park; Dequoya Lewis-Alexander, 17, of Harvey; Melanie Mills, 17, of Robbins; Jide Ofoma, 17, Harvey; and Whitney White, 18, of Calumet Park. Three other girls were charged as juveniles. A court hearing for the seven is set for Dec. 5th at the Bridgeview Courthouse.

An expulsion hearing is going to be held at Richards. If the hearing goes against the girls and an appeal is sought, the matter will come before the District 218 school board. School officials have revealed that fight incidents between girls is on the rise this year.

Durbin: Budget Threatens To Hurt Illinois Farmers

U.S. Senator Dick Durbin (D-IL) warned that the Senate-approved budget reconciliation bill threatens critical conservation programs in Illinois. Durbin said the proposal to cut funding for the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) and the Conservation Security Program (CSP) could potentially impact Illinois farmers. Durbin voted against the legislation.

"I am sorry to say, this budget has the wrong priorities. It increases the burdens on seniors and farmers; cuts health care spending; reduces the availability of affordable housing; and cuts environmental protections. It rewards the special interests instead of standing up for American families," said Durbin.

Durbin noted that in Illinois and the nation, the Conservation Reserve Program is the single largest environmental restoration program, with contracts on 41,000 Illinois farms, setting aside fragile land to avoid erosion and chemical contamination of our water sources. The program adds \$106 million annually to the Illinois farm company through direct payments to producers. CRP also helps reduce farm commodity payments by taking marginal land out of production.

The Conservation Security Program provides financial and technical assistance to promote the conservation and improvement of soil, water, air, energy, plant and animal life. In this year's budget proposal, the program faces a 30 percent reduction in funds over the next five years, totaling \$822 million.

This comes on the heels of over \$3 billion in cuts made to the CSP over the last two years in other spending legislation. These cuts threaten to substantially scale back CSP's expansion and prevent thousands of Illinois farmers from enrolling in the program.

"These conservation programs not only preserve state wildlife habitats, they bolster Illinois' farm economy, keep our drinking water clean and attract tourism," noted Durbin. "Currently only 19% of Illinois' most environmentally significant cropland is enrolled in CRP, with a long waiting list of farmers hoping to take part. These cuts would make it impossible for new applicants to participate."

Durbin has pledged to work with farm groups, policymakers and the Bush Administration to ensure that farmers and those who depend on the agricultural economy are not adversely affected by these budget cuts.



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Benedictine Open House

High school students, students planning to transfer from community colleges or other post-secondary institutions and their families will have the opportunity to learn more about Benedictine University at Fall Open House from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 12th.

The event begins with a welcome in the Krassa Center, followed by a variety of activities designed to meet students' individual needs. They can speak with faculty about majors, meet with representatives from athletics, student government, the international office and residence life, and speak with financial aid and admissions counselors.

Prospective students can also take a tour of campus, visit the bookstore or attend a financial aid session. Students who are interested in the Scholars Program can attend an orientation session at 2:15 p.m. in the Krassa Presentation Room.

For more information, call the undergraduate admissions office at (630) 829-6300 or visit Benedictine University on the Web at www.ben.edu.

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Big Brother Should Not Cost Big Money

In recent weeks Americans have been rudely awakened by \$3 per gallon gasoline and the hundreds of billions of dollars it will cost to rebuild the Gulf Coast. Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan worries that the deficit is out of control and President George W. Bush has promised to work with Congress to cut spending to offset some of the unexpected costs of hurricane relief.

Given all these new budget strains, it is astonishing that the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) could be giving serious consideration to forcing state governments to issue millions of "gold-plated" ID cards with computer chips. Costing taxpayers tens of billions of dollars, these cards would do little to improve real security but could pose a serious threat to every cardholder's personal privacy.

The Real ID Act, approved in May, for the first time authorizes the federal government to set uniform standards for state drivers' licenses. A spokesman for the bill's primary author, House Judiciary Committee Chairman James Sensenbrenner, said Congress modeled many provisions in the Real ID Act after current standards in states including California, Florida, New York, and Virginia. It is true that many states are making secure cards at a reasonable cost and improving application procedures.

While congressional intent to provide a reasonably priced, secure license is clear, the message may not be getting through to the young Department of Homeland Security (DHS), which was charged with the development of ID security standards but has no previous experience in making ID cards on a massive scale. DHS is consulting with state departments of motor vehicles (DMVs), which do have a great deal of expertise and produce more than 72 million cards each year. The states are aware of the technologies that do and do not work. Existing technologies include use of unique biometrics such as facial recognition, holograms, two-dimensional bar codes, and highly-secure machine readable codes. Drivers' licenses with these features are currently produced in many states for less than \$1.50 per card depending on volume.

DHS may ignore the existing technology and mandate that state-issued IDs include embedded computer chips in large part due to lobbying from a coalition of chip manufacturers, many of whom are based abroad. Many states, on the other hand, have rejected this dubious scheme as unworkable due to the huge cost and lack of durability. In the last year alone, New York, Virginia, and West Virginia have examined and rejected the chip idea as costing far too much for very little benefit.

Citizens Against Government Waste (CAGW) studied the chip idea and agreed with the conclusions of a recent London School of Economics report. If the cost of building an entirely new infrastructure is factored in, embedded computer chips could push the cost past \$990 per card and would pose significant privacy risks. In fact the full cost of implementing this complex chip solution could be \$17.4 billion in new, wasteful spending.

The basis for privacy concerns is that radio frequency chips can more easily be mined for personal information by unauthorized persons, even from some distance away. The encryption for these chips has been successfully hacked even by high school students.

Several state DMVs are also concerned that brittle computer chips cannot survive the wear and tear of every day use. Male drivers in particular tend to carry licenses in their back pockets and often bend cards beyond the breaking point of a chip.

DHS can achieve the security goals set by Real ID simply by following Congress's intent to keep the cost reasonable and, working more closely with governors and state DMVs to gain the maximum benefit from a mix of existing security features that have already proven to be practical on a large scale.

DHS Secretary Michael Chertoff promised such cooperation when he met with the National Governors Association in July. On Oct. 18, DHS held a meeting with state officials to discuss REAL ID regulations, which could be finalized at any time. The secretary should make it clear that he opposes costly, unfunded, intrusive, and unnecessary mandates as part of any federal standard. If the chips fall where they should, they will not be included in any American's ID card.

CAGW's complete report on federal ID standards is available at www.cagw.org.

Thomas A. Schatz is President of Citizens Against Government Waste.

He Said, She Said Who's Right?

He wants the kids to stay overnight every Wednesday and every other weekend. She says Wednesday nights will disrupt the kids' school routine. Now what? When it comes to divorce and issues of child custody and visitation, it's not unusual for couples to have difficulty reaching agreements.

Lawyer Referral can put you in touch with a qualified family law attorney who specializes in divorce. With more than one million divorces annually in the U.S., family law attorneys are familiar with what is considered usual and customary in terms of property division, spousal and child support and child custody. With the help of their lawyers, the parties can fairly negotiate and settle these matters, hopefully without litigation.

The numerous financial decisions that must be made during the divorce add significantly to the stress. Divorce almost always involves changes in both parties' lifestyles and creates uncertainty as to the future. Who will pay the bills that are in both names? Will you need to sell your home? Where will you live? How will you divide up your joint assets? And when children are involved, who will have custody? How will visitation work? How much money is needed to support the children? Each question becomes a life-altering decision.

Once you meet with a family law attorney and review all the particulars of your case, he or she will be able to discuss with you the various options and the possible outcomes. The lawyer will be able to determine what issues you may be able to work out with your spouse and what issues you may need to pursue through the legal system.

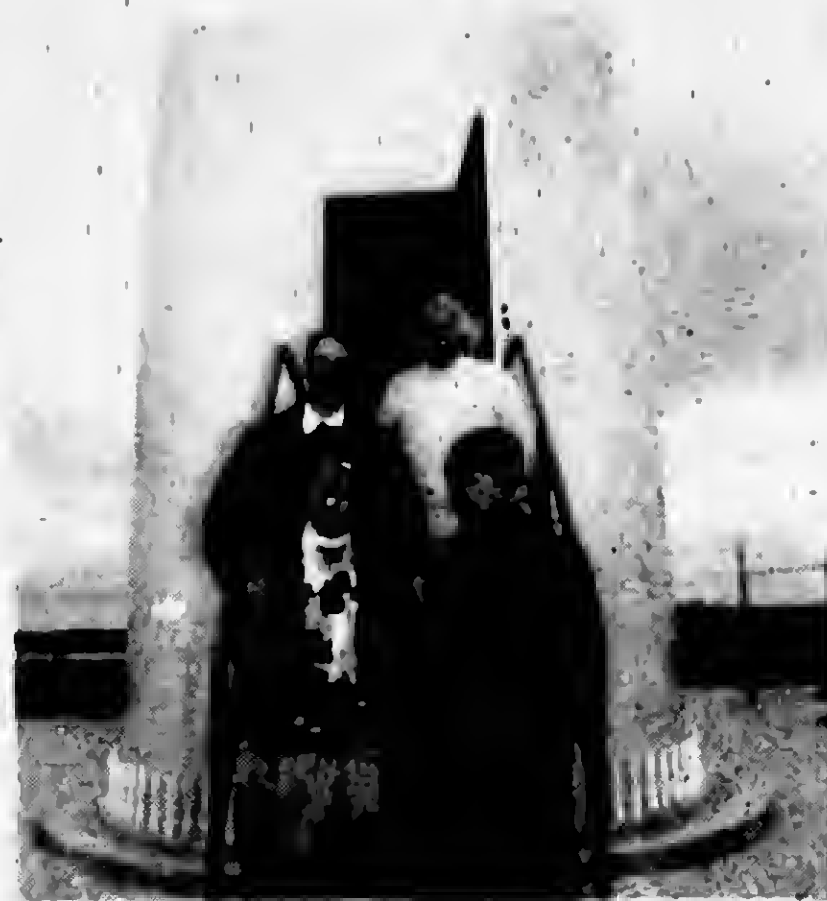
Some issues are more straightforward than others. For example, all states have child support guidelines that will determine the level of child support in many cases. Other issues, such as complex parenting arrangements and complicated financial issues, require more in-depth evaluation.

Finding a lawyer is easy through the Lawyer Referral program, a public service of your local bar association. Just visit the American Bar Association's web site online at www.abanet.org/referral, which includes the listing of Lawyer Referral programs covering all 50 states. Or look in your local Yellow Pages under Lawyer Referral.



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Topinka Toured Wind Turbine

State Treasurer Judy Baar Topinka toured the wind turbine in Pittsfield, to discuss ways the Treasurer's Office can assist in financing alternative energy in Illinois. Illinois Rural Electric Cooperative is using this particular wind turbine as a "showcase" project for wind energy.

This is the first downstate turbine to be built in Illinois. Illinois Rural Electric Cooperative is trying to demonstrate and attract economic development with the construction of the wind turbine.

Since May, the wind turbine in Pike County has produced over 1 million kilowatts of electricity. At full wind, which is 22 - 25 mph, the Pike County turbine can provide enough electricity for 500 homes.

Pictured left to right: (front) Pike County Republican Chairperson, John Birch and Topinka; (back) Sean Middletown, Managing Engineer for Illinois Rural Electric and Bruce Griffin, General Manager of Illinois Rural Electric.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Editor:

The President definitely got it right this time when he put forth Samuel Alito for the U.S. Supreme Court seat. Concerned Women for America, the nation's largest public policy women's organization, strongly supports this highly respected and experienced nominee.

Alito, a strict constructionist, respects the limited role of the judiciary to interpret the law and not make law. Making law is the responsibility of the legislature.

He has all the qualifications needed: intellect, knowledge and experience in Constitutional law, integrity, competence, humility, and judicial temperament and restraint.

Alito will help swing the Court back to the Constitution and restore what has been lost through recent judicial activism.

The U.S. Senate has confirmed him twice by unanimous consent when he was confirmed in 1987 as U.S. Attorney for New Jersey and in 1990 and when President George H.W. Bush nominated him to serve on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit. Half of the current Democratic caucus in the Senate voted for him.

I urge our two U.S. Senators to confirm him

Kathy Valente

State Director Concerned Women for America of Illinois

Dear Editor:

Finally, a Supreme Court nomination worth applauding. Judge Samuel Alito Jr. is a constitutionalist with outstanding qualifications and a record to prove it!

In 1990, even about half of the Democratic caucus confirmed him to the 3rd Circuit Court, and the entire Senate unanimously confirmed him.

This nominee is worthy of a quick and speedy confirmation.

Karen Hayes
Palos Heights, IL

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Free Wellness Programs

Learn the latest on Medicare changes for 2006 and other health information at upcoming free wellness programs for older adults and family caregivers. Rush University Medical Center is offering several educational health discussions in the months of November and December led by experts in the fields of geriatrics, sleep medicine, nutrition and physical therapy.

The upcoming programs are:

I am Confused: Understanding Medicare, Saturday, Nov. 19th from 10:30 a.m. to noon at Searle Conference Center, Professional Building, 1725 W. Harrison St. in Chicago. Terri Gendel from the Suburban Area Agency on Aging and Amanda Jackson, a licensed social worker, will explain the substantial changes in drug prescription benefits for 2006, how these changes will affect coverage and the benefits of signing up before Dec. 31st.

Sleep Problems in Older Adults - Got Zzz's? Wednesday, Nov. 30th from 10:30 a.m. to noon at Searle Conference Center. Drs. Bruce Rybarczyk and Edward Stepanski, sleep specialists, will discuss treatment of sleep problems and recent advancements in sleep medicine.

Balancing Your Life: The Connection Between Nutrition and Stress Management, Wednesday, Nov. 30th from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Armour Academic Center, Room 994, 600 S. Paulina St. Nutrition and stress management experts from Rush will host an enlightening discussion about how stress reduction can improve your overall health and your eating habits.

My Achy Breaky Joints, Wednesday, Dec. 14th from 1:30 to 3 p.m. at Searle Conference Center. Join experts from Rush, Dr. Najia Shakor, a rheumatologist, and Charles Cranny, a physical therapist, in an informative discussion about osteoarthritis - the most common arthritis affecting older adults.

The programs are sponsored by Rush Generations, a comprehensive program designed to help older adults achieve better health and well-being. Free validated parking is available at the visitor/patient parking garage on Harrison St., just west of Ashland Ave. Seating is limited. Registration is requested. To register, call (888) 352-7874. For more information, visit www.rush.edu.

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TRAVEL NEWS

New Ride Featured In The Spring

Cedar Point amusement park/resort has announced it has reduced the price of its regular one-day admission ticket and will add a \$6,000,000 ride for the 2006 season.

Next summer, the price of a regular one-day admission ticket (valid for guests age three through 61 who are 48 inches and taller) will be \$39.95, a reduction of \$5 off a regular one-day admission ticket in 2005 (\$44.95).

Plus, the Junior ticket (valid for guests ages three through 61 who are under 48 inches tall), reduced from \$24.95 to \$9.95 in August, will remain at \$9.95 and the Senior ticket (valid for guests age 62 and older), reintroduced in August, will also stay the same at \$9.95. Children age two and under are free.

It will be the first time since the park implemented a pay-one-price ticket program in 1970 that the price of a regular one-day admission ticket has decreased.

Prices were also lowered on two other admission tickets. A Starlight admission ticket (available after 5 p.m. when Cedar Point closes at 10 p.m. or later or after 4 p.m. when the park closes earlier than 10 p.m.) has been reduced to \$24.95. In 2005, a Starlight ticket was \$27. The popular Ride & Slide admission ticket, which includes admission to both Cedar Point and Soak City on two days, has been reduced from \$67.95 to \$64.95.

In addition to the reduced ticket prices, the park will also add a world-record-breaking thrill ride - Skyhawk (pictured). Located near Snake River Falls in Frontiertown and standing 103 feet above the ground, Skyhawk will be the tallest ride of its kind in the world.

Skyhawk will feature two giant swinging arms, each 84 feet in length, with 20 seats on each arm. Each set of 20 seats will consist of two rows of 10 seats, positioned back to back, that will provide each rider with a "front row" view. Using pneumatic technology similar to that used on Power Tower, riders will be thrilled as they are pushed toward the sky, then experience weightlessness as they reverse direction and rush back toward the ground - just like the drop side of a roller coaster - with no ride structure in their path. At the peak of the arc, riders on Skyhawk will be more than 125 feet in the air and will reach speeds of 60 mph in both directions! The \$6,000,000 ride will give nearly 800 rides an hour. Each ride will be approximately two minutes long. (Guests must be at least 48 inches tall to ride Skyhawk.)



Guests will have their first opportunity to ride Skyhawk when the historic amusement park/resort opens for its 137th season on May 6. Construction of Skyhawk began immediately after the park closed for the 2005 season on Sunday, Oct. 30.

Guests will be able to follow the construction progress of Skyhawk at the park's Web site, www.cedarpoint.com. Exclusive webcams, "OnPoint!" - Cedar Point's official web log and the FUNtimes newsletter will help keep thrill-seekers up-to-date on the happenings at the park during the winter months.

Ukrainian Art And The Orange Revolution

In December 2004 the world focused squarely on the elections in a country that is seldom the subject of national or global headlines. The country is Ukraine and nearly one year ago, the people of Ukraine asserted their right to not only free elections but fair elections. The historical significance of what transpired captured the hearts and minds of all who watched - from the attempted poisoning of the democratic candidate to the mass demonstrations in Kyiv's Independent Square. For two weeks the world witnessed the power of a human spirit that desires freedom, fairness and democracy. Witnesses sat in awe of the peaceful and organized manner with which hundreds of thousands united for the cause of democracy. People poured in from all regions of Ukraine as did Ukrainians from around the world. In freezing temperatures, tent cities were built and food was distributed. Rock stars performed and people blogged the events real time from the streets via email and text messages. In the end, the demonstrators draped in the Orange color of their embattled candidate, prevailed, and Victor Yushenko was elected President of Ukraine.

Recognizing the historical significance of what was transpiring, the Ukrainian Institute of Modern Art in Chicago, in conjunction with the Center for Contemporary Art (CCA) in Kyiv, will host an exhibition of contemporary art that blossomed from the streets of the revolution. During the demonstrations the Director of the CCA in Kyiv (<http://www.cca.kiev.ua>), Yuriy Onuch, flung open the doors of the Center to young artists demonstrating in Independent Square and encouraged them to utilize the resources of the center to experiment and create utilizing the energy of the revolution as their muse. For several weeks a group of young artists utilized the facilities at the CCA to capture, explain and interpret the momentous occasion of the Orange Revolution.

"Artists Respond: Ukrainian Art and The Orange Revolution" showcases the work of this new generation of Ukrainian artists. The exhibit not only captures the significance of a major historical event but the works ask difficult questions surrounding Ukraine's past, who it is now and how it will move forward. The compositions in the exhibition combine to explore these questions and others such as Ukraine's role in the West and how it manages its relationship with the East. The exhibition offers works in many media including painting, sculpture, and mixed media.

The Ukrainian Institute of Modern Art (UIMA) has joined together with the Center for Contemporary Art in Kiev to bring this exhibition of revolutionary art to Chicago. In December, UIMA will present "Artists Respond: Ukrainian Art and The Orange Revolution" - the first exhibition of Ukrainian Revolutionary art shown in North America.

The exhibition is being co-curated by Yulia Vaganova, Director for the Center of Contemporary Art in Kiev, and Nicholas Sawieki, Art Chairman at the Ukrainian Institute of Modern Art.

UIMA is located at 2320 W. Chicago Ave., (773) 227-5522. The Institute is open Wednesday through Sunday from 12 noon to 4 p.m.

Additional information is available at the Ukrainian Institute of Modern Art website at www.uima-art.org.

Travel From Ancient Rome To The Ruins Of Pompeii

The Midwest Institute for International/Intercultural Education is sponsoring a food, wine, and cultural tour of Italy. Michael Wade, professor of Business and Restaurant/Culinary Arts at Moraine Valley Community College, Palos Hills, will lead the trip, which is from May 24 to June 2, 2006.

According to Wade, the international experience will include eight night's accommodations, daily breakfast at hotels, four group dinners, private long distance motor coach, services of licensed English-speaking guides, full-time tour escort, entrances to many museums, round trip coach air fare from Chicago's O'Hare Airport to Florence/Rome, and health and accident insurance. The cost of the travel package is \$2,600. Additional insurance for trip cancellation/interruption is available upon request.

The itinerary includes a visit to the 'Duomo' (Michelangelo's David) in Florence, Piazza del Campo in Siena, the excavations in Pompeii, Sorrento, the Vatican Museums with Sistine Chapel, the Coliseum, the Basilicas of St. Francis and St. Chiara in Assisi, the Monastery of Montecassino, the Perugia Chocolate Factory (where the famous 'Baci' are made), and visits to a winery, olive oil and cheese production facilities.

The Midwest Institute for International/Intercultural Education was established in 1992 as a regional consortium of two-year colleges for the purpose of expanding and strengthening international and intercultural education among member colleges. With the leadership and guidance of the institute, faculty of member schools, including Moraine Valley, the institute produced over 270 international curriculum modules representing approximately 40 disciplines.

The tour, sponsored by the Midwest Institute for International/Intercultural Education, is open to everyone. A \$250 deposit (\$100 non-refundable) is due by Feb. 15, to hold one of the limited spots on the trip.

For more information, including a full itinerary and application, contact Michael Wade at (708) 974-5594 or e-mail wade@morainevalley.edu.

26th Annual "Christmas In The Country"

The 26th annual "Christmas In The Country" Arts, Crafts and Bake Sale will be Saturday, Nov. 12, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Sunday, Nov. 13, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. This show is held at the Sandwich High School, Lynn Haskin Grade School and the Sandwich Middle School in Sandwich, Illinois.

As usual, there will be a shuttle bus service to make easy access to all three buildings. So stop by Sandwich and see beautiful crafts such as log boxes, Santas, collage art, wheel brown pottery, rag rugs and dog and cat breeds embroidered on caps, towels and clothing. There will be 140 crafters representing 78 Illinois towns and the states of Indiana, Iowa, Michigan and Wisconsin.

Admission will be \$2 and your stamped hand will allow you into each building. No strollers and no smoking will be allowed in any building. Lunch will be available in the high school and middle school and the Instant Door Prize Drawing will be in the middle school again this year.

Avenue Of Lights

The Quincy Chamber of Commerce brings the North Pole to Western Illinois at the awe-inspiring Avenue of Lights, Nov. 24th through Jan. 1st. The two-mile-long animated light festival held in Waverling-Moorman Park features three tunnels, nine arches and a 15 ft. poinsettia among the 100 display groupings decorated with more than one million lights.

For more information, contact the Quincy Area Chamber of Commerce at (217) 222-7980, or visit www.quincychamber.org.

Holiday Festival Of Lights

Rockford's Sinnissippi Park will be aglow with dozens of lighted holiday displays during the Holiday Festival of Lights beginning Nov. 27th through Jan. 2nd. Visitors can take a leisurely drive through the park.

After marveling at the festive light displays, children can leave their letters and wish lists for Santa in the North Pole Express mailbox.

For more information, contact the Rockford Park District at (815) 987-8800 or visit www.rockford-parks.org.

Classic New England Christmas

The town of Rockland will again put a special seaside spin on their holiday festival.

For the town's annual coastal Christmas celebration - the Rockland Festival of Lights - Santa will arrive by Coast Guard vessel, kicking off three days of revelry that includes all of the holiday season's most trademarked traditions.

Santa's arrival comes at noon on Friday, Nov. 25th, also known as Black Friday, a day when crowds of people around the nation flock to their local shopping centers in a holiday shopping frenzy.

But Roxanne Jobe, one of the event's organizers, says that Rockland will mark the day after Thanksgiving with a much more relaxed feel, ideal for family shopping and those looking to experience a friendly Maine holiday weekend.

After Santa's arrival, he will spend the afternoon in his village meeting with children and receiving wish lists. During that time, downtown businesses will be open and offering special perks like free gift wrapping to those getting a head start on their holiday gift buying.

Friday evening will end when Santa joins the town mayor to flip the candy cane switch and light the town's Christmas tree, as well as the downtown lights.

Festivities continue on Saturday when carolers and horse-drawn carriages take to the streets to spread holiday cheer. Also ongoing throughout the day is Eat, Drink and Be Merry, an informal restaurant tour showcasing the culinary skills of more than a dozen downtown restaurants.

On Saturday night, Rockland will be aglow with light as an evening parade of illuminated floats tour the town before ending in Harbor Park overlooking picturesque Rockland harbor. The parade route's end will be the home of a giant bonfire with hot chocolate, music and merriment.

Sunday features a pancake breakfast with local "celebrities" serving up flapjacks.

Later in the day, the town's historic inns will open their doors to the public, serving up treats and showing off magnificent holiday decorations. Many area inns also offer special packages for those who wish to make a weekend of the celebration.

For more information about the Rockland Festival of Lights, log onto www.therealmaine.com or call (800) 562-2529.

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Southwest Area Obituaries

Mildred R. Coltri

Mass was said on Tuesday, Nov. 8th at St. Elizabeth Seton Church, Orland Hills, for Mildred R. Coltri, wife of the late Bruno R. Coltri Sr.

She is survived by her children, Bruno Coltri Jr., Donna (Al) Schroeder, Dawn (Paul) Kurylowicz, Dean (Dawn) Coltri, and Tina (Mike) Coltri Smiles; and fourteen grandchildren.

Delores L. Connellan

Mass was said on Tuesday, Nov. 8th at Incarnation Church, Palos Heights, for Delores L. Connellan.

She is survived by her husband, James; her children, Carol (Daniel) Fredericks and Michael Cibulka; and three grandchildren.

Virginia Lee Ehmpke

Services were held on Tuesday, Nov. 8th at Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church, Orland Park, for Virginia Lee Ehmpke, 76, wife of the late Harry "Bob" Sr.

She is survived by her son, Roger Sr. (Louise); two grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; and her brothers, Everett, William, James, Gerald, Howard and Walter.

Elsie A. Stedman

Services were held on Tuesday, Nov. 8th at Thompson & Kuenster Funeral Home, Oak Lawn, for Elsie A. Stedman, wife of the late George, Sr.

She is survived by her children, Mary Borgman and George (Dolores) Stedman Jr.; five grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

Rene M. Steffeter

Services were held on Wednesday, Nov. 9th, at Palos Park Presbyterian Community Church, for Rene M. "Jay" Steffeter, 77, husband of the late Gloria V. He is survived by his children, Daryl (Loretta) and Caryl V. Steffeter; four grandchildren; and his brother, Albert Steffeter.

David L. Radziwon

Services were held on Tuesday, Nov. 8th at Sheehy & Sons Funeral Home, Palos Heights, for David L. Radziwon.

He is survived by his mother, Terese; his brother, Duane V. Radziwon; and his sisters, Debra (Joseph) Kobel, Denise (William) Grant, Doreen (John) Spagnolo and Deanne (David) Owsianiak.

Marcia M. Rouse

Mass was said on Tuesday, Nov. 8th at Our Lady of Loretto Church, Hometown, for Marcia M. Rouse, wife of the late George E.

She is survived by her daughters, Barbara (David) Jensen, Lee Anne Grens, Debra (John) Lalla, Marcie (Steven) Hansen and Carol (Dr. Ronald) Kunst; fourteen grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

Patricia M. Hassel

Mass was said on Wednesday, Nov. 9th, at St. Francis of Assisi Church, Orland Park,

for Patricia M. Hassel, wife of the late Edwin.

She is survived by her children, Steve (Bobbi), Monica, Eileen (Dan) Kopp and Jim (Julie) Hassel; eleven grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

Wanda Kmiecik

Mass was said on Wednesday, Nov. 9th at St. Alexander Church, Palos Heights, for Wanda Kmiecik, 90, wife of the late John Sr.

She is survived by her son, John Jr.; two grandchildren; her brothers, Walter (Sylvia), Matthew (Loretta) and Raymond (Joan); and her sisters, Anne Tomaszewski and Bernice Wisniowicz.

Lillian L. Kuhr

Services were held on Tuesday, Nov. 8th at Evangelical Lutheran Church of The Good Shepherd, Palos Heights, for Lillian L. Kuhr, wife of the late Howard.

She is survived by her daughters, Joyce Forsuk, June Groetsema and Ruth Petrak; four grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; & her brother, James (Catherine) Hildebrand.

Sigmund Sutkus

Services were held on Wednesday, Nov. 9 at O'Donnell-Bartz-Schultz/Donnellan Funeral Home, Beverly, for Sigmund Sutkus.

He is survived by his wife, Josephine; his children, Greg (Judy), Marilyn, Janice (Bob Portner), Nancy Downey (Greg Kazmierski) and Laura (John McGrath); three grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

Daniel A. Walsh

Mass was said on Monday, Nov. 7th, at St. John Fisher Church, Chicago, for Attorney at Law, Daniel A. Walsh, 67, husband of the late Rita Jane.

He is survived by his children, Daniel (Therese), Matthew, C.C.S.P.D. (Michelle), John, C.F.D. (Margaret), Michael, C.F.D. (Michelle), Joseph, C.F.D. (Marianne), Kevin and Mary Rita Walsh; twelve grandchildren; and his brother, Robert, C.F.D. (Mary) Walsh.

Benita Barcella

Mass was said on Monday, Nov. 7th, at St. Alexander Church, Palos Heights, for Benita "Benny" Barcella, 74.

He is survived by his children, Debby, Randy and Lisa; one grandchild; his sister, Teresa; and his first wife, LaVergne.

Cecilia S. Blazo

Mass was said on Monday, Nov. 7th, at Our Lady of The Woods Church, Orland Park, for Cecilia S. Blazo, 97, wife of the late Frank Blazo.

She is survived by her daughters, Margaret Blazo and Bernadette Higgason; two grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

Patricia A. Sweeney

Mass was said on Monday, Nov. 7th at St. Christopher Church, Midlothian, for Patricia A. Sweeney, wife of

the late Harry Sweeney.

She is survived by her daughters, Mary (William) Tierney, Marcia (Brian) Marton and Teresa (Robert) Bakon; six grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

Wanda Swiech

Mass was said on Monday, Nov. 7th, at Most Holy Redeemer Church, Evergreen Park, for Wanda Swiech, wife of the late Stanley. She was a longtime member of Most Holy Redeemer Women's Guild.

She is survived by nieces and nephews.

John P. Machtemes

Services were held on Monday, Nov. 7th at Peace Memorial Church, Palos Park, for WWII Army Air Corp Veteran, Lt. John P. Machtemes, 88, husband of the late, May. He was a lifelong member of Morgan Park Lions and Oak Lawn Elks and Moose.

He is survived by his children Mark and Joan (Jerry) Topel; and two grandchildren.

Carla L. Aponte

Services were held on Wednesday, Nov. 9th, at Zimmerman & Sanderman Funeral Home, Orland Park, for Carla L. Aponte, 49.

She is survived by her husband George L; her children, Erica, Crystal (fiancé David Glancarlo) and Adam (Hilary) Lithgow; one grandchild; and her brother, Tim (Cindy) Nowakowski.

Therese C. Battle

Mass was said on Tuesday, Nov. 8th at St. Germaine Church, Oak Lawn, for Therese C. Battle, 91, wife of the late Joseph M.

She is survived by her children, Mary (John) Kane, Jim (Sherry), Larry (Bette) and Neil (Theresa); six grandchildren; and her sisters, Loretta Newsham and Eileen (Ed) O'Malley.

Renata C. Braasch

Mass was said on Monday, Nov. 7th at St. Catherine of Alexandria Church, Oak Lawn, for Renata C. Braasch, wife of the late Fred J. Braasch.

She is survived by her children, Patricia Braasch, Barbara (Jim) Jacob, Fred D. (Michaela) Braasch and Vivian (Glenn) Poropat; and seven grandchildren.

Raymond B. Conway

Mass was said on Monday, Nov. 7th at St. Catherine of Alexandria Catholic Church, Oak Lawn, for WWI Army Air Corp Veteran and retired FAA traffic controller, Raymond B. Conway, 84.

He is survived by his wife, Suzanne; his children, Kenneth (Mary Jane) Conway, Bir Singh "William" (Bir Kaur) Hkalsa, Patricia Conway, Nancy DeLacy and Maureen (William) Slater; nine grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

Virginia A. Lavin

Mass was said on Tuesday, Nov. 8th at St. John Fisher Church, Chicago, for Virginia A. Lavin, 70.

She is survived by her siblings, Kay Kleinick and Pat Julien; and many nieces and nephews.

George W. Kast

Mass was said on Tuesday, Nov. 7th, at St. Linus Church, Oak Lawn, for Veteran George W. Kast, 90.

He is survived by his wife, Ida; his children, George (Sandra) Kast & Mary (John) Groenewold; four grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; and his sisters, Eleanor Purn and Dorothy Kast.

Nance J. Maroney

Services were held on Monday, Nov. 7th at Donnellan Funeral Home, Burbank, for Nancy J. Maroney, 85, wife of the late William T. Maroney.

She is survived by her children, William T. (Candice) Maroney III, Billjeane (Timothy) Traynor, Rosemary (Stephen) Grage, Marilyn and Sean (Erika) Maroney; eight grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

Peter S. Miller

Mass was said on Monday, Nov. 7th at St. Michael Church, Orland Park, for Peter S. Miller.

He is survived by his wife, Wendy; his children, Luke, Mallory and William; his mother, Lorraine; his sisters, Mary Jo (Larry) Reding, Patrice (John) Haynes and Candace (Douglas) Rooney; and his brother, William (Janie) Miller.

Mary D. Paz

Mass was said on Monday, Nov. 7th, at St. Stephen Deacon & Martyr Church, Tinley Park, for Mary D. Paz, 71, wife of the late George.

She is survived by her sisters, Katie (Joe) Halgas and Rose Ennesser; and her brother, Mike (Mary) Grbac.

Peter P. Hennis

Mass is being said, this Thursday Nov. 10th at St. Fabian Church, Bridgeview, for Peter P. Hennis.

He is survived by his wife, Cecilia; his children, Ronald (Ella) Hennis and Elizabeth Hennis; three grandchildren; and his sister, Kate Zubricks.

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Cook County Scavenger Sale Notice to Property Owners 2005 Scavenger Sale Schedule and Delinquent Real Estate Tax List

IMPORTANT NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNERS

This legal notice includes a list of real estate parcels on which property taxes for 2 or more years are listed as delinquent and subject to sale as of Wednesday, December 28, 2005.

SPECIAL NOTE: Due to the legal requirements for publication of this notice of delinquencies, this list may include some properties on which the taxes have been paid after this list was prepared. It is the property owner's responsibility to determine if the taxes are paid in full.

IF YOUR PROPERTY IS LISTED IN THIS NOTICE FOR SALE OF DELINQUENT REAL ESTATE TAXES, IT IS IMPORTANT FOR YOU TO TAKE ACTION SO THAT YOUR TAXES ARE NOT SOLD. Sale of taxes will result in a lien against the property that will add, at a minimum, hundreds of dollars in fees to the amount now due. Sale of the tax and continued failure by the owner to redeem may result in the loss of property.

Under Illinois state law, the purchaser of the delinquent real estate taxes may obtain title to these properties if they are not redeemed (paid) in a timely manner. The Scavenger Sale is scheduled to begin on December 28, 2005. For information on the Scavenger Sale please visit our website at cookcountytreasurer.com.

LEGAL NOTICE 2005 Scavenger Sale Schedule

THE SCAVENGER SALE BEGINS ON
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 28, 2005 AT 8:00 A.M.
THE SALE WILL RUN UNTIL 2:00 P.M. EACH SCHEDULED DAY.
DAILY HOURS MAY BE EXTENDED AS NEEDED.

DATE	VOLUMES	TOWNSHIPS
December 28, 2005	001-017	Barrington, Berwyn, Bloom
December 29, 2005	018-029	Bloom, Bremen
December 30, 2005	030-039	Bremen, Calumet, Cicero, Elk Grove, Evanston, Hanover, Lemont, Leyden, Lyons, Maine
January 4, 2006	090-180	Maine, New Trier, Niles, Northfield, Norwood Park, Oak Park, Orland, Palatine, Palos, Proviso, Rich
January 5, 2006	181-204	River Forest, Riverside, Schaumburg, Stickney, Thornton
January 6, 2006	205-211	Thornton
January 9, 2006	212-231	Thornton, Wheeling
January 10, 2006	232-287	Wheeling, Worth, Hyde Park
January 11, 2006	288-402	Hyde Park, Jefferson, Lake
January 12, 2006	403-431	Lake
January 13, 2006	432-524	Lake, Lake View, North Chicago, Rogers Park, South Chicago
January 17, 2006	525-601	South Chicago, West Chicago

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LEGAL NOTICE COOK COUNTY 2-YEAR DELINQUENT REAL ESTATE TAX LIST

OFFICE OF THE COOK COUNTY TREASURER AND EX-OFFICIO COUNTY COLLECTOR OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS.

Advertisement and Notice by Collector of Cook County of Application for Judgment and Order of Sale of Lands and Lots upon which All or a Part of the General Taxes for 2 or More Years are Delinquent, for Order of Sale thereof, as provided by law.

COUNTY OF COOK,
STATE OF ILLINOIS
November 9 - 10, 2005.

NOTICE is hereby given that the said Collector of Cook County, Illinois, will apply to the County Division of the Circuit Court of Cook County, Illinois on Wednesday, November 23, 2005, for judgment against all lands and lots hereinafter described as being parcels upon which general real estate taxes for 2 or more years remain due and unpaid along with interest and costs, for an order of sale of said lands and lots for satisfaction thereof. Final entry of said order will be sought on Friday, December 23, 2005.

NOTICE is further given that on the 28th Day of December, 2005, A.D., at the hour of 8:00 a.m., all said lands and lots hereinafter described for sale for which an order shall have been made, will be exposed to public sale at 1100 South Hamilton, Juvenile Justice Center, Lower Level Auditorium, in Chicago, Illinois, for the amount of taxes, interest and costs due thereon.

The following is a list of the delinquent properties in Cook County upon which the taxes or any part thereof remain due and unpaid for 2 or more years; the name(s) of the owners, if known; the property location; the total amount due thereon; and the years for which the taxes are due.

Please note, where an E indicator appears immediately before a PIN in the column marked Currently Exempt, the real estate corresponding to said PIN may currently not be subject to taxation or may currently be owned by a governmental agency whose interest in the property may not be defeated by a tax deed. Where an indicator appears immediately before a PIN in the column marked Currently Exempt the real estate corresponding to said PIN may have been sold at a previous sale of delinquent taxes.

In lieu of a legal description, each parcel of land or lot is designated by a Property Index Number (or PIN). Comparison of the 14-digit PIN with the legal description of any parcel may be made by referring to records that are maintained in County offices.

The Cook County Collector does not guarantee the accuracy of common street addresses or property classification codes. Tax purchasers should verify all common street addresses, PINs, classifications and ownership by personal inspection and investigation of said properties and legal descriptions prior to purchasing general taxes offered at the sale.

With respect to parcels indicated as E, Currently Exempt, Tax purchasers should further investigate the circumstances regarding the status of such a parcel before purchasing the delinquent taxes at the sale.

When a petition to vacate the sale of a currently exempt parcel, the final result may be a refund without interest.

NAME	STREET ADDRESS	VOL	CURR	REAL ESTATE INDEX	CLASS	FROM YEAR	TO YEAR	TAX AMOUNT	INTEREST	TOTAL	NAME	STREET ADDRESS	VOL	CURR	REAL ESTATE INDEX	CLASS	FROM YEAR	TO YEAR	TAX AMOUNT	INTEREST	TOTAL
VILLAGE OF STONE PARK	0613 16TH ST	248	E	16-19-227-037-0000	0-00	99	01	6,328.20	3,996.83	10,325.03	TAXPAYER OF	9810 MANSFIELD AVE	240		24-08-213-026-0000	1-00	96	03	13,043.13	10,004.07	23,047.20
WILL FEED COMMUNITY	1800 N MANNHEIM RD	249		15-05-217-001-0000	1-00	99	02	49,880.34	27,491.17	77,371.51	PETTING BETTY	9708 MANSFIELD AVE	240		24-08-213-037-0000	1-00	90	03	1,136.83	1,103.03	2,239.83
SAMUEL SLOAN	132 BERRY ST	247		31-24-436-003-0000	2-34	99	02	12,404.54	6,461.02	18,865.56	FANNIE WEINSHENKER	10311 MERTON AVE	240		24-08-311-045-0000	2-03	91	92	393.84	330.65	724.29
LUDON HANS FLISK	8835 S ALBANY AVE	236		24-01-111-015-0000	1-00	02	03	1,015.92	300.73	1,316.65	GEORGE ECK	9851 MAYFIELD AVE	240		24-08-401-051-0000	1-00	85	03	5,437.85	6,318.98	11,756.83
TAXPAYER OF	2807 W 87TH ST	236		24-01-201-003-0000	1-00	02	03	905.95	288.46	1,194.41	TAXPAYER OF	5252 JAMES PL	241		24-09-100-050-0000	1-00	84	03	1,568.61	1,908.18	3,476.79
VINCENT CANNAR EP	2400 W 95TH ST	236		24-01-201-052-0000	1-00	84	03	2,352.43	2,843.75	5,196.18	G SIMON	5404 FRANKLIN AVE	241		24-09-114-044-0000	1-00	84	03	7,561.74	9,012.86	16,574.60
TAXPAYER OF	3416 S KEDZIE AVE	236		24-01-215-030-0000	1-00	84	03	12,316.97	14,972.37	27,289.34	JOHN DOE	5252 JAMES PL	241		24-09-117-001-0000	1-00	84	03	3,432.93	4,444.24	7,877.17
WM NYSTEDT	9201 S KEDZIE AVE	236		24-01-307-077-0000	1-00	91	01	394.92	476.01	870.93	G L SERVICE	9806 55TH ST	241		24-09-131-027-0000	1-00	88	03	6,175.98	6,073.02	12,250.03
M MARIAN SLENNH	9201 S KEDZIE AVE	236		24-01-307-078-0000	1-00	84	03	880.74	1,083.44	1,974.18	JOHN DOE	5252 DUMKE DR	241	E	24-09-204-033-0000	0-00	84	87	2,082.80	4,678.70	6,761.50
MAE HULTHEW	9207 S KEDZIE AVE	236		24-01-307-083-0000	1-00	92	03	456.26	360.87	817.13	JOHN DOE	5252 DUMKE DR	241		24-09-220-020-0000	1-00	84	03	11,479.26	14,088.58	25,567.84
J STEEVES	9207 S KEDZIE AVE	236		24-01-307-085-0000	1-00	84	03	838.46	958.22	1,796.68	HENRY L WOLF	4643 W 95TH ST	242		24-10-127-039-0000	1-00	84	03	20,948.04	24,548.21	45,497.25
TAXPAYER OF	8541 S KEDZIE AVE	236	E	24-01-308-004-0000	0-00	87	01	6,210.68	7,812.98	14,023.66	COOK COUNTY COLLECTOR	8501 S KENTON AVE	242		24-10-127-044-0000	1-00	84	03	20,698.04	24,308.21	45,007.25
CITY OF CHICAGO	2638 W 94TH ST	237		24-01-411-021-0000	1-00	90	03	253.63	232.27	485.90	TAXPAYER OF	9712 S CENTRAL PARK AVE	242		24-11-123-027-0000	1-00	84	03	8,396.06	10,179.86	18,575.92
GEORGE W WAKUL	9348 S TURNER AVE	237	E	24-03-313-047-0000	0-00	86	86	21,809.89	52,387.20	74,197.09	VINCENT CANNAR EP	8617 S TRUMBULL AVE	243		24-11-202-042-0000	1-00	84	03	5,793.91	6,941.52	12,735.43
G L SERVICE	3206 ALEXANDER PL	238		24-04-108-028-0000	1-00	86	03	9,812.47	11,071.45	20,883.92	VINCENT CANNAR EP	9526 S HOMAN AVE	243		24-11-202-045-0000	1-00	84	03	5,793.91	6,941.52	12,735.43
GARY TAYLOR	3307 W 90TH ST	238		24-04-111-058-0000	2-78	97	02	8,354.59	5,530.82	13,885.41	RICHARD P MCUN	2847 W 94TH PL	243		24-11-207-042-0000	1-00	99	03	3,488.90	1,627.88	5,096.78
JOHN DOE	5252 JAMES PL	238		24-04-314-001-0000	1-00	84	03	658.79	864.31	1,523.10	TRUST ONE	3300 W 96TH ST	243		24-11-207-044-0000	1-00	84	03	3,390.22	4,203.50	7,593.72
JOHN DOE	5252 JAMES PL	238		24-04-323-001-0000	1-00	84	03	746.29	979.26	1,725.55	TAXPAYER OF	3357 W CLARK DR	243		24-11-212-080-0000	1-00	85	03	7,918.09	10,430.91	18,349.03
MARK DAVIS	9409 53RD CT	238	E	24-04-331-002-0000	0-00	84	87	3,377.91	7,912.87	11,290.78	TAXPAYER OF	10251 S TURNER AVE	243		24-11-414-024-0000	2-07	02	03	3,431.28	1,015.72	4,447.00
G L SERVICE	9417 53RD PL	238	E	24-04-331-004-0000	0-00	84	87	7,590.87	17,876.54	25,467.41	TAXPAYER OF	11801 S PULASKI RD	243		24-11-415-010-0000	1-00	02	03	1,291.55	1,673.86	2,965.41
TAXPAYER OF	5252 DUMKE DR	238	E	24-04-331-005-0000	0-00	84	87	13,922.50	32,825.00	46,747.50	EDWARD DEVINE	9536 S TROY ST	243		24-12-101-068-0000	1-00	84	03	999.81	1,180.41	2,180.22
WARLEY HOMES INC	9400 RAYMOND AVE	238	E	24-04-331-012-0000	0-00	84	87	17,333.89	40,913.70	58,247.59	M B FORD	2825 W 95TH ST	243		24-12-108-038-0000	1-00	84	03	8,038.83	8,458.11	17,496.94
TAXPAYER OF	5140 W 95TH ST	238		24-04-427-016-0000	1-00	84	03	2,280.16	2,541.79	4,821.92	DEBORAH L SPARISON	9821 S UTICA AVE	243		24-12-113-042-0000	1-00	84	03	11,597.30	13,737.12	25,334.42
TAXPAYER OF	9249 49TH CT	238		24-04-429-018-0000	1-00	95	03	1,416.06	2,454.63	6,600.69	GEORGE M ECK AGENT	2412-113-042-0000	243		24-12-113-042-0000	1-00	84	03	7,923.28	9,365.14	17,288.42
JOHN POPE	9249 49TH AVE	238		24-04-430-004-0000	1-00	84	03	8,824.44	10,636.42	19,460.86	SEAN J MEEGAN	2950 W 96TH ST	243		24-12-124-021-0000	2-41	84	01	14,105.75	23,266.96	37,372.70
JOHN POPE	3101 W 95TH ST	238		24-05-100-025-0000	1-00	84	03	16,262.26	16,263.12	32,525.38	JOHN WHITTAKER	2813 W 96TH PL	243		24-12-210-015-0000	1-00	02	03	1,444.43	427.57	1,872.00
JOHN POPE	3101 W 95TH ST	238		24-05-100-026-0000	1-00	84	03	12,778.43	14,878.36	27,656.79	ALICE M DONOVAN	2733 W 97TH ST	243	E	24-12-215-012-0000	0-00	86	93	849.51	1,581.24	2,430.75
LARRY F JONES	5801 W 87TH ST	238		24-05-200-045-0000	1-00	96	03	1,709.54	3,027.21	4,736.75	JOHN J CHOCKI	2943 W 102ND ST	243		24-12-313-005-0000	1-00	96	86	3,177.07	6,846.91	10,018.98
SULEIMAN M ABUELO	5789 W 87TH ST	238		24-05-202-008-0000	1-00	95	97	2,795.16	3,027.21	5,822.37	HUO	4825 KOLMAR AVE	244	E	24-15-204-035-0000	1-00	02	03	2,200.98	666.89	2,867.87
SULEIMAN M ABUELO	5787 W 87TH ST	238		24-05-202-009-0000	1-00	95	97	2,795.16	3,027.21	5,822.37	ALICE M DONOVAN	10064 S KOWINSKY AVE	244		24-15-204-065-0000	3-90	99	03	3,337.40	2,200.14	5,537.54
HSF CORP	5857 W 88TH ST	238		24-05-209-001-0000	1-00	02	03	1,494.74	446.70	1,941.44	BOYLE ENTERPRISES	10322 S KOWINSKY AVE	244		24-15-204-112-0000	1-00	87	03	6,565.11	3,732.28	10,297.39
MARK DAVIS	5751 W 88TH ST	238		24-05-210-001-0000	1-00	84	03	6,571.65	10,059.25	16,630.90	MAPLEWOOD PARK CORP	10330 LOCKWOOD AVE	244		24-16-101-080-0000	1-00	84	03	2,050.59	2,441.77	4,492.36
G L SERVICE	8625 AUSTIN AVE	238		24-05-216-010-0000	1-00	02	03	1,126.41	336.62	1,463.03	MAPLEWOOD PARK CORP	10338 LOCKWOOD AVE	244		24-16-101-081-0000	1-00	84	03	1,543.23	1,830.01	3,373.24
TAXPAYER OF	5724 W 90TH ST	238		24-05-224-040-0000	2-41	92	02	262.01	242.30	504.40	BUSCH BUILT INC	10356 LOCKWOOD AVE	244		24-16-101-084-0000	1-00	84	03	1,880.52	2,254.26	4,134.78
TAXPAYER OF	5724 W 90TH ST	238		24-05-224-040-0000	2-41	92	02	1,436.63	428.04	1,864.67	TAXPAYER OF	10327 CENTRAL AVE	244		24-16-119-001-0000	1-00	84	03	4,643.20	4,302.45	8,945.65
HELEN DRALUSCHKE	5830 W 90TH PL	238		24-05-226-021-0000	1-00	84	03	43,704.54	40,658.81	84,363.35	ERNEST BIGLOW	10510 LINDER AVE	244		24-16-119-003-0000	1-00	84	03	1,986.62	2,893.65	4,880.27
TAXPAYER OF	6101 W 94TH ST	238		24-05-307-067-0000	1-00	84	03	43,794.54	40,658.81	84,363.35	HARTZ CONSTRUCTION CO	5302 TOMCON TRL	244		24-16-300-083-0000	1-00	01	03	1,213.50	436.07	1,649.57
TAXPAYER OF	6301 92ND ST	238		24-05-397-042-0000	2-90	84	03	1,829.19	2,438.91	4,268.10	MARY ARLEN WEIL	5120 TOMCON TRAIL	244		24-16-423-026-0000	2-95	98	02	1,899.98	1,581.03	3,480.88
JAMES E SHERIDAN	9302 MASSACOTT AVE	238		24-05-408-011-0000	1-00	84	03	6,143.02	7,738.99	13,881.91	R KRUEGER/KRUEGER/CO	10648 S AUSTIN AVE	245		24-17-108-004-0000	1-00	84	03	3,229.92	3,786.38	7,016.30
ROSE E NASEN	9025 HARRISON AVE	238		24-05-100-017-0000	1-00	84	03	2,513.09	755.37	3,268.46	JOHN DOE	10400 OXFORD AVE	245	E	24-17-113-004-0000	1-00	84	86	1,785.40	4,288.84	6,074.24
TAXPAYER	6402 W 80TH PL	238		24-06-204-038-0000	1-00	84	03	2,751.41	3,412.68	6,164.30	TAXPAYER OF	5700 105TH ST	245		24-17-203-005-0000	2-90	84	03	5,785.40	7,518.14	13,283.54
SOUTHWESTERN AVIATION CO	7156 81ST ST	238		24-06-300-010-0000	1-00	84	03	47,480.60	58,426.22	105,906.82	JANE ZLOZA	10625 PARKSIDE AVE	245		24-17-209-024-1008	2-99	95	03	354.58	257.50	612.08
CONDO MORIA AREA	6619 W 95TH ST	238		24-06-301-002-0000	1-00	84	03	8,883.65	11,072.85	19,956.50	BARBARA BLUMH ADMIN	5821 W 103RD ST	245		24-17-213-001-0000	1-00	86	03	40,716.11	45,534.30	86,250.41
TAXPAYER OF	6670 W 95TH ST	238		24-06-307-007-0000	2-02	02	03	4,572.09	1,366.38	5,938.49	ANN METKE OL 103	5805 W 103RD ST	245		24-17-213-002-0000	1-00	95	03	23,168.12	14,315.60	37,483.72
1ST STATE BK PHLOS HLS	9421 86TH CT	238		24-06-308-013-0000	2-12	02	03	118.97	37.86	154.83	A METKE OLKIN 103	10307 MANSFIELD AVE	245		24-17-213-004-0000	1-00	02	03	6,618.18	2,038.79	8,657.96
ROY W NOBLETT	9800 S SAYRE AVE	240		24-07-013-046-1019	2-99	02	03	218.66	63.99	282.65	ORLANDO RV PARK INC	10308 MENARD AVE	245		24-17-213-016-0000	1-00	96	03	48,736.79	49,817.52	98,554.31

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DAVID BLUM 07 022026 4	2655 121ST ST	247		24-25-211-003-0000	1-00	85	03	3,775.38	2,409.93	6,185.31	GOODS HOUSE OF LOVE	13414 S AVERS AVE	240		24-35-304-028-0000	1-00	87	00	910.12	468.71	1,378.83
	12521 N KOSTNER AVE	247	E	24-25-300-011-0000	0-00	84	89	134,579.59	294,083.40	428,662.99	VILLAGE OF ROBBINS	13418 S AVERS AVE	240		24-35-304-028-0000	1-00	87	00	910.12	468.71	1,378.83
	12521 N KOSTNER AVE	247	E	24-25-300-002-0000	0-00	84	89	66,657.98	145,068.18	211,726.16	SALYPAIRE	13426 S AVERS AVE	240		24-35-304-028-0000	1-00	87	00	910.12	468.71	1,378.83
	12230 CALIFORNIA AVE	247	E	24-25-300-008-0000	0-00	85	89	800.00	800.00	1,600.00	LEE E HENBERT	13428 S AVERS AVE	240		24-35-304-040-0000	1-00	01	00	553.38	183.17	736.55
	12521 N KOSTNER AVE	247	E	24-25-302-001-0000	0-00	84	89	72,846.70	158,678.59	231,525.29	MABEL BRADLEY		240		24-35-305-007-0000	1-00	01	00	553.38	183.17	736.55
	12521 N KOSTNER AVE	247	E	24-25-304-001-0000	0-00	84	89	21,425.94	46,530.54	67,956.48	BRITISH JAMES	13411 S AVERS AVE	240		24-35-305-007-0000	1-00	98	00	829.07	378.41	1,207.48
	12521 N KOSTNER AVE	247	E	24-25-305-001-0000	0-00	86	89	18,657.39	33,015.58	51,672.97	TAPAYER	13416 S AVERS AVE	240		24-35-305-011-0000	1-00	98	00	829.07	378.41	1,207.48
DUGGAN & MURPHY INC	2654 MINNESOTA AVE	247		24-25-300-011-0000	1-00	06	00	6,722.51	7,863.30	14,585.81	PERCY AND JANE BRISON	13419 S AVERS AVE	240		24-35-305-011-0000	1-00	01	00	553.38	183.17	736.55
BENNET GREENWALD	12301 MEADOW LN	247		24-25-400-076-0000	1-00	01	02	140.32	174.15	314.47	ERMA J JONES	13421 S AVERS AVE	240		24-35-305-015-0000	1-00	01	00	553.38	183.17	736.55
BENNET GREENWALD	12303 MEADOW LN	247		24-25-400-076-0000	1-00	01	02	140.32	174.15	314.47	ERMA J JONES	13423 S AVERS AVE	240		24-35-305-015-0000	1-00	02	00	1,382.95	407.38	1,790.33
MARIA INES TORRES	12419 MAPLE AVE	247		24-25-410-037-0000	1-00	84	00	2,758.30	3,917.87	6,676.17	MARINE SMITH	13402 S HAMLIN AVE	240		24-35-305-030-0000	2-02	98	00	8,344.05	9,021.96	10,366.01
CITY OF BLUE ISLAND	13051 GREENWOOD AVE	247		24-25-427-015-0000	1-00	86	00	2,506.42	2,804.61	5,311.03	JOSEPH HARPER	13405 S HAMLIN AVE	240		24-35-305-030-0000	2-02	98	00	8,344.05	9,021.96	10,366.01
ILLINOIS REGIONAL BANK	12802 MAPLE AVE	247		24-25-427-016-0000	1-00	84	00	1,361.80	1,735.80	3,097.60	LESTER HENDERSON	13426 S HAMLIN AVE	240		24-35-305-041-0000	2-02	86	00	8,871.97	9,221.94	10,481.51
CITY OF BLUE ISLAND	13051 GREENWOOD AVE	247		24-25-427-027-0000	1-00	86	00	2,898.48	3,004.75	5,903.23	ELISHA JOHNSON	3088 W 135TH ST	240		24-35-305-048-0000	2-02	02	00	1,447.37	432.61	1,879.98
TAXPAYER OF		247		24-25-427-047-0000	1-00	90	03	204.37	205.61	409.98	TAPAYER OF	3720 W LINCOLN LN	240		24-35-306-006-0000	2-02	84	00	10,547.77	12,834.10	23,381.87
	3661 W BENCK DR	247	E	24-26-304-016-0000	0-00	95	03	4,889.03	4,582.49	9,471.52	WALTER L JONES	3720 W LINCOLN LN	240		24-35-306-007-0000	1-00	84	00	1,549.86	1,016.29	2,566.15
	3805 W 123RD ST	247	E	24-26-305-006-0000	0-00	94	03	4,040.73	5,810.81	11,851.54	PAULETTA LINDSEY		240		24-35-306-008-0000	1-00	94	00	1,549.86	1,016.29	2,566.15
ARBOR GLEN CONDOS	12520 ARBOR DR	247		24-26-306-006-0000	1-00	03	03	1,130.15	447.10	1,576.25	ALL NATIONS CHURCH GOD	3710 W LINCOLN LN	240		24-35-306-011-0000	2-03	03	03	3,105.51	1,147.92	4,253.03
D P S W D ASSN	12513 DEER PARK DR	247		24-26-310-027-0000	1-00	98	00	2,751.87	1,391.16	4,142.83	TAPAYER OF	3708 W LINCOLN LN	240		24-35-306-012-0000	2-02	86	00	9,465.83	10,398.81	19,864.64
BLUE ISLAND PK DIST	12300 S CENTRAL PARK AVE	247		24-26-401-002-0000	1-00	84	80	2,632.24	3,296.40	5,928.64	LOHME WHITESIDE	3622 W LINCOLN LN	240		24-35-306-021-0000	1-00	02	00	541.80	157.87	699.67
	12676 S HOMAN AVE	247	E	24-26-402-002-0000	0-00	84	89	74,024.91	162,089.36	236,114.27	LESTER HENDERSON	13415 S HAMLIN AVE	240		24-35-307-004-0000	2-02	84	00	3,188.11	4,131.28	7,319.39
	12638 HOMAN AVE	247	E	24-26-403-008-0000	0-00	87	03	19,413.82	15,110.99	34,524.81	FINANCIAL PROPS	3726 W 135TH ST	240		24-35-307-034-0000	1-00	00	00	800.79	281.98	1,082.77
	12676 S HOMAN AVE	247	E	24-26-407-004-0000	0-00	84	89	97,265.47	212,846.85	310,112.32	FINANCIAL PROPS	3728 W 135TH ST	240		24-35-307-036-0000	1-00	03	00	865.71	244.83	940.54
VILLAGE OF ALSIP	12204 S 45TH ST	247		24-27-106-032-0000	2-03	80	02	2,482.42	4,289.10	6,746.52	FINANCIAL PROPERTIES	13418 S RIDGEWAY AVE	240		24-35-307-037-0000	1-00	99	02	1,123.86	582.97	1,725.96
	12228 S 45TH ST	247	E	24-27-106-039-0000	0-00	83	94	398.01	506.85	874.86	GOLDEN FEATHER	13408 S RIDGEWAY AVE	240		24-35-308-005-0000	2-02	01	02	1,253.86	504.77	1,758.63
	12228 S 45TH ST	247	E	24-27-106-040-0000	0-00	83	94	398.01	506.85	874.86	CONTECO 13413	13417 S RIDGEWAY AVE	240		24-35-308-005-0000	1-00	94	00	1,588.82	1,041.85	2,630.67
	12228 S 45TH ST	247	E	24-27-106-041-0000	0-00	83	94	398.01	506.85	874.86	LEE A CLAY JR	13419 S RIDGEWAY AVE	240		24-35-308-018-0000	1-00	94	00	1,588.82	1,041.85	2,630.67
ALSIP VILLAGE	12232 S 45TH ST	247		24-27-106-061-0000	2-02	80	03	13,801.82	8,208.76	21,811.28	WEDDELL D PRICE	13406 S LAWNDALE AVE	240		24-35-308-018-0000	1-00	94	00	1,332.25	572.35	2,204.60
		247		24-27-206-012-0000	0-00	84	95	48,879.87	85,038.36	131,918.83	CARL E ROGERS	13410 S LAWNDALE AVE	240		24-35-308-020-0000	2-03	89	00	821.01	378.08	1,197.09
ANTHONY NOONAN	11717 S KILDARE AVE	247		24-27-206-132-0000	2-00	84	00	759.07	1,009.51	1,768.58	ROY JAMES BAROWELL SR	13412 S LAWNDALE AVE	240		24-35-308-021-0000	2-03	89	00	821.01	378.08	1,197.09
WALGREEN CO TAX DEPT	12290 S PULASKI RD	247		24-27-206-186-0000	5-17	97	98	14,279.56	12,846.82	27,126.80	ROY JAMES BAROWELL SR	13414 S LAWNDALE AVE	240		24-35-308-022-0000	2-41	86	00	1,588.82	1,041.85	2,630.67
OUTLOT		247		24-27-210-067-0000	1-00	86	00	12,824.27	15,743.10	28,567.37	LAWRENCE ROBINSON	13416 S LAWNDALE AVE	240		24-35-308-025-0000	1-00	94	00	1,129.35	517.29	1,646.64
OUT LOT		247		24-27-210-089-0000	1-00	86	00	30,407.98	37,039.87	67,447.85	ULLIAN W WILLIAMS	13418 S LAWNDALE AVE	240		24-35-308-029-0000	1-00	99	00	1,129.35	517.29	1,646.64
SHANNON CONSTRUCTION	4300 EMERALD WAY	247		24-27-404-124-0000	1-00	87	03	3,285.00	1,948.51	5,233.51	MELVIN TOLLIVER	13406 S MONTECELLO AVE	240		24-35-309-019-0000	1-00	82	88	217.37	325.95	543.32
	4938 W 124ND ST	248	E	24-28-203-024-0000	0-00	84	00	9,077.54	7,321.77	16,399.31	PERCY AND JANE BRISON	13422 S MONTECELLO AVE	240		24-35-309-025-0000	1-00	94	00	1,588.82	1,041.85	2,630.67
	12540 HOLIDAY DR	248	E	24-28-402-070-0000	0-00	96	03	1,123.24	941.39	2,064.63	BERTHA L REED	13424 S MONTECELLO AVE	240		24-35-309-026-0000	1-00	94	00	1,332.25	872.35	2,204.60
TAXPAYER OF	4740 W 124TH ST	248		24-28-401-028-0000	2-34	02	00	7,025.59	2,089.51	9,123.10	PUMP INC	3632 W 135TH ST	240		24-35-309-036-0000	1-00	95	00	853.85	383.15	1,238.80
		248		24-28-402-011-0000	0-00	99	03	5,352.92	3,529.73	8,882.65	SHIRLEY M HOWARD	13407 S MONTECELLO AVE	240		24-35-310-005-0000	1-00	99	03	134.30	88.06	222.89
		248		24-28-402-015-0000	0-00	99	03	6,389.06	4,803.18	11,002.22	APACHE L GILBERT	13411 S MONTECELLO AVE	240		24-35-310-012-0000	1-00	93	00	770.90	808.27	1,579.17
		248		24-28-402-025-0000	0-00	99	03	4,443.05	2,929.22	7,372.27	MAMIE ENGRAM	13407 S MONTECELLO AVE	240		24-35-310-014-0000	1-00	94	00	1,588.82	1,041.85	2,630.67
		248		24-28-402-029-0000	1-00	99	03	471.40	223.63	695.03	TAPAYER OF	1308 CENTRAL PK AVE	240		24-35-310-016-0000	2-02	84	00	9,128.28	10,542.04	19,670.32
MICHAEL BEHRENS	4854 W 127TH ST	249		24-28-402-030-0000	0-00	99	03	1,089.86	718.51	1,808.36	DEZONNA JOSEPH	3608 W 135TH ST	240		24-35-310-022-0000	2-02	86	00	1,105.86	1,035.89	2,141.85
		249		24-28-402-031-0000	0-00	99	00	1,089.86	718.51	1,808.36			240		24-35-405-005-0000	2-02	84	00	13,084.08	15,731.81	28,815.89
		249		24-28-402-032-0000	0-00	99	00	1,087.29	718.83	1,806.12			240		24-35-405-012-0000	0-00	89	86	315.82	586.28	902.10
		249		24-28-402-033-0000	0-00	99	00	1,087.29	718.83	1,806.12			240		24-35-405-026-0000	0-00	89	86	315.82	586.28	902.10
		249		24-28-402-034-0000	0-00	99	03	2,828.79	1,832.75	4,761.54			240		24-35-404-017-0000	0-00	84	87	710.75	1,677.00	2,387.75
		249		24-28-403-008-0000	0-00	84	00	2,353.24	3,319.34	5,672.58	RUTH SCOTT		240		24-35-408-003-0000	1-00	85	00	821.17	1,063.81	1,884.98
LEONARD ABRAMOWICZ	12806 S CIGERO AVE	248		24-28-403-019-0000	1-00	84	00	9,834.89	13,853.36	23,688.04	TAPAYER OF	13401 S KEDZIE AVE	240		24-35-408-007-0000	2-02	84	00	7,335.94	6,794.54	15,130.48
		248		24-28-404-018-0000	1-00	84	00	4,480.04	4,134.20	7,994.24	MYRTIS B BAKER		240		24-35-407-018-0000	1-00	01	00	558.85	178.55	737.40
		248		24-28-404-048-0000	0-00	84	00	18,142.74	25,352.31	43,495.05	RAJESYAH ABDULLAH	13418 S TRUMBULL AVE	240		24-35-407-019-0000	2-02	89	00	8,869.89	8,671.08	15,540.75
		248	E	24-29-100-013-0000	0-00	84	89	11,991.76	24,161.98	36,153.74	JENNIFER K ROBERT	13449 S SAINT LOUIS AVE	240		24-35-408-001-0000	1-00	99	00	381.23	148.86	530.09
GILBERT & WOLF INC	8825 W 111TH ST	249	E	24-30-100-102-0000																	

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NAME	STREET ADDRESS	VOL	CURR	REAL ESTATE INDEX	CLASS	FROM YEAR	TO YEAR	TAX AMOUNT	INTEREST	TOTAL
VILLAGE OF ROBBINS	13330 S KEDZIE AVE	240		24-36-412-000-0000	1-00	95	02	833.79	711.03	1,544.82
VILLAGE OF ROBBINS	13330 S KEDZIE AVE	240		24-36-412-000-0000	1-00	99	03	707.84	397.24	1,105.08
VILLAGE OF ROBBINS	3210 W 135TH ST	240		24-36-412-000-0000	1-00	94	03	806.50	409.02	1,215.52
VILLAGE OF ROBBINS	13452 S KEDZIE AVE	240		24-36-412-000-0000	1-00	94	02	794.82	593.32	1,378.14
VILLAGE OF ROBBINS	13254 S KEDZIE AVE	240		24-36-412-000-0000	1-00	94	03	7,355.11	12,479.23	19,834.34
VILLAGE OF ROBBINS	13426 S HUMAN AVE	240		24-36-412-000-0000	1-00	95	03	1,819.33	1,213.37	3,032.70
VILLAGE OF ROBBINS	13426 S HUMAN AVE	240		24-36-412-000-0000	1-00	90	03	1,247.60	1,061.01	2,308.61
TAXPAYER OF	13409 S TRUMBULL AVE	240		24-36-413-000-0000	2-02	84	03	27,045.23	37,428.68	64,473.91
GARFIELD ERMW	13437 S TRUMBULL AVE	240		24-36-413-014-0000	2-02	84	03	6,989.96	7,770.49	14,760.45
WILLIE HODGES	13412 S HUMAN AVE	240		24-36-413-019-0000	2-02	84	03	2,950.34	3,192.05	6,151.39
TAXPAYER OF	13414 S HUMAN AVE	240		24-36-413-020-0000	2-02	84	03	13,737.82	9,706.96	23,444.68
TAXPAYER OF	13416 S HUMAN AVE	240		24-36-413-021-0000	2-02	84	03	16,846.88	19,959.50	36,806.57
TAXPAYER OF	13420 S HUMAN AVE	240		24-36-413-022-0000	2-02	84	03	11,732.29	13,302.15	25,034.44
SAH EPSTEIN	3404 W 135TH ST	240		24-36-413-024-0000	2-07	84	03	15,477.58	19,965.64	35,443.22
SAHUEL EPSTEIN	3402 W 135TH ST	240		24-36-413-025-0000	1-00	01	03	508.32	160.59	668.91
JAMES PAGE	13415 CENTRAL PK AVE	240		24-36-414-011-0000	1-00	84	03	2,086.03	2,232.82	4,318.85
MELVERTA PERRY	13415 CENTRAL PK AVE	240		24-36-415-000-0000	2-12	95	03	13,274.24	8,134.60	21,408.84
ANDREW SPENCER	13415 CENTRAL PK AVE	240		24-36-416-000-0000	1-00	96	03	1,184.84	542.82	1,727.66
TERRY J LEE	13404 S SAINT LOUIS AVE	240		24-36-416-011-0000	1-00	99	02	730.46	380.52	1,090.98
B ZELMER & L CANNON	3549 W 135TH ST	240		24-36-417-000-0000	1-00	01	03	737.88	244.24	982.13
JOHANNIE C WILLIAMS	3508 W 135TH ST	240		24-36-417-000-0000	2-02	87	03	7,423.56	7,198.43	14,621.99
DARLING INTERNATIONAL	3100 WRETON RD	240		24-36-100-000-0000	5-93	01	03	70,155.94	21,377.27	91,533.21
CITY OF BLUE ISLAND	12730 MOZART ST	240		24-36-102-010-0000	1-00	97	03	3,790.80	2,069.51	5,860.40
TERRANCE J BROWN	3100 WRETON RD	240		24-36-105-000-0000	1-00	01	03	1,353.47	444.33	1,797.80
DARLING INTERNATIONAL	3100 WRETON RD	240		24-36-111-027-0000	5-80	01	03	17,095.47	5,267.92	22,363.39
DARLING INTERNATIONAL	3100 WRETON RD	240		24-36-111-039-0000	5-93	01	03	118.79	36.60	155.39
E PONCHONE	13051 GREENWOOD AVE	240		24-36-112-001-0000	1-00	84	03	1,838.10	1,780.22	3,618.32
CITY OF BLUE ISLAND	12804 HIGHLAND AVE	240		24-36-116-010-0000	1-00	86	03	3,293.36	3,901.11	7,194.47
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JOSEPH PURKA	2436 PRINCE AVE	240		24-36-301-007-0000	1-00	94	03	233.75	198.41	432.16
JOSEPH PURKA	2436 PRINCE AVE	240		24-36-301-008-0000	1-00	94	03	2,351.27	1,754.72	4,105.99
JOSEPH PURKA	2436 PRINCE AVE	240		24-36-301-009-0000	1-00	94	03	2,351.27	1,754.72	4,105.99
JOSEPH PURKA	2436 PRINCE AVE	240		24-36-301-010-0000	1-00	94	03	1,919.53	1,508.19	3,428.72
TREJO JOHN JR	3101 131ST PL	240		24-36-303-000-0000	0-00	88	03	1,498.23	2,892.01	4,390.24
VALERIO AMBRIZ	3055 132ND ST	240		24-36-304-004-0000	2-03	00	03	7,407.82	3,052.93	10,460.75
VALERIO AMBRIZ	3055 132ND ST	240		24-36-305-002-0000	2-02	90	03	4,803.01	5,147.88	9,950.89
ESSIE PARR	13820 S HAMILIN AVE	240		24-36-305-023-0000	2-02	90	03	4,803.01	5,147.88	9,950.89
MALYSA CONSTR CO	13150 FRANCISCO AVE	240		24-36-306-002-0000	2-02	84	03	16,182.26	22,019.38	38,201.64
TAXPAYER OF	13150 FRANCISCO AVE	240		24-36-306-003-0000	2-02	84	03	30,376.20	42,866.26	73,242.46
TAXPAYER OF	13423 S KEDZIE AVE	240		24-36-308-004-0000	1-00	96	03	749.00	488.63	1,237.63
TAXPAYER OF	13423 S KEDZIE AVE	240		24-36-308-005-0000	2-02	84	03	9,442.80	11,566.31	21,009.11
TAXPAYER OF	13401 KEDZIE AVE	240		24-36-309-004-0000	2-01	84	03	1,498.31	1,958.54	3,456.85
TAXPAYER OF	13401 KEDZIE AVE	240		24-36-309-011-0000	1-00	84	03	1,438.07	1,875.91	3,313.98
GEORGE TAPPAH	13400 S WOODLAWN AVE	240		24-36-309-012-0000	2-02	84	03	7,598.48	9,802.52	17,401.00

"Eye On Capitol Hill"

Mitchell is only six years old but he's already doing something that many grown-ups haven't. He and his parents are going to Washington, D.C. to tell lawmakers his story about surviving retinoblastoma, a terrible form of eye cancer. Thomas, in his 40s, is going to D.C. as well to speak about his battle with glaucoma and ask his congressman to increase funding for vision research and prevention programs.

Both Mitchell and Thomas are among the volunteers who have joined the "Eyes on Capitol Hill" campaign. Organized by Prevent Blindness America (PBA), the nation's largest non-profit organization dedicated to saving sight, Eyes on Capitol Hill will give those who have been afflicted by chronic eye disease a chance to share their stories with our nation's leaders. The campaign is currently seeking participants of any age to come to Washington, D.C. to speak with their members of Congress and to educate them on eye diseases as well as to ask that more be done in the way of both research and prevention. Volunteers will also learn how to become effective advocates for vision health after they return home.

Travel and hotel expenses will be paid by PBA. However, attendance at this unique event is limited to 100 individuals. PBA is also interested in reviewing applications of primary caregivers to someone of an eye disease. The deadline for applications is December 16, 2005. Individuals will be selected by a volunteer review committee at PBA, based on the compelling nature of their personal stories. Unfortunately, not all applicants will be selected to participate. Applicants will be notified of their status by January 16, 2006.

For more information on Eyes on Capitol Hill and/or to apply for the program, please visit www.preventblindness.net/eyesoncapitolhill or call 1-800-331-2020.

Barrington Marina Owner Is Arrested

A Barrington marina owner was arrested by Illinois Department of Revenue criminal investigators and charged with not filing sales tax returns for boats that he had sold.

Kevin J. Phillips, 51, of Elk Grove Village, owner of Barrington Marine, 99 Kazimour Dr., Barrington, was indicted Oct. 12 by a Lake County Grand Jury on 11 counts of Failure to File a Sales Tax Return. This failure to file is defined as a class 3 felony, and subjects those found guilty to potential fines and incarceration.

Phillips is alleged to have sold watercraft to individuals while collecting sales tax from them, without subsequently filing the sales tax return or remitting the tax to the department. Investigators have since been able to obtain clearance for the boat purchasers so that they can gain title and register their watercraft.

The case was a joint effort by the department's Bureau of Criminal Investigations, department tax auditors, and investigators from the Department of Natural Resources.

In 1999 Phillips pleaded guilty to a single count of Failure to File a State Tax Return, as a result of a similar investigation.

Phillips is scheduled to appear in Lake County Circuit Court on Dec. 6. The case will be prosecuted by the Office of Attorney General Lisa Madigan.



Sertoma Awards Presentation

For the 34th consecutive year, Sertoma Centre's friends and associates were honored Oct. 13th for their contributions during a recognition dinner held at DoubleTree Hotel in Alsip. The Centre, with two locations in Alsip, is a nationally-accredited, not-for-profit agency that provides job training programs and employment services for more than 650 individuals with developmental, physical and emotional disabilities, and/or mental illness on a daily basis.

Master of ceremony for the evening was Bob Scott, Sertoma Centre Silent Partner and president-elect of Action Sertoma Club. Sertoma consumer Mike Flanagan (pictured) led guests in the Pledge of Allegiance. Foundation Board Treasurer Mlebael Colella gave the invocation.

Insite Training Systems (the Centre's community-based job training division) program awards went to Emma Lara and Judith Mainells of Marshalls for Employer of the Year; Nick Seidl of Evergreen Park Library for Manager of the Year; and Letitia Chapman-Hill from the Department of Rehabilitation Services as Counselor of the Year.

The Spirit of Sertoma award was given to Silent Partner Larry Hunt, owner of Hunt Insurance of Palos Heights. The spirit award distinguishes a friend and associate who goes above and beyond in terms of support for the Centre. The SERVICE TO MANKIND award was presented to American-Heritage Sertoma Club member Marilyn Aspan. The award honors a Sertoma Club Member of the Year for their volunteerism and dedication. A Community Leadership award was presented to John Lombard of the Lombard Company in Alsip for his ongoing dedication and commitment to Sertoma.

Special recognition awards were presented to Douglas A. Marclnek of Teamsters Local 714; Maureen Calzell, Sertoma Centre Finance Department employee; and Thomas Bugelski of Founders Bank.

Also, three retiring Sertoma Centre, Inc. Foundation Board members were recognized for their dedicated years of service and leadership. They are Dr. James Quaid of Grayslake; Gene Cunningham of Lockport; and Steve Stahler of the Masters Group, Burr Ridge.

For more information on Sertoma Centre's job training programs and services call (708) 371-9700 or click on www.sertomacentre.org.

Medication Updates

The Northwest Indiana Group of Y-ME Illinois, an organization dedicated to breast cancer education and support, will hold its next Open Door Meeting on Saturday, Nov. 12th, in the Doctors' Meeting Room on the west side of Community Hospital's cafeteria, 901 MacArthur Blvd., Munster, Indiana, at 10 a.m. This meeting will feature a lecture titled "Medication Updates" given by Mike Dinatole, R. Ph., Clinical Pharmacist at Community Hospital. Breast cancer patients, their families and friends and health professionals interested in the topic are welcome at Open Door Meetings. This session is free and reservations are not necessary.

Y-ME offers peer support to breast cancer patients via 24-hour hotlines, (800) 221-2141 (English), (800) 986-9505 (Spanish) and education Open Door Meetings throughout the Chicago Metropolitan Area, South Central Illinois and Northwestern Indiana. Y-ME also provides information on what to do if a breast lump is detected.

For information about the meeting or Y-ME call Dorothy Gillespie at (219) 838-6111.

Purchasing A Telescope Program

"How To Buy a Telescope," a free, family program for persons at least 12 years of age, will be Friday, Nov. 18, 6 p.m. at Plum Creek Nature Center in Beecher. Registration is required by Nov. 16.

With the holiday season approaching, a gift of a telescope is something you might be considering. But before you run off to the local store and spend \$100 or more on a telescope that promises to see everything in the heavens, plan on attending "How To Buy a Telescope." Seasoned amateur astronomers will take you through what to look for in a telescope.

Learn about the importance of the eye piece, tripod, and more at this workshop.

Plum Creek Nature Center is located in Goodenow Grove Forest Preserve, 1.25 miles east of the intersection of Routes 1 and 394 on Goodenow Road, south of Crete.

For information and registration, call (815) 727-8700, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Job Seekers Workshop

The offices of Career Development and Alumni Relations will host a workshop titled "Getting Your Foot in the Door When You Don't Have a Leg to Stand On" at 6 p.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 16 in the Krasa Center Presentation Room on the campus of Benedictine University.

The workshop features Rob Sullivan, author of "Getting Your Foot in the Door When You Don't Have a Leg to Stand On," who will offer tips on job hunting including the importance of effective resumes and cover letters.

Sullivan will cover such topics as "Packaging Your Potential: Lessons from a Job Hunter Who Learned the Hard Way," "Why Most Resumes Are Ineffective (and What You Can Do To Make Your Resume Stand Out)," and "Resumes Can Get Interviews, But Cover Letters Can Get Jobs!"

The event will begin at 6 p.m. with a light dinner. The workshop starts at 6:30 p.m. and continue until approximately 9 p.m. The program is open to community members, Benedictine University alumni and current students. The cost is \$10 for community members and alumni and \$5 for students.

For more information or to make a reservation, call Lindsey Kasha (630) 829-6008 or e-mail her at lkasha@ben.edu by Nov. 11.

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Hilton's 5th Annual Breakfast With Santa

The Hilton Oak Lawn will host its 5th annual "Breakfast with Santa" on Sunday, Dec. 11th. Join Santa and his helpers in the festive Grand Ballroom. Enjoy an abundant Holiday Breakfast Buffet featuring a fun Kiddie Buffet. There are two seating times: 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. The cost is adults \$18, children 3-12 \$12, and 2 and under free.

Reservations are required, (708) 229-8850.

The Hilton is also collecting toys for Hope Children's Hospital. Bring new, unwrapped toys. No stuffed toys. Donations accepted at the Hilton Oak Lawn until Dec. 11th.



Sheriff Awards Top Cops

Cook County Sheriff Michael F. Sheahan (right) presents Lieutenant Keith Raspovich and Detective Lieutenant Michael Murray of the Oak Lawn Police Department with the Sheriff's Award of Merit at the Sheriff's 13th Annual Law Enforcement Awards Ceremony. The awards were presented to more than 85 police officers throughout Cook County for heroism and outstanding service. Recipients of these awards are officers from Chicago and suburban Cook County who have gone beyond the call of duty by displaying exceptional public service and heroism. Also pictured is Oak Lawn Police Chief Robert Smith.

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Richards Announces Honors With Distinction For First Quarter

Harold L. Richards High School in Oak Lawn proudly announces that the students listed below qualified for Honors with Distinction, the highest possible rating for grade point average, for the first quarter of the 2005-2006 school year. Students with a grade point average of 4.5 or above earned the status of "Honors With Distinction." It is possible to exceed a GPA of 4.0 with weighted grades offered in honors and Advanced Placement courses.

Freshmen - Jennifer Hamilton, Rebecca Calvillo, Deania Macak, Kyle Renken, Firras Al-Taher, Katherine Brett, Emily Dvoracek, Marissa Golliday, Holly Hansen, Emily Larson, Mary McMillin, Emma Newman, Priya Patel, Elizabeth Richardson, Claire Sereiko, Lindsey Skala, Maha Barakat, Carly Lerner, Amber Omiecinski, Meredith Skala, and Daphne Vargas.

Sophomores - Tom Klis, Jasser Khairallah, Joe Klis, Jessica Palarczyk, Mark Roepke, Elizabeth Betsanes, Lanita Warner, Devin Flores, Tom Crivellone, Lauren Holtz, Colleen Hennigan, Krystian Chmiel, Mike Dvoracek, Erin Moeller, Ashley Rampick, Maribeth Karr, Nate Martin, Stephen McDermott, and Jordan Reyes.

Juniors - Amanda Hanks, Dan Spedale, Sarah Brett, Stacy March, Matt Erickson, Ryan McMillin, Elizabeth Hudson, Kevin Lee, Melissa Taylor, Jennifer Collins,

Eugenia Gavrilos, Brittany LeBeau, Lina Bourjas, Katherine Kennedy, Sonam Tanna, Jonathan Dove, Ramzi Jafilan, Nicole Lesh, Adam Newman, Alberto Vargas, Nikolas Koulogeorge, Gabriela Maka, Kathryn Miller, Mike Piane, Egle Bucinskaite, Bryan Roberts, Mike Mullen, Mentor Shala, Katy Short, Brian Dennis, Brian Hanks, Sarah Zahlmann, Aurora Melnyk, Mateusz Machaj, Ashley Taylor, Matt Mudon, Bart Wdowka, Kathleen Biernaciak, Scott Hanks, Jaclyn Kaczmarek, Amer Natour, Jeffrey Wycislak, Nicole Barrett, Josephine Caplinger, Kassandra McNeilly, Tim Morrissey, and Kaycee Sakal.

Seniors - Melanie Roon, Elise Biggers, Kaitlin Fleharty, Melissa Roon, Fida Abusneineh, Hannah Kolb, Amanda LeBeau, Melissa Wall, John Diguido, Al Connelly, Nora Miller, Tarek Cattin, Greg Czaplewski, Kim Murray, Mackenzie Mesco, Monica Solus, Domas Bartkus, Dan Hicks, Jennifer Maloney, Lisa Musser, Alison Wild, Jennifer Saathoff, Barbara Bukowski, Joe Lerner, Krystina Chickerillo, Carolyn Siska, Ben Leslie, John Martinovich, Jessica Nelson, Inga Bucinskaite, Ross Eckert, Victoria Boyle, Austen Shock, Mike Ferrin, Eric Fagan, Michele Fournier, Elizabeth Sereiko, Kevin Zickterman, Kristy Barrett, Matt Gacek, Laura Wiechec, Katherine Geraghty, Nick Opas, and Eric Sroka.

Trinity College Aids Gulf Coast Relief Efforts

Trinity Christian College, in partnership with Ozinga Bros., will send a 48-ft. trailer to the Brentwood Baptist Church in Houston, Texas on November 19th. Donated food, water, toiletries, school supplies, paper products, kitchen goods, and simple tools will be accepted from November 14th to 19th (all day).

Community members who would like to assist in the continuing relief efforts can bring items to the southeast curb of the Mitchell Memorial Gymnasium in the college's parking lot, 6601 W. College Dr. in Palos Heights.

For more information, contact Pam Hittie, Trinity Christian College (708) 293-4918.

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Looking good on the outside begins by being strong on the inside. That's because later in life, especially for women, strong bones help prevent fractures and height loss. Your window to build maximum bone density is now, during your late teens and early twenties. So eat wisely, get plenty of calcium and vitamin D, and do weight-bearing exercises every day. To devise a plan that's right for you, go to aasos.org or fjos.org.

Free Meteor Shower Program

"Leonid Meteor Showers," a free, family program for persons at least 12 years of age, will be Friday, Nov. 18, 8 p.m. at Plum Creek Nature Center in Beecher. Registration is required by Nov. 16.

If you have never seen a shooting star, or meteor, then this is your chance. This annual meteor shower promises a wide number of showy meteors. Backyard astronomers will be on hand to answer questions, and telescopes will be available to search the night sky for objects other than meteors, including the planet Mars, the star cluster Pleiades, and a few other star clusters and stars.

If you have binoculars or a telescope, bring them along. For those new to searching the night skies, this program promises not to be too technical.

Plum Creek Nature Center is located in Goodenow Grove Forest Preserve, 1.25 miles east of the intersection of Routes 1 and 394 on Goodenow Road, south of Crete.

For information and registration, call (815) 727-8700, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday.

JJC Roll Of Excellence

Joliet Junior College has announced the students who have been named to the Roll of Merit, Roll of Honor or Roll of Excellence for the 2005 Summer semester.

Oak Lawn natives, Rafael Alvarez, Jessica T. Coffman and Sarah C. Johnson distinguished themselves by making the Roll of Excellence.

To qualify, a student is required to have completed six or more semester credit hours during the semester while maintaining a term grade point average of 3.0 or greater.

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Gov. Eliminates Statute Of Limitations On Hit-And-Run Accidents

Governor Rod R. Blagojevich signed a new law on Nov. 9th that immediately gives prosecutors the authority they need to go after hit-and-run drivers. Senate Bill 1943 makes a law eliminating the statute of limitations for prosecuting drivers involved in hit-and-run accidents effective immediately. The original legislation, House Bill 885 sponsored by Rep. Susana A. Mendoza (D-Chicago) and Sen. Dan Cronin (R-Lombard) and signed by Gov. Blagojevich in August, gave investigators and prosecutors more time to find and bring to justice drivers who leave the scene of an accident. But, that law wasn't to go into effect until Jan. 1.

The law was inspired by the hit-and-run death of six-year old Patrick Leahy in suburban Winfield, whose killer was not found before the legal statute of limitations ran out. SB 1943 was sponsored by Rep. Mendoza and Sen. Carole Pankau (R-Roselle).

The Patrick Leahy Law eliminates the current three-year statute of limitation for prosecution of cases involving drivers who leave the scene of an accident and the current one and a half year statute of limitation for failing to give information or aid following a car crash that results in death, personal injury or damage to an attended vehicle. The Governor's signature on SB 1943 makes the law effective immediately, rather than on Jan. 1, which was the effective date of the original law.

Patrick Leahy was riding his bicycle with his nine-year-old brother and several friends near downtown Winfield on Aug. 17, 1999, when he was struck and killed by a truck, possibly from a rental company. Despite an intense investigation that included posting thousands of fliers and hypnotizing a witness, Winfield Police and the DuPage County Major Crimes Task Force have never found the male driver.

Realtor Award Winners

Realtor Association of West/ Brokerage of Oak Lawn for South Suburban Chicagoland her role as Shareholder (RWSSC) has announced its Representative for MLSNI.

2005 award winners. Joan Berngen went over Receiving an award for and above the call of duty as "distinguished & outstanding an extremely dedicated and service" was Joan Berngen of conscientious member of Coldwell Banker Residential RWSSC.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

NOVEMBER 20 - Sunday - Southside Bears Bash (to benefit Park Lawn), 115 Bourbon St., 3359 W. 115th St., Doors Open 11:30 a.m.; Kick Off 12 noon.

NOVEMBER 21 - Monday - Nifty Fifties Senior Meeting, Salem United Church of Christ, 9717 S. Kostner, 1 p.m.

NOVEMBER 21 - Monday - Planning & Development Commission Meeting, 9446 S. Raymond, 8 p.m.

NOVEMBER 22 - Tuesday - Worth Township Regular Board Meeting, 11601 S. Pulaski Road, 7:30 p.m.

NOVEMBER 22 - Tuesday - OL Village Board Meeting, Municipal Building, 9446 Raymond, 8 p.m.

NOVEMBER 22 - Tuesday - Village Hall open to 8 p.m.

NOVEMBER 24 - Thursday - Happy Thanksgiving!

NOVEMBER 28 - Monday - School District 123 Board of Education Meeting, 4201 W. 93rd St., training center, 7:30 p.m.

Santa Is Coming To Town

The Village of Oak Lawn Holiday Celebration will be held on Saturday, Nov. 26th from 3 to 5 p.m. on the Village Green.

A Mini Holiday Parade from the police department to the Gazebo will begin at 4 p.m.

Santa Claus will arrive with the parade and be available for pictures and to hear children's requests (bring your camera).

The Hospitality Tent will feature face painters and Christmas caroling, compliments of Covington Choir. Cookies and cocoa will be served. The Tree Lighting Ceremony will be between 4:30 and 5 p.m.

This holiday celebration is brought to you by the Oak Lawn Special Events Commission.

Turkey Shoot Free Throw Competition

Win a turkey for Thanksgiving dinner at the Oak Lawn Park District's Annual Turkey Shoot free throw competition. Come to the Community Pavilion, 9401 S. Oak Park Ave., on Sunday, Nov. 20th at 11 a.m. and take your best shot.

Teams will be made up of one parent and one child and will be grouped by the children's age. Parents may compete with more than one child. All ages welcome, but you must register in advance.

Mini-basketballs and nets will be used for the younger children. This event is free for Oak Lawn residents and \$3 for non-residents. Call the Pavilion for more information at (708) 857-2420.



St. Laurence Junior Ring Day

Saint Laurence High School Juniors recently received their class rings in a ceremony with a reception following for them and their guests at the school. The guest speaker for the ceremony was Patrick Tierney, a 1984 graduate of Saint Laurence. Tierney is now Regional Director of Operations for Allegra Network, a printing franchise organization linking more than 400 locations in the United States, Canada, and Japan. Allegra provides advanced printing techniques to its customers and is in the top 200 in sales among all franchise companies in the world. In his high school cross country career, Tierney was a Lawless Award recipient in the Chicago Catholic League. He spoke to the students and their families about the values that the Saint Laurence school ring symbolizes. Tierney stressed how those values that the school instills in its students will help them to be successful and carry them through the good times and difficult times in their lives.

Pictured in the Saint Laurence Hall of Fame after the ceremony are (left to right) Thomas Sanchez (Hometown), Joshua Parra (Garfield Ridge), Ronald Anderson (Oak Lawn), Tierney, Adrian Sanchez (Clearing), Chris Summerville (Chatham), and David Karpel (Burbank).

Ms. Wheelchair Illinois Pageant

Are you the next Ms. Wheelchair Illinois...

The 5th annual Ms. Wheelchair Illinois Pageant will be held on Friday, March 24th and Saturday, March 25th.

The Ms. Wheelchair Illinois Pageant is not a beauty contest, instead the pageant celebrates women who use a wheelchair for a primary means of mobility and who have goals, dreams and accomplishments they are able to articulate to the community. All women who enter the pageant must be from the state of Illinois and between the ages of 21 and 65.

The current Ms. Wheelchair Illinois is Tammy Hall, 38 year old from Springfield. She was born with Cerebral Palsy.

Tammy is married and has been a licensed foster parent and respite care worker for DCFS. Her goals are to continue to serve as an advocate for persons with differing abilities. By continued involvement with lawmakers and disability groups, she can help to bridge the gap for persons with disabilities.

If you are interested in being a contestant, contact Michelle McKeever, State Coordinator at (708) 687-0444 or Theresa Temborius, Coordinator for Contestants at (309) 274-5287. Deadline for applicants is Dec. 1st. Also, check out the National Ms. Wheelchair America web site at www.mswheelchairamerica.org.

News & Views For Senior Citizens

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Private Water Well Testing Initiative

The Blagojevich Administration on Nov. 10th announced a partnership between the state and local health departments to make sure people get their water tested for contamination.

The Illinois Environmental Protection Agency, the Illinois Department of Public Health and local health departments are launching a new campaign to encourage the estimated 400,000 Illinois households served by their own private drinking water wells in both urban and rural areas to get them tested for potential contamination.

A new analysis by the Illinois EPA shows that most of these wells are in and around the state's largest cities as opposed to small towns and rural areas, as some may have thought. In fact, the ten counties with the most private water wells are all in metropolitan Chicago and northern Illinois. In central and southern Illinois, the highest densities of drinking water wells are found in and around the largest cities such as Champaign, Peoria, Springfield and the Metro East area.

However, the analysis found that the less populous parts of Illinois are generally more dependent on private well water compared to public water supplies. Seven of the ten counties with the most wells per person are small or medium-sized counties.

Although public and community water systems are tested regularly by the State for a variety of contaminants, regular testing of private well water is the owner's responsibility.

Wells that are located in communities with commercial or industrial development are more susceptible to chemical contamination. For example, in the Chicago suburbs of unincorporated Downers Grove and Lisle, hundreds of private wells were contaminated by chemical spills from one or more nearby industries.

The agencies recommend an annual test for bacteria and nitrate. The presence of bacteria in well water indicates contamination by human or animal wastes that can cause infectious diseases. Nitrate contamination is usually caused by faulty septic systems or agricultural runoff and is especially dangerous for infants. Bacteria and nitrate testing is offered by most local health departments for approximately \$25.

For wells that are located near a current or former commercial or industrial area, an above or below ground fuel tank (including gas stations), or landfills, the agencies recommend testing for Volatile Organic Compounds, or VOCs. This is especially important if the well is old or shallow. "VOCs" are common components of gasoline and other fuels, as well as solvents, paints, cleaners, and degreasers. Wells located in agricultural areas should be tested for pesticides.

VOC testing can cost anywhere from \$150 and up, while a pesticide screening test starts at roughly \$50. Homeowners should consult with their local health department about how often to test for VOCs and pesticides. For a limited time, some certified laboratories are offering discounted rates to coincide with the education campaign.

One contaminant that can affect both private and public water supplies is lead, which can enter drinking water through the decay of plumbing materials. Homes built before 1986 are more likely to have lead pipes, fixtures and solder. The agencies recommend running the water until it gets cold before using it for drinking or cooking. Also, never use water from the hot water tap for drinking or cooking. Hot water is more likely to contain higher levels of lead. The only way to be sure of the amount of lead in your household water is to have it tested by a certified laboratory.

(Maps showing private drinking water well density and lists of "Top 10" Illinois counties for private wells can be accessed through the www.illinoiswellwater.org website).

Election Alert

This is to alert you that there is a need for judges, precinct assistants, openers and closers for the March 21st, 2006 Primary Election.

Precinct Assistants will be needed from 5 a.m. to 7 a.m. and from 6 p.m. to close. In the morning, these workers will help election judges set up election equipment at a series of precincts, and make sure the equipment is functioning properly for the first voter of the day. They would return in the evening to help the judges close the polls and transmit election results. Compensation for Precinct Assistants will be \$130.

Openers will work only from 5 a.m. to 7 a.m. In the morning, these workers will also help election judges set up election equipment at a series of precincts, making sure that the equipment is working correctly for the first voter of the day. Openers will be paid \$50.

Closers will work only from 6 p.m. to close. These workers would arrive in the evening to help judges close the polls and transmit election results. Closers will receive \$50.

Judges and Student Election Judges' hours will be 5 a.m. until close. Call the number below for information on the "First Judge Booklet" which outlines qualifications and responsibilities. The judge stipend will be \$150; \$50 additional if you are a Technical Judge; and \$25 additional if you are either a Supply Judge or a Return Judge.

Note that all workers will need their own cars and a cell phone. In the weeks before Election Day they must attend a two-hour training session and pass a test reviewing procedures.

For more information and to participate, call Gail Siegel, Office of Cook County Clerk David Orr, (312) 603-1081.

Burglary Spree

In the wake of Michael Rampick's arrest on Thursday, Nov. 10th, Police continue to piece together evidence to add more burglary counts to the charges.

They are also not discounting the possibility of there being another suspect. Rampick, who was hiding out at a friend's apartment in Countryside and driving his brother's car before being apprehended, may have had a partner.

Thus far, items found in Rampick's apartment have been identified by at least three victims in Worth and Oak Lawn.

In all, at least a dozen suburbs were targeted during the burglary spree and the amount of counts could eventually be in the dozens.

Blue Cap Supporters Give Generously At The 2005 Auction

More than 300 Blue Cap supporters attended the organization's 2005 auction, Friday, Nov. 4th at the Doubletree Hotel in Alsip. The event expected to raise well over \$140,000 for the individuals Blue Cap supports. Some of the evening's highlights included two silent auction rooms where participants bid on various items. In one room bidders won items such as a baseball signed by Paul Konerko. In the second room, guests enjoyed a Christmas wonderland of auction prizes.

The live auction included fabulous vacation packages such as a beach side condo in Cancun, Mexico and a fall getaway to see the leaves changing in Maine. One lucky winner is taking home an actual Heisman trophy for the month of December donated by 1950s Notre Dame football star, Johnny Lattner.

Bidders enjoyed a new feature of the auction in a game called "Heads or Tails." Players used paddles to guess the outcome of a coin toss and the last woman standing took home \$955 dollars splitting the proceeds with Blue Cap. The organization's Special Project capped off the evening raising \$65,000. The money will go towards the purchase of a new van to transport children and adults that Blue Cap serves.

Blue Cap would like to thank all of its volunteers who made the evening possible and the generous supporters who keep Blue Cap thriving for the individuals it helps support. Blue Cap is an organization dedicated to providing educational, vocational, therapeutic and residential programs for 400 adults and children with development disabilities. Blue Cap is located in Blue Island and serves the Southside of Chicago and more than 30 suburban communities.

Onsite Nursing Degree Completion Program

Lewis University has partnered with Freeport Health Network (FHN) to bring an accelerated nursing degree completion program to its area students.

Lewis University and FHN, based in Freeport, Ill., have coordinated an RN-BSN (Bachelor of Science in Nursing) curriculum which will allow students to maintain full-time jobs while they attend classes. Instructors from Lewis University's College of Nursing and Health Professions and the College of Arts and Sciences hold classes onsite at FHN.

With this agreement, the program is now open to any student interested in a baccalaureate nursing degree; employment at FHN is not required.

Lewis University offers the only satellite nursing program at FHN, and administrators on each side of the partnership hope to expand the program to offer an MSN (Master of Science in Nursing) degree program, as well.

For more information on the accelerated nursing curriculum offered by Lewis University and FHN, contact Roxie Blackburn at (815) 599-6890.

Tips To Improve Gas Mileage

With gas prices fluctuating from \$2.50 to well over \$3 a gallon, improving gas mileage is a necessity. Here are ten easy steps to help you car's gas mileage stay high. Clean the air filter. A clean air filter increases mileage by about 10%. It takes 10,000 gallons of air to combust one gallon of fuel.

Lighten the load. Carrying a heavy load of unnecessary items increases fuel usage. Remove unused roof racks, cargo boxes, or ski racks. All of these create substantial aero drag and reduces mileage.

Keep the engine tuned. Make sure that spark plugs are properly gapped and cleaned. Check the O2 sensor.

Use fuel injector cleaner four times a year. Fuel injector cleaner keeps injector nozzles clean, allowing efficient spray patterns to maximize power and reducing your need to stay on the gas pedal.

Keep tires properly inflated. Approximately four million gallons of fuel could be saved every day in the U.S. with properly inflated tires.

Use the recommended grade of motor oil. Gas mileage can improve by 1 to 2% by using the manufacturer's recommended grade of motor oil. Synthetic oil reduces engine temperatures and minimizes friction.

Turn off the air conditioner. The air conditioner causes extra work for the engine, which lowers fuel efficiency by 5 to 10%.

Lock gas caps. Locked gas caps stop thieves from siphoning out precious petroleum.

Make sure that gas caps are fully closed. Click gas caps at least three times when closing up after a fuel stop. Approximately 147 million gallons of fuel are vaporized every year in the U.S. due to improperly sealed gas caps.

Keep a steady pace. A steady pace on the pedal uses less gas.

Following these simple tips can help you get more mileage out of your car and save you money at the gas pump!

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Lewis University Alumni Nominees

Lewis University will honor seven of its alumni with Alumni Achievement Awards on Sunday, Nov. 20, as part of the University's 2005 Homecoming Activities. The awards ceremony will begin at 11:30 a.m. in Sancta Alberta on the Lewis main campus on Route 53 in Romeoville, IL.

The event will recognize alumni for outstanding professional, personal and civic accomplishments. Among them are area alumni, Edward D. Maloney, Sandra P. Wilks and James A. LaGrippe.

Chicago native and entrepreneur, James A. LaGrippe '61 will receive the 2005 Lewis University Distinguished Alumni Award. LaGrippe is the majority owner of Virtual Learning Systems, a leading provider of educational technology products and professional development programs in science and math. He also serves as President of the Board of Directors for the not-for-profit Windstar Country Club in Naples, FL. LaGrippe graduated from Lewis University with a bachelor's degree in business administration and began his career working in industrial sales for the printing industry. In 1975, he founded Graphic Industries of America, a graphic arts distribution company located in Chicago. LaGrippe served as its President and Chief Executive Officer until selling the company in 1984. That same year, he became President and Director of Concord/EFS, a merchant banking/transaction processing business, based out of Boston, Mass. He retired from Concord/EFS in 1994. LaGrippe is a newly appointed member of the Lewis University Board of Trustees and previously served on Lewis' Council of Regents. He is a benefactor of Chicago's Field Museum and of the Naples Botanical Garden in Florida, where he serves as Vice President of its Board. He has generously given to Lewis University's Lloyd Lee Scholarship, which honors a former faculty member and Dean of Students who passed away in the early 1960s. LaGrippe and his wife Anne have residences in Chicago, Massachusetts and Florida. He has a daughter, Gia, a stepson, Joshua and four grandchildren.

Edward D. Maloney, '68 (D-Chicago) is an Illinois Senator for the 18th District. With more than three decades of experience in education, Senator Maloney currently is an Assistant Principal and Dean of Faculty at Brother Rice High School in Chicago. He has served as a teacher, guidance counselor, administrator and coach at Oak Lawn High School and spent four years as Area Manager and Director of Professional Development for the Chicago Park District. Maloney holds a bachelor's degree in political science from Lewis University and a master's degree in education from Chicago State University. His professional memberships have included the Illinois Principals Association, the National Council for Social Studies, the Illinois Association of College Admissions Counselors and the Southwest Suburban Counselor's Association. He is a current member of the Illinois Federation of Teachers Local #943. His legislative agenda has involved the passing of laws aimed at providing better educational opportunities for Illinois students, combating childhood diseases and providing financial relief to senior citizens. He has been active in the community as a volunteer for the Ridge Beverly Little League, St. John Fisher Parish School Board, Leo High School Alumni Association and the Lewis University Alumni Association. As a state senator, he is the Vice-Chairman of the Labor and Commerce Committee and also serves on the Revenue and Appropriations Committees. He and his wife Norine have four sons, Brian, Matt, Dan and Marty.

Sandra P. Wilks, '92, of Chicago, IL has spent her entire nursing career at Michael Reese Hospital in Chicago. A registered nurse, Wilks serves as the Director of Community Relations at Michael Reese. Her responsibilities include managing and coordinating community outreach and program development. Most recently, she was named the recipient of the 2004 Visiting Nurse Association (VNA) Foundation Super Star in Community Nursing Award, a recognition that acknowledges the service that public and community health nurses provide. Wilks began her career three decades ago as a staff nurse at the hospital. From 1977-88, she was Assistant Nurse Manager, overseeing 32 beds in the hospital's neonatal intensive care unit. Wilks was later promoted to Patient Care Manager/Administrator for the Department of Pediatrics, a position she held until becoming Director of Community Relations. Wilks has been an editor or author for several publications including the Nursing Care Plan for Newborns and Children: Acute and Critical Care; the American Journal of Maternal Child Nursing and the Journal of Perinatal-Neonatal Nursing. Wilks holds a diploma in nursing from South Chicago Community Hospital School of Nursing, a bachelor's degree in health sciences from the College of St. Francis (now University of St. Francis) in Joliet, IL, a bachelor's degree in nursing from Lewis University and a master's degree in nursing (MSN) from St. Xavier University. She and her husband, Charles, have four children, Monica, Charles, Jr., Kenneth and Gabrielle.

Area High Schools Participate In Choir Festival

The choirs from Chicago Christian, Illiana Christian, and Timothy Christian high schools, along with Trinity Christian College, will be performing in a choral concert, Friday, Nov. 18, at 7:30 p.m. in the Ozinga Chapel on the campus of Trinity Christian College, 6601 W. College Dr.

After singing separately, the musical groups will combine for four anthems: Randall Thompson's "Last Words of David," Palestrina's "Sicut Cervus," Andre Thomas' "I Dream a World," and the "Credo/I Believe" from the Gospel Mass by Robert Ray. Admission is free and open to the public.

For more information, contact Pam Hittie, Trinity Christian College, (708) 293-4918.

Orr Designates Early Voting Sites

Voters in suburban Cook County can vote early at most local villages or township halls prior to the March 21 primary, Clerk David Orr announced recently.

The early voting program will replace traditional in-person absentee voting that was conducted in each suburb prior to past elections, Orr said. The only difference is that voters will no longer have to provide an excuse or reason for voting before Election Day.

"This should make voting extremely convenient for suburban voters," said Orr, adding that early voting for the primary will begin on Feb. 27 and end on March 16. "We will most likely have more than 100 early voting sites."

Orr's decision came this week after it became apparent that a legislative proposal in Springfield would not succeed during the fall veto session. The legislation would have eliminated in-person absentee, allowing Orr to establish dozens of early voting centers throughout suburban Cook County.

Orr believes that a dual system of early voting sites and in-person absentee locations would have resulted in tremendous confusion for voters, many of whom would have been turned away at village and township halls because they would not meet one of the qualifications to vote an in-person absentee ballot.

For example, a voter who wanted to vote early because it was more convenient could not vote at his or her local village hall. That voter would have had to cast a ballot at an early voting site.

Early voters will cast optical scan ballots that will be securely stored and counted on Election Day (the same way in-person absentee ballots had been counted).

Orr's downtown office will also conduct early voting and will offer evening and weekend hours during the 17-day period.

Absentee voting by mail will remain unchanged. Upon request, the Clerk's office will mail ballots to the homes of qualified absentee voters prior to Election Day.

Voters may qualify to cast an absentee ballot only if they cannot make it to their polling place on Election Day. Among the eligible voters who most commonly request absentee ballots are those that will be outside of the county, are physically incapacitated, serving on a jury or as election judge, and those observing a religious holiday. Early voters do not have to provide a reason or excuse.

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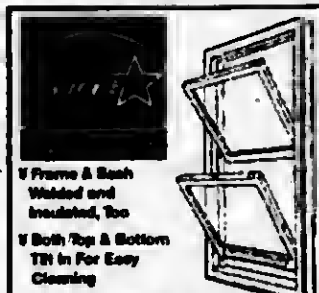
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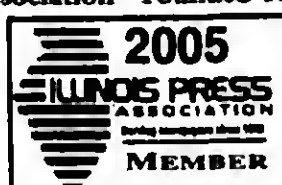
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EDITORIAL/OPINION PAGE

Cook County Assessor Jim Houlihan Releases Report on Impact of 7% Expanded Homeowner Exemption, Urges Measure Be Made Permanent

Recently Cook County Assessor Jim Houlihan released a detailed study on the impact of the 7% Expanded Homeowner Exemption on Cook County and urged Springfield legislators to make the property tax relief measure permanent.

Speaking at the City Club of Chicago Public Policy forum, where he originally announced the development and push for the 7% measure, Houlihan said, "When I was here two years ago, we promised a balanced approach that would protect homeowners and provide them savings, without negatively impacting commercial properties or school funding. I am happy to say that we were successful on all fronts."

The report released by the Assessor's Office details, in specific terms, the protection that was offered to Cook county homeowners and the negligible impact it had on other property owners. Highlights of the report, which is available at [HYPERLINK "http://www.cookcountyassessor.com"](http://www.cookcountyassessor.com) www.cookcountyassessor.com, include:

For the City of Chicago in 2003 95% of qualified homeowners saw their exemption amount exceed the minimum of \$4,500 and nearly 80% of homeowners received a lower tax bill. In the second year the expanded exemption, 74% of City homeowners had exemption amounts greater than the new minimum level of \$5,000 and their median tax bill rose by 1%.

In 2004, the northern suburbs also benefited as 98% of homeowners had exemption amounts greater than the minimum level of \$5,000 and 56% had lower tax bills in 2004 than in 2003.

In the south and west suburbs, which are being reassessed throughout 2005, projections show that 95% of homeowners will have exemption amounts exceeding \$5,000 and 84% will see lower tax bills for tax year 2005.

"We have reason to celebrate the success of 7% because the facts presented in our report argue in favor of permanent renewal," said Houlihan. "We know there is more to do because all property owners in Illinois, residential and commercial alike, are still paying too much in property taxes. Having the protection of 7% in place permanently is critical while we continue to work with government and civic leaders to address our flawed tax structure."

BUDGET

Recently, Cook County Forest Preserve District Board President John Stroger presented the Forest Preserve District of Cook County Board of Commissioners with his 2006 Executive Budget Recommendation.

"This proposed budget provides for the District's financial health and operational excellence," said Stroger. "I am putting the District's dollars where they will best serve our visiting public and ensuring that the resources necessary to serve them at the highest level are available."

Highlights from the budget include: \$1,000,000 in new monies for land acquisition; \$995,075 towards land management activities, including cutting and removal of invasive species, stream and grove clean up, and other landscape restoration; a reduction of the District's Operating Divisions from nine to eight, providing a more proportionate regional task assignment and resulting in the elimination of two supervisory positions; the addition of a Spanish-language text to the District's award-winning, web-based picnic permit reservation system; the installation of hot charcoal receptacles District-wide; a pilot replacement program to investigate potential cost savings and benefits of implementing a new type of District picnic table; a proactive safety measure resulting in all drop gates on District trails being painted with high-visibility paint and identified with a large diamond symbol warning endorsed by the Chicagoland Bicycle Federation, making the gates visible from longer distances; and the installation of emergency call boxes at select locations District-wide, allowing patrons and District staff to immediately notify police of emergencies from the field.

The budget also includes a net increase of from 489 full-time equivalent positions to 499. The increase, primarily including Naturalists, Laborers and other front-line workers in the Maintenance and Resource Management Departments, will allow the District to better serve its visitors and further its core mission of protecting and preserving its flora and fauna.

The 2006 budget includes District contributions to the operating budgets for the Brookfield Zoo and Chicago Botanic Gardens of \$14.1 million and \$8.9 million respectively.

The 2006 Executive Budget Recommendation is available for download at the District's website www.fpdcc.com.



All Points Southwest

By THOMAS E. GAVIN

As expected, Illinois Attorney General Lisa Madigan formally announced last Sunday that she will seek re-election to her present post. The 39-year-old Attorney General was formally re-elected last month by the Democratic State Central Committee as its choice for attorney general in next year's general election. Lisa Madigan is the daughter of Illinois Speaker of the House Michael Madigan, who also happens to serve as Chairman of the State Central Committee. Presently, no Republican has vocally expressed an interest in going head-to-head with the incumbent Attorney General.

Madigan has cited her advocacy for domestic violence victims, her efforts to fight consumer fraud and the use of methamphetamine, and her willingness to level stronger supervision upon convicted sex offenders as some of her accomplishments during her first term.

She also proudly announced that despite party loyalty, her office continues to look into allegations of corruption and waste in the office of fellow Democrat Governor Rod Blagojevich, as well as investigating the ongoing casino controversy in Rosemont. "We have made a real difference in people's lives," Madigan said.

U.S. Senator Dick Durbin (D-IL), U.S. Senator Barack Obama (D-IL) and Congressman Ray La Hood (R-IL-18) recently announced that the House-Senate conference committee has approved more than \$13 million to fund specific agricultural projects in Illinois ranging from \$250,000 for school nutrition programs to \$1.5 million for the City of Chicago and Illinois Department of Natural Resources Asian Longhorn Beetle eradication programs.

The \$250,000 funding proper school nutrition in Illinois will go to Action for Healthy Kids, a national, Chicago based non-profit. The funding will allow the organization to implement systematic changes to reverse trends in childhood obesity in the Chicago area and Quincy public schools.

The Senate also approved \$1.5 million to combat the spread of Asian Longhorn Beetles throughout Illinois. The beetles destroy trees by boring holes into their trunks, thereby cutting off the circulation of the sap. This approved funding has been reserved for field research and the mobilization of efforts for the identification, removal, and disposal of infested trees. The conference committee approved the funding, which was included in this fiscal year (FY) 2006 spending bill.

U.S. Senator Durbin also alerted All Points regarding actions taken to protect Amtrak services in the U.S. Department of Transportation, Treasury, Housing and Urban Development and Independent Agencies Appropriation Bill.

A few weeks ago in the Senate, the funding necessary for Amtrak to operate in 2006 was provided, insuring that the three Illinois intrastate Amtrak lines serving 30 cities will continue to run. Now the House-Senate conference must give final approval to Amtrak's \$1.4 billion request.

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Just a reminder... voters may qualify to cast an absentee ballot only if they cannot make it to their polling place on Election Day. Among the eligible voters who typically request absentee ballots are those who are physically incapacitated, serving as a juror or an election judge, those that will be out of the county, and an individual observing a religious holiday. Early voters do not have to provide a reason or excuse. Those who vote absentee must be able to furnish proof of their

inability to vote on the regularly scheduled March 21st, 2006 primary.

Worth Township residents take note... Cook County Board of Review Commissioner Maureen Murphy will conduct an assessment appeal seminar this Friday, Nov. 18th, at the Andrew Biela Center, 4545 Midlothian Turnpike in Crestwood. The seminar is sponsored by Crestwood Mayor Chester Stranczek. Registration begins at 6:30 p.m. and the seminar will commence at 7 p.m. Topics to be discussed include: how homeowners can determine whether they are over assessed, where to go to gather evidence for an appeal and how to find and fill out the appeal application.

"Many people who are unfairly assessed never bother to appeal because they do not know the opportunity exists or they mistakenly think the process itself is too cumbersome. One goal of our seminars is to convince people otherwise. If you believe you may be over assessed, you should appeal. There is no fee to apply for relief at the Board of Review," stated Murphy.

Cook County assesses over 1.6 million parcels of property each year and accepts its responsibility as the second largest county in the country. Property owners have the right to appeal their assessments to the Assessor, the Board of Review, and the State Property Tax Appeal Board in that order. Please note, taxpayers should bring their Tax Bill, Assessment Notice or Property Identification Number to the seminar so that their complaint form can be completed and turned in.

For more information about the seminar, call the Board of Review at (312) 603-3644.

This Friday, Nov. 18th, Congressman Dan Lipinski, State Senator Ed Maloney and State Rep. Kevin Joyce will host a Seniors' Fair from 10 a.m. until 1 p.m. at Mt. Greenwood Park, 3724 W. 111th St. Over 60 representatives from local law enforcement agencies, law offices, financial institutions, the Social Security Office, and the Department of Aging will be available to provide information packets from a variety of organizations and more. Call (773) 881-4180 or (708) 448-3518 for additional information.

A few weeks ago the Illinois Senate passed "All Kids," Governor Blagojevich's new initiative to provide health care to all of Illinois' uninsured children. After careful consideration, State Senator Christine Radogno (R-Lemont) agreed that the goal of the proposal is commendable, but she had too many concerns over how the program would be implemented and financed to vote in favor of the legislation.

"There is no question that I believe every child should have access to quality health care. The 'All Kids' program is a laudable goal. However, this is a multimillion dollar initiative that was rushed through the legislative process with many questions and concerns unanswered," said Radogno.

Radogno cited the following questions for not being convinced of the bill's ability to succeed: "The state's Medicaid program is already financially unsustainable. Illinois currently owes \$1.7 billion to health care providers. Additionally, the payments are not only late to providers, but are significantly less than what is paid by other insurers, including Medicare, and are frequently provided with a reimbursement well below the cost of the medical service."

Additionally, the Senator explained that unlike other state Medicaid programs, "All Kids" has virtually no limitations. The program will cover all medical, dental, vision, prescription and mental health services, regardless of income, asset level, or U.S. citizenship, and it will be assumed that all children who apply are eligible. Essentially, hard-working, middle-income Illinois taxpayers who have made the choice to forego unnecessary expenses in order to purchase health insurance for their children could end up financing health insurance for a family with significantly higher income.

Kicks Off Winter Storm Preparedness Week

So far, November's weather has been unseasonably warm, but the snow, ice and frigid temperatures that define typical Illinois winters aren't far away. That's why the Illinois Emergency Management Agency (IEMA), the National Weather Service (NWS) and the American Red Cross (ARC) are joining together to urge people to begin preparing for winter weather dangers now, before it's too late.

The three organizations reminded Illinois citizens that Winter Storm Preparedness Week, which runs Nov. 13-19, is the perfect time to prepare for winter weather. The preparedness week is part of Governor Rod R. Blagojevich's Keep Warm Illinois campaign, a comprehensive effort to inform and prepare Illinois residents for winter with information on energy assistance, home weatherization and winter safety tips.

William C. Burke, IEMA director, recommends people maintain a home survival kit year-round containing the following items: three-day supply of non-perishable food, including high energy foods such as dried fruit and candy; bottled water (one gallon per family member per day for three days); battery-operated radio, NOAA weather radio and extra batteries; flashlight and extra batteries; first aid kit; and extra medications and special items for babies, the disabled and the elderly.

Frostbite is a severe reaction to cold exposure of the skin, which results in numbness and a pale appearance, especially to fingers, toes, ear lobes and the nose. Hypothermia is a potentially life-threatening condition brought about when the body's temperature drops to less than 95 degrees Fahrenheit. Symptoms include slurred speech, incoherence, memory loss, disorientation, uncontrolled shivering, drowsiness and exhaustion. If you're with someone who appears to be suffering from hypothermia, warm the body's core by wrapping the victim in a warm blanket and immediately seek medical attention.

Winter travel can also be treacherous and Burke urges drivers to be well prepared before hitting the road. "At least twice last year, we had major snow events that left many drivers stranded in their cars for several hours," he said. "When large numbers of motorists are stranded, it can take a long time for help to arrive. Having a survival kit in your car will greatly ease that wait, and in a serious situation could save your life."

A winter car survival kit should include many of the same items as your home kit such as food, water and a first aid kit, plus the following: cell phone and charger; knife; boots and extra clothing to keep dry; blanket; sack of sand or cat litter; shovel; windshield scraper and brush; tool kit; tow rope; booster cables; compass and road maps; and a small can and waterproof matches to melt snow for drinking water.

To learn more about winter preparedness, IEMA, NWS and ARC developed a Winter Storm Preparedness Guide, which is available on the IEMA website at www.state.il.us/iema or by calling (217) 785-9888. The guide includes many more tips on how to stay safe in your home and car, as well as information about winter weather terms, frostbite and hypothermia.

The Keep Warm Illinois website www.keepwarmillinois.gov offers various no-cost and low-cost energy saving tips, a web-based tool to conduct a home energy audit, links to energy assistance programs and other resources. In addition, the Keep Warm Illinois hotline (1-877-411-WARM) is another resource for Illinois residents to learn how to save energy and get energy assistance.

NAMI Meeting

The issue of involuntary commitment will be addressed at the Tuesday, Nov. 22nd educational meeting of NAMI South Suburbs of Chicago at 7 p.m. in the Church of Christ, 206th & Crawford in Matteson.

Robert Eizenga, Psy.D., director of forensic services at the Tinley Park Mental Health Center, will make the presentation and cover various aspects of the topic such as: what it means to be committed involuntarily for psychiatric evaluation; how the process is used in Illinois; who to ask for a commitment and what steps must be taken to seek court approval for such an action. He will also address who protects the rights of patients and touch on recent changes in the Illinois mental health code that can affect the process. Dr. Eizenga will also speak on the emotional issue of guilt that may have an effect on those who seek commitment for a loved one, regardless of the outcome in court.

NAMI South Suburbs of Chicago is a volunteer-run, not-for-profit, self-help, grassroots organization concerned with fair and better treatment of persons who have serious mental illnesses (brain disorders). NAMI campaigns for a truly comprehensive system of mental health care that includes medications and affordable housing opportunities.

There are no fees for NAMI meetings, which are open to anyone who would like to attend. NAMI South Suburbs of Chicago is an affiliate of the national and state National Alliance on Mental Illness organizations. For more information about this meeting or about NAMI and its other educational programs, call John Rowley at (708) 798-3862.

James Compton Retires

Statement by Barton J. Taylor, president of the Metropolitan Board of the Chicago Urban League; in the retirement announcement by CUL President & CEO James W. Compton: "The recent announcement of James Compton's impending retirement, not only signaled the retirement of a steadfast steward of equality in Chicago, but the passing of the baton to someone who will be worthy, able, and ready to carry on the noble mission of the Chicago Urban League. President Compton's 33-year commitment to the national and local Urban League movement and his contributions toward developing equal opportunities, economic empowerment, and civic involvement for the communities of Chicago will be felt for generations to come."

"As president of the Young Professional auxiliary of the Chicago Urban League, a movement President Compton spearheaded with John W. Rogers Jr., chairman of Ariel Capital Management, it is bittersweet to see a true servant of the people retire; but also gratifying to witness and to be a part of one of his many contributions to making Chicago a better place for all."

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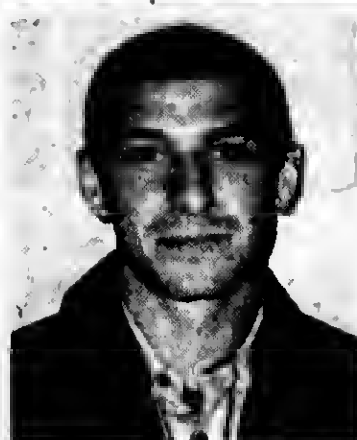
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ENTERTAINMENT NEWS

Frank Lloyd Wright Documentary

More than five years in the making, "Frank Lloyd Wright: Sacred Spaces," a comprehensive overview of Wright's seminal work for spiritual organizations, is anxiously awaited by scholars and fans. Michael Miner, the film's director, announced his desire to benefit the restoration of Wright's first church by holding the premier within the confines of Unity Temple. Miner explains his motivation for development of this project was simple. "I wanted to buy the tape but it didn't exist. I am a huge fan of Wright's work and the sacred designs are a microcosm of Wright's genius within one building type."

Buildings covered in the two-hour documentary on Friday, Nov. 18th at 7 p.m. include Unity Temple (1905), Pettit Chapel (Belvidere, IL, 1906), Annie Pfeiffer Chapel (Florida Southern College, 1938), Danforth Chapel (Florida Southern College, 1938), Community Christian Church (Kansas City, MO, 1940), the Unitarian Meeting House, Madison, WI, 1947), Beth Shalom Synagogue (Elkins Park, PA, 1954), Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church (Wauwatosa, WI, 1956), Pilgrim Congregational Church (Redding, CA, 1958) and First Christian Church (Phoenix, AZ, 1950 - completely posthumously in 1972).

Raku Firing Workshop

The Beverly Arts Center, 2407 W. 111th St., Chicago, will hold a raku firing workshop Saturday, Nov. 26, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. The workshop will be conducted by Tom Hill, head of the Center's ceramics program, and is open to all ages. No experience required.

Raku is a centuries old technique in which hand glazed pottery is fired at extremely high temperatures then transferred into a container of combustible type materials like sawdust or newspaper in order to create a colorful and lustrous pattern. No two pieces of raku are ever alike.

Workshop participants will be able to glaze and fire their pottery, which they can take home.

Tom Hill is a skilled ceramicist and artist with a background in arts education and performance. He currently teaches ceramics for children and adults at the BAC, and exhibits his award-winning work in shows from New York to California. Hill was instrumental in the design and construction of the new BAC ceramic studio opened last year.

The raku workshop fee is \$10 per piece of pottery. To register or for more information on the workshop or other ceramics and art classes, call the Beverly Arts Center, (773) 445-3838 or go online to www.beverlyartscenter.org.

Tickets are \$20 for UTRF members, \$25 for non-members, which includes post-film reception and discussion with the filmmaker.

Celebration Of Great Chicago Communicators

Westside Holistic Family Services holds 6th annual "Faith in Action Awards Gala" on Friday, Nov. 18th. The reception begins at 6:30 p.m. followed by dinner and awards presentation at 7:30. This event will be held at the Marriott Downtown Magnificent Mile Hotel, 540 N. Michigan Ave. Tickets are \$125.

Some of Chicago's great communicators, including Brenda Butler of the Chicago Tribune and the NABJ-Chicago, Monique Caradine of MO Talks, Bonnie Deshong of Chicago Works, and Warner Saunders of NBC 5, will be honored for their contributions in the positive coverage of African Americans in the media. Sen. Barack Obama will receive a special "Faith in Action" award for his efforts for families in Chicago. CLTV's Tonya Francisco will serve as mistress of ceremonies.

The gala features a raffle and LIVE Auction with exciting prizes including a golf vacation at a Florida resort, hotel/spa package and other great prizes. Raffle tickets are \$10 each and 3 for \$25. The opening auction bid is \$100. Contributions are tax-deductible.

For tickets and sponsorship information, call (773) 921-8777.

Toys For Tots Motorcycle Parade

This year is the 28th anniversary of the Chicagoland Toys for Tots Motorcycle Parade. Back in 1978 six bikers started a little Toy ride in Chicago to assist underprivileged children. Unbelievable that what was once six is now known as the World's Largest Toys for Tots Motorcycle Parade! Last year over 40,000 motorcycle riders delivered over 75,000 brand new toys to assist the U.S. Marine Corps Toys for Tots program. It is always held on the first Sunday in December, which is Dec. 4th. For a printable poster reminder, visit their web site. Lineup begins at 6 a.m. at Dan Ryan Woods at the corner of 83rd St. and Western. The parade start is scheduled for 9:30. It may start earlier if there is a large turnout. We ask all participants in the woods to recite the Pledge of Allegiance at 9:11 to honor and respect our fallen veterans and heroes. The traditional patriotic balloon release honoring our POWs and MIAs kicks off thousands of iron sleighs led by Santa and his elves on white Harley Davidsons behind a replica 1954 Santa Fe train. The toy-bearing motorcyclists attending will then proceed for 17 miles northbound to the Fourth Marine Reserve Center located at Foster and Troy Ave. to deliver their toys. So cheer on these merry bikers with your family and friends anywhere along the route.

Traffic can be affected in all local areas surrounding Western Ave. from approximately 9 a.m. through 2:30 p.m. If you do not plan to participate, please reroute to avoid possible traffic congestion. The parade will be divided into four or five groups of motorcycles, to allow traffic and pedestrians to cross Western Ave. New for this year, there will be an express, ride-through, drop-off area south of the woods (near the corner of 87th St.) for those riders who wish to drop off their toy donations and leave, just follow the signs. Also, remember only street legal motorcycles, NO ATVs or QUADs allowed. There is no registration fee, but all riders are expected to bring at least one brand new toy unwrapped.

All the 2005 parade product and run pins are now in stock. The sweatshirts and jackets are back to the traditional black and white. For the 28th anniversary their Old School Bear is on the front and their Biker Bear logo on the back. The monies from these sales will be used to purchase brand new toys. This year their collectible glass Christmas ornaments have a green satin finish, with their mascot Bear riding along the Chicago skyline. These ornaments are the third in a series and are only \$10 and assist them in their monetary donations. In the last six years they have donated over \$750,000 to assist children's organizations, families and individuals throughout Chicagoland. All of the aforementioned items are selling fast, so get your Christmas shopping done before parade day. Products will be available at their warehouse store on Nov. 25th. It is located at 8900 S. Odell in Bridgeview. The store will be open from 7 until 10 p.m. Products are also available at Oak Lawn Harley Davidson located at 11040 S. Cicero.

Proudly on this day their toy collections will assist the USMCR Toys for Tots program. So remember our soldiers by patriotically waving the American and Military flags along the parade route. Toys can be dropped off either at Dan Ryan Woods at 83rd and Western or the Marine Center at 3034 W. Foster the day of the parade. Types of toys needed are board games, educational toys, radios, sports equipment and dolls. Please note: no used toys and no plush toys. Due to hygienic restrictions, many institutions will no longer accept them. They might look adorable but unfortunately many of them become very dirty by the end of the parade. Volunteers are always needed, so become part of the fun, as there are many jobs that need assistance.

For more parade information: watch the Emmy award winning Toys for Tots TV show via Chicago cable Channel 21 every Tuesday. It is a live call-in show, so tune in every Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. via CAN-TV. They will be on every week until Dec. 27th. You may also call their parade hotline at (773) 866-TOYS or visit their web site: www.ChicagolandTFT.org. Every child deserves a brand new toy for Christmas!

CLASS REUNIONS

Chicago Vocational High School class of 1981 is looking for classmates. Email cvs1981@aol.com.

Loretto High School class of 1956 is looking for classmates for a 50th reunion. Call (773) 586-8404.

DuSable High School class of 1985 is looking for classmates. Call (312) 603-0523 or (773) 544-3086.

Bogan High School class of June 1965 will hold a reunion on Nov. 25th. Call (708) 349-7059.

Morton West High School class of 1975 will hold a reunion on Nov. 26th at Skylight West Banquets in Berwyn. Call (630) 420-2521.

Palos South class of 1985 will have a 20-year reunion on Nov. 26th at the Lockport Moose. Call (630) 257-6484 or palossouth1985@comcast.net.

SXU Concert Band Presents Fall Concert

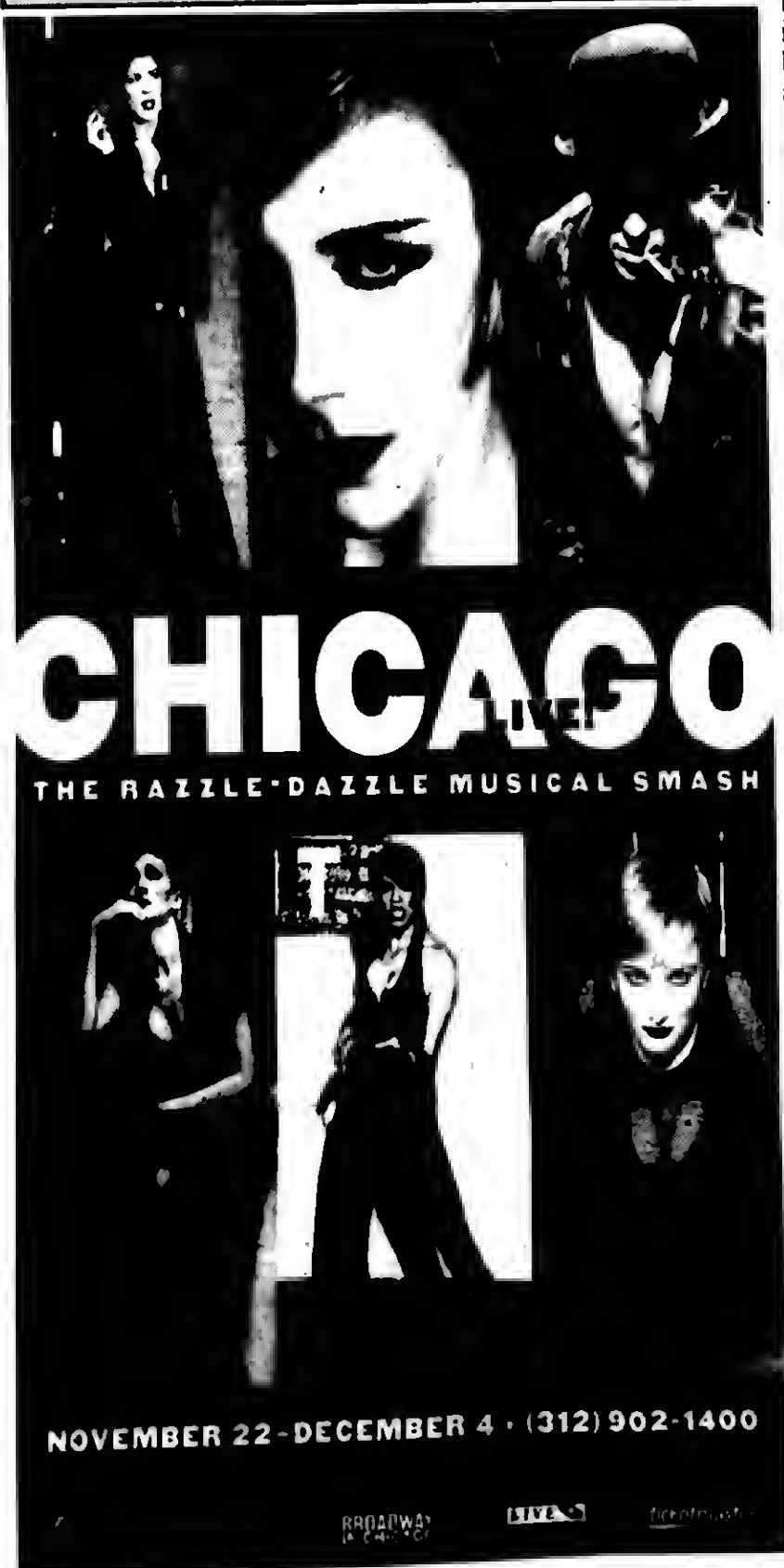
Saint Xavier University's Concert Band will present its fall concert on Tuesday, Nov. 22, at 7:30 p.m. at the Beverly Arts Center, 2407 W. 111th St.

The concert's feature work will be a rendition of Vaclav Nelhybel's "Praise to the Lord." Other pieces that will be performed include "Liturgical Dances" by David Holsinger, "Divertimento for Band" by Vincent Persichetti, and Isaac Albeniz's "Feast Day in Seville," transcribed by Lucien Cailliet. The concert will also feature works by Morton Gould and Gordon Jacob.

The Concert Band, currently directed by Dr. Erik Janners, consists of Saint Xavier wind and percussion performers.

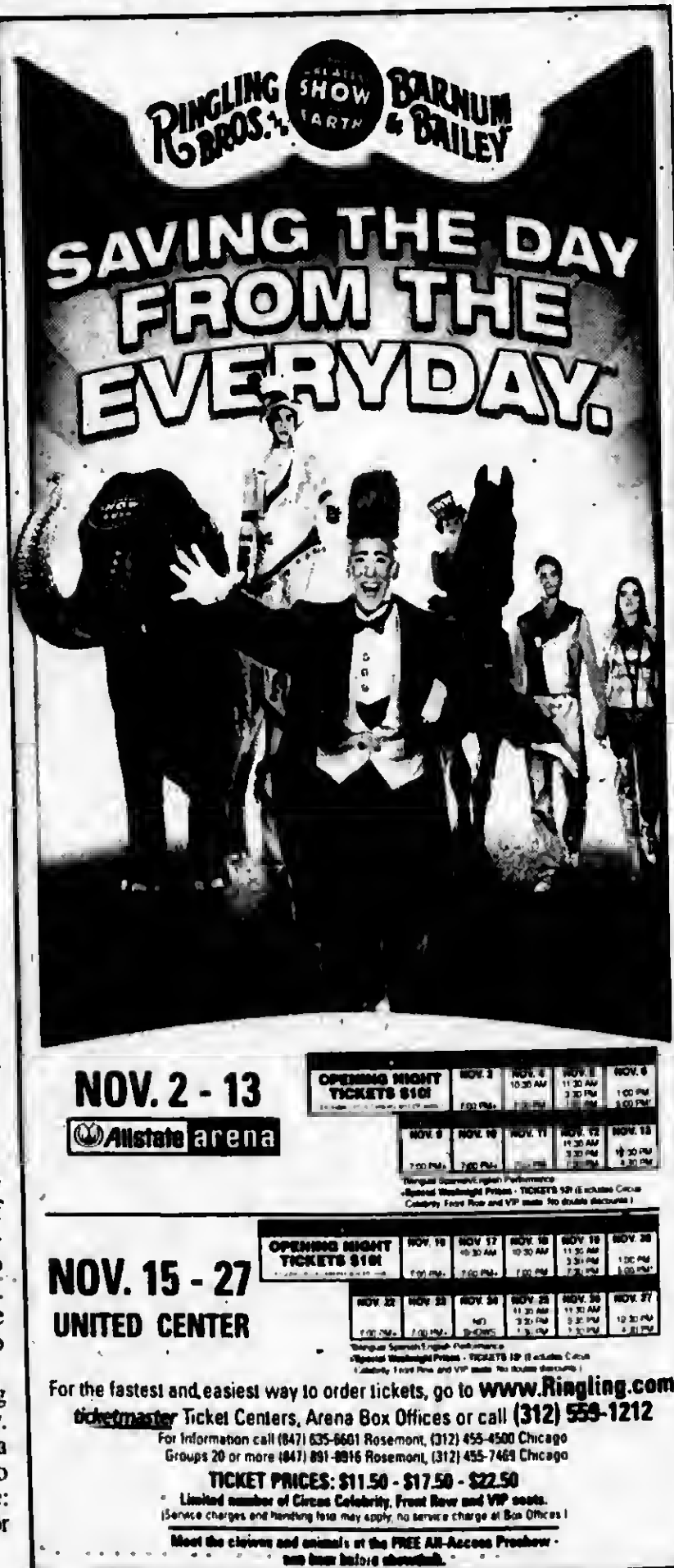
The concert is open to the public. General admission is \$10, and senior and visiting student admission is \$8. Admission is free for all Saint Xavier University students, faculty and staff with an ID.

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ENTERTAINMENT NEWS

Theatre Guild Holds Open Auditions

The Beverly Theatre Guild, a member of the League of Chicago Theatres, announces open auditions for its second show of the 2005 - 2006 season, "A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum"; directed by Scott Sowinski with Musical Director George Machay and Choreographer Andrew Waters.

Broadway's greatest farce is light, fast-paced, witty, irreverent and one of the funniest musicals ever written, the perfect escape from life's troubles. "A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum" takes comedy back to its roots, combining situations from time-tested 2000 year-old comedies of Roman playwright Plautus with the infectious energy of classic vaudeville. The result is a non-stop laugh-fest in which a crafty slave struggles to win the hand of a beautiful but slow-witted courtesan for his young master in exchange for freedom.

Open Auditions (no appointment is necessary) will be held on Sunday, Nov. 20th from 5:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. (registration ends at 8 p.m.) and Monday, Nov. 21st from 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. (registrations ends at 9 p.m.). Registrations will be held at the First United Methodist Church of Evergreen Park, 9358 S. Homan Ave.

Auditions will consist of readings from the script. For singing auditions, bring 16 bars of sheet music or a verse and a chorus of a song appropriate to the show. A piano accompanist will be available. Bring clothes to move in as there will be a movement audition. Dancers may be asked to stay and learn an additional combination.

A Walk In The Garden Quilt Show

"On the Lake" is the theme for the 2nd annual A Walk in the Garden Quilt Show set for July 8th, 2006 in Antigo, WI. Entries reflecting the theme are being actively sought now.

"We chose the theme 'On the Lake' as we thought it could be interpreted in many different colors and styles," said show coordinators.

Entries may be traditional, contemporary, pictorial or abstract in design. According to coordinators, "Entries may be an original design or from a commercial pattern or adaptation." Those interested in entering should call (715) 623-3590 or e-mail cutedge2@verizon.net. Entries are due May 26th, 2006.

A Walk in the Garden Quilt Show features quilts displayed along a walkway located on the grounds of Langlade Memorial Hospital in Antigo. Viewers may tour the quilts strolling at their own pace, while taking in the beautiful gardens along the Antigo Lake.

Puppet Show

The Children's Farm, 12700 Southwest Highway in Palos Park, will host its annual Thanksgiving Puppet Show on Friday afternoon, Nov. 25th at 1:30.

Directed by Kay Ardizzone, the Children's Farm puppeteers will present a puppet show about being thankful. After the show, the animal barns will be open for touring from 2 until 3 p.m.

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For more information, call (312) 409-2705 and press #1 for the auditions or visit www.beverlytheatreguild.org.

Park Lawn Benefit

On Sunday, Nov. 20th, 115 Bourbon Street, 3359 W. 115th St., Merrionette Park (2 blocks west of Kedzie on 115th Street) will host a Southside Bears Bash. Come and join the staff and patrons of 115 Bourbon Street as they watch the Chicago Bears vs. the Carolina Panthers in this benefit for Park Lawn. Park Lawn is a south side non-profit organization that provides programs and services for individuals with developmental disabilities. Doors open at 11:30 a.m. with kick off at 12 noon.

Tickets are \$25 per person which includes an all you can eat buffet; beverages of draft beer, wine and soda (from 11:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.); big screen TV's; a silent auction and cash raffles; and live music!

The Coleman Foundation will generously match \$1 for every \$2 donated. Proceeds from this event are dedicated to Park Lawn's Capital Campaign to rebuild its residential center.

To order tickets, call (708) 425-6867 or order online at www.parklawn.com. Park Lawn is located at 10833 S. LaPorte Ave., Oak Lawn, 60453.

Celebrate 12th Year Anniversary

Join Roseland Christian Health Ministries-Christian Community Health Center in a celebration of 12 Years of Service, Commitment and Faith on Friday, Nov. 18th. "An Evening of Entertainment" awards gala will take place at the Holiday Inn-Chicago City Center beginning with a Silent Auction Reception at 6:30 p.m. followed by dinner, awards program, raffle and entertainment by Avian Hightower and the Chi-Tower Band. Honorees include the Hon. Gov. Rod Blagojevich, Mark Ishaug of the AIDS Foundation of Chicago, and Mike Robinson of Gospel Radio 1390. ClearChannel radio personality Effie Rolfe and NBC's anchor/reporter Don Lemon will host this momentous benefit affair.

Ticket donation is \$100 per person and \$1,000 for tables of 10. Proceeds benefit the many health and social programs, medical services for the uninsured and a Hurricane Survivors Medical Fund. For information on being a part of the CCHC Evening of Entertainment, call (773) 298-2061.

Come Out And Feel The Blues

Blues guitarist/vocalist Lonnie Brooks performs with animated intensity, enlivening his audience with a mixture of rock and roll, rhythm and blues, Cajun boogie, country twang, and hard Chicago blues, Friday, Nov. 25, 8 p.m. at the Beverly Arts Center, 2407 W. 111th St., Chicago.

Brooks began his musical career in the early 1950's in Port Arthur, Texas, playing rhythm and blues. In 1969, he released his first album, *Broke an' Hungry*. Brooks got his big break in 1979 with *Bayou Lightning* which brought him into the public spotlight, leading to future awards and appearances.

Tickets to the Lonnie Brooks performance are \$20. For tickets or more information, call (773) 445-3838 or go online to www.beverlyartcenter.org.

Gift Sale At The Polish Museum

There will be a Holiday crystal, amber and gift sale at the Polish Museum of America (PMA), in the Great Hall, 984 N. Milwaukee Ave. in Chicago on Saturday, Nov. 19 and Sunday, Nov. 20 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m..

Items will include imported polish crystal, assorted toys and books, exquisite glass ornaments, a large selection of amber jewelry by Theresa Kowalczyk, hand-carved wooden gifts, polish candy, Christmas cards, music CD's cassettes and much more.

You are encouraged to bring your children or grandchildren to learn how to make Polish ornaments at the PMA workshop while you shop. There will be complimentary refreshments. Parking is also free.

United Way Nights With The Bulls

During the course of the Chicago Bulls 2005-2006 home schedule there will be five games for which you may purchase discounted tickets. This promotion is being offered in conjunction with South-Southwest Suburban United Way.

Tickets, which are normally priced at \$50, \$40 and \$36, will be available for \$30, \$25 and \$23, respectively. Be sure to order tickets at least three weeks in advance. For an order form, contact Karen Leluga, South-Southwest Suburban United Way, 4711 Midlothian Turnpike, Suite 17, Crestwood, IL 60445 or call (708) 371-1328, Ext. 11.

United Way will receive \$5 from the Chicago Bulls for each ticket ordered through them. The five games you may choose from are as follows:

- Tues., Nov. 29th vs. Orlando
- Tues., Dec. 20th vs. Charlotte
- Mon., Jan. 2nd vs. Milwaukee
- Wed., Jan. 4th vs. Seattle
- Mon., Jan 9th vs. Toronto

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High School Students Showcase Their Talents

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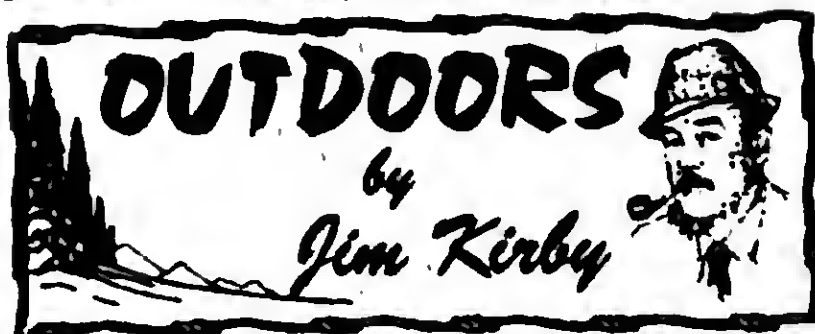
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PHEASANT HUNTING SEASON OPENER: Most reports on the opening of pheasant season were mixed. It all depended on where the hunters found a place to hunt.

One important factor was the crops (corn and soybeans) were over 90% harvested in the northern zone. This is important for dog handlers worried about their dogs getting out of sight and on point in standing corn fields, and the birds running from row to row, eluding hunters without dogs.

Due to a shoulder problem, I couldn't shoot but I still enjoyed working my dog, Nip, a Brittany Spaniel. Mark Krueger, a former neighbor, now living in Hinsdale, came along as the shooter. We hunted a farm near Manhattan, Illinois, a farm that I've hunted for 45 years, and pretty much what the birds will be doing.

With no crops in the field, we managed to put up 16 birds (10 hens and 6 roosters). Scenting conditions were near perfect, Nip had some stylish solid points and Mark knocked his limit of two cock pheasants down.



"What's wrong with this picture?" A hunter walking out of a field with a cock pheasant, no gun and a "fishing rod."

The second bird presented an unusual problem. The bird fell dead in the center of the creek, Nip didn't pick up on it, and no persuading on my part could convince Mark to wade in and retrieve the bird. We soon resolved the problem. I went back to the car, got my traveling fishing kit, and set up a spinning rod with a treble-hook Daredevil lure. On his second cast, Mark snagged the bird, reeled it in, walked back to the car with bird in one hand, and fishing rod in the other. Passing motorists did a double take and undoubtedly had no idea why a hunter complete with blaze-orange jacket and hat with no gun was walking through a field carrying a pheasant and fishing rod.

ONE DOZEN HOLIDAY GIFTS: Need 12 gift ideas for that special outdoorsman or outdoorswoman? How about a one-year gift subscription to *Outdoor Illinois* magazine? For just \$15, friends and family members will receive 12 full-color issues of *Outdoor Illinois*, packed with state park features, how-to outdoors tips, hunting and fishing tales, IDNR news updates and plenty more. It's easy to subscribe. In Illinois, order toll-free at 1(800) 720-3249 or online at www.dnr.state.il.us.

REMINDER: Nov. 18th to 29th first firearm deer season. Illinois Sportsmen Against Hunger Program for the season. Thousands of Illinois families will benefit from the generosity of Illinois deer hunters, thanks to the program. Established in 1989, Illinois Sportsmen Against Hunger encourages hunters to donate deer they harvest this fall and winter to be processed and distributed to food banks, food pantries and charitable organizations to help feed the hungry throughout the state.

The IDNR and the Illinois Conservation Foundation (ICF) encourage hunters to donate deer and a tax-free deductible \$35 contribution through the ICF to help cover the cost of processing the meat.

In addition, the IDNR has earmarked \$100,000 from the state Wildlife and Fish Fund to assist in covering the costs of processing venison for the ISAH program from deer taken by hunters in areas of the state with growing deer populations. The additional funding is provided through non-resident archery deer permit fees.

For a list of meat processors handling venison for the Illinois Sportsmen Against Hunger Program, check the IDNR web site at <http://dnr.state.il.us> and click on "Illinois Against Hunger" on the home page.

BIGHEAD CARP FOUND IN ROCK RIVER: For the first time, an Asian carp has been found in the Rock River. The Illinois DNR confirmed that a fish caught Aug. 21st by a local angler below the Fordam Dam in downtown Rockford was a bighead carp, which weighed about 7 pounds and measured 22". The discovery could have a long-term effect on the river's food chain as bighead carp multiply quickly, compete with native species for food and can damage the habitat.

MORE AMERICANS WAKE UP TO THE GREAT OUTDOORS THAN TO THE TOP 20 NEWSPAPERS: More Americans start the day in a deer stand, on a bass lake, or in a duck blind than receive the combined circulation of the top 20 daily newspapers in the U.S., including *USA Today*, *The New York Times*, *The Los Angeles Times* and *Wall Street Journal* (Credit-Congressional Sportsmen's Foundation).

Reducing Asian Carp Study

Gov. Rod R. Blagojevich recently announced that \$100,000 in Opportunity Returns funding has been provided to conduct a survey designed to find solutions for managing the invasive Asian carp population, a nuisance fish that is highly disruptive to the Illinois River's ecosystem, by harvesting the fish and processing it into a marketable good. Carp Protein Product, LTD of Havana is conducting the study. Havana is an Illinois River community located close to the Asian carp epicenter and adjacent to critical Illinois research facilities.

The survey has been studying quantities and locations of Asian carp populations, developing harvest techniques and assessing the viability of a future economic development project utilizing the unwanted species of Asian carp for commercial purposes. Results of the survey have led the company to conclude that a profitable business with long-term viability can be developed by processing the Asian carp to make a fish product extract used to make flavored seafood products common in Asia and other parts of the world. Carp Protein Products now hopes to begin planning and design for the construction of a processing plant in north central Illinois.

The grant funding came from the Illinois Dept. of Commerce and Economic Opportunity (DCEO), while the Illinois Dept. of Natural Resources (IDNR) is providing additional in-kind services.

Illinois has learned from the Silver and the Bighead carp just how destructive Asian carp are to native ecosystems. The Silver and Bighead carp originated in Illinois from escapes from fish farms in Arkansas and Mississippi. Once in the Mississippi River, these species successfully reproduced and swam in huge numbers toward Illinois. Today, Silver and Bighead carp comprise up to 75 percent or more of the fish population in many areas of the Illinois River.

If Asian carp are allowed to enter the Great Lakes, this invasive species could devastate the aquatic ecosystem of the world's largest source of freshwater. Asian carp pose a variety of threats to native fish and aquatic ecosystems because they can consume much of the food chain. They eat aquatic plants, compete for plankton with native fish, and eat snails and clams. These voracious feeders breed prolifically and can weigh more than 100 pounds.

Gov. Blagojevich signed a bill this summer allowing the state to regulate Asian carp imported to, and transported within, the state of Illinois. But if other states are not under the same regulations, the legally imported carp in southern states can travel through the river system and contaminate Illinois waters, which is why it must be illegal for any state to import Asian carp.

Gov. Blagojevich also recently wrote to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) requesting it rule in favor of banning Asian carp. The USFWS has proposed a ban but has not yet made a final decision.

The survey is determining best practices to promote environmental management of these invasive species in the Illinois River and help prevent them from progressing into the Great Lakes system. The Havana area is being considered as a site for the plant because of its proximity to large concentrations of Asian carp.

PREP SPORTS ROUND-UP

BOYS FOOTBALL

Friday, 11-11-05

Mount Carmel 32, St. Rita 21
Morris 28, Joliet Catholic 21
Belvidere 44, St. Charles East 21
Prospect 13, Highland Park 6
Edwardsville 28, Hinsdale South 7
Crystal Lake South 20, Cary-Grove 14
North Chicago 36, Gordon Tech 18

GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

Friday 11-11-05

Mother McAuley d. Normal Community 20-25, 25-14, 25-17
Joliet Catholic d. Breese Mater Dei 25-27, 25-19, 25-13
Prairie Ridge d. Woodstock Marian 25-14, 25-12
Naperville Central d. New Trier 25-14, 25-12

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Monday 11-14-05

Marist 63, Lincoln Way Central 47
T.F. North 53, Rich East 49 (2 OT's)
Loyola Academy 70, Seton Academy 11

BOYS BOWLING

Monday, 11-14-05

Stagg 1,770, Oak Forest 1,750
Tinley Park 1,896, Sandburg 1,790

Sports Valve

By: Brad Allen

It's getting frigid outside, but I've turned up the thermostat inside this week's sports valve. So, come on inside! Don't mind the shovel leaning against the valve wall toward the end of the professional sports section. It might even come in handy in a moment or two.

Professional Sports Valve: Mission accomplished! Our beloved Bears prevailed over both the 49'ers and the 49+ MPH wind gusts last Sunday. Their usual formula worked to perfection: Tenacious Defense + Play-Not-To-Lose Offense + Occasional Big Plays = Victory!

In the process, clad in his Bears alternate orange jersey, Nathan Vasber gave San Francisco his version of an orange bang with a 108-yard missed field goal return for a touchdown - the longest yardage play in the history of the NFL against a once-great team experiencing seemingly the longest season ever.

I am rapidly gaining a new respect for the Bears brain trust if what I heard is true - that the Bears had actually practiced that field goal return in advance.

Back to the mission that they accomplished. The Bears have amassed their 6-3 record against teams that are a combined 26-37. Four of the next five weeks, they will face teams with a current combined record of 26-10. However, as I stated in last week's Sports Valve, that's how a winning tradition starts. First, you beat the teams you're supposed to beat! In so doing, they have distanced themselves from the rest of the pack, which is a good thing since the resurrected Vikings, whom the Bears will meet in the season finale, figure to gain ground during the Bears upcoming tough stretch.

A final thought about football this week ... Not one team from the North Division got beat this week. That will teach people to refer to it as the NFL's Remedial Division.

Elsewhere in the professional sports sector of the valve, how 'bout our cardiac kids, your Chicago Bulls! What a success formula they have! They had a game recently where they fell way behind by committing turnovers and missing free throws. Then, struck with a sudden sense of urgency, they stormed back relentlessly and won. Wait a minute ... that's almost every Bulls game! Even if they get beaten up a bit on their annual early season west coast trip, they will bounce back. In fact, I predict that after a respectable 2005-2006 season, the Bulls will fortify themselves through the draft and free agent market. Then, within three seasons, they will win another NBA title. You heard it here first. This team is laying a foundation of unmistakable character, although sometimes they look more like gophers than Bulls, perpetually digging themselves holes to climb out of.

As we approach the hockey section of the sports valve, please watch your step. The Blackhawks are a slippery subject this week ... and it ain't because of the ice!

This week, owner, Bill Wirtz, proclaimed that this year's team (which currently ranks 13th out of 15 Western Conference teams) is the greatest Blackhawks team since the 1950's! It's getting deep in here. You can grab that shovel now.

Wait a minute. Maybe he's right. Of course! Now I see. The real 2005-2006 Blackhawk squad is actually in hiding, perhaps in a rink a couple or three hundred miles northeast of here, disguised in Red Wing uniforms.

Seriously, let's assemble a committee to vote on whether or not this is the best Hawks' squad since the 50's. The committee members shall consist of Stan Makita, Bobby Hull, Tony Esposito, Al Secord and Dennis Savard. We will appoint Chris Chelios, Jeremy Roenick and Ed Belfour as co-chairmen of the committee. Exit professional sports valve.

Amateur Sports Valve: Passing from the sometimes cynical world of professional sports, we now return to the purer amateur section of the valve. Finally, we can all go out and get a decent manicure now that Mother McAuley has finished up another successful volleyball season with a string of nail biting victories. Congratulations, Mighty Macs! Everybody get ready for prep basketball season! Remember, if anybody catches wind of any unusual prep sports feats, call the Sports Valve at (708) 388-2425.

Sports Tip Valve: This week's tips come from my good friend, Dr. Frank Vaught of Crestwood Chiropractic in Crestwood. His understanding of the body's biomechanics transcends even traditional chiropractic practice.

The tip has to do with stretching before you start any physical activity. DON'T DO THAT! Don't stretch cold brittle muscles. Dr. Vaught advises you to first engage in some light jogging, running in place or jumping jacks to warm up your muscles. Then, stretch! After the game (or workout), stretch again before ingesting nutrients either through good eating and/or supplements. In a stretched state, your muscles can better absorb and assimilate whatever vitamins, protein, etc. that you put into your system. So, if you want to build yourself up and not tear yourself down, remember what Dr. Vaught taught! And if you happen to have a sore back or if you don't mind a little back talk, call him at (708) 396-2500. He got rid of my son's back pain in a minute. Exit valve!

District 218 To Consider Altering School Day

Faced with the onus of meeting achievement standards set by the No Child Left Behind Act (NCLB) and growing budget concerns, the Board of Education of District 218 soon will consider altering its school day and graduation requirements.

The district has set up a committee of teachers and administrators to study the issues and then present recommendations to the Board of Education. Parents will also have the opportunity to review those recommendations and give their opinion before the Board of Education makes a final decision.

Two of the district's three high schools are currently identified as 'in status' by NCLB with Eisenhower in Corrective Action status and Shepard on Academic Warning — the direct result of poor performance on math and reading scores by selected subgroups.

For Eisenhower, the next step is restructuring, which under NCLB mandates could include the drastic measures of replacing staff in the area of failure and/or reopening Eisenhower as a public charter school.

The district has shown notable improvement in reading and writing on standardized exams, a result of additions to its curriculum including Literacy Workshop, and other remedial measures implemented by the district.

There are also budget concerns that lie ahead for the district. Again this year, District 218 has achieved a balanced budget. However, projections indicate the district's expenditures will exceed revenues within three to four years.

Right now, District 218 is one of the few school systems to employ a mandatory eight-period day. Board members will consider modifying the structure of the school day to allow some students to attend for seven periods. Students, particularly those who plan to attend college, still would have the option of enrolling in an eight-period day.

For students who are below-grade level, the altered school day would provide some relief. Rather than enroll in seven classes, they may enroll in six and focus their academic efforts on those classes.

Academic counselors and teachers have proposed that such students would benefit from a reduced class load.

After years of increasing graduation requirements, Board members also may consider reducing the number of units necessary to earn a diploma from 23.5 to 22 for some students. If this happens, the district would likely issue two types of diplomas: An honors-level diploma for students who earn 24 or more units of credit, and a standard diploma for students who earn at least 22 credits.

The new graduation requirement would still exceed the recently-passed state graduation standards and place District 218 on par with most Chicago-area high school districts.

In addition, District 218 will maintain its graduation requirements in the core study areas of English, math, science, and social science. Some students would have fewer elective choices.

District 218 in recent years has increased the graduation requirements in English from three years to four, in math from two years to three, and required students to pass courses in geometry and geography. All of these changes reflect the district's commitment to preparing students for university admission standards and to meet NCLB achievement guidelines.

District students have demonstrated growth on NCLB-related exams for four straight years. Administrators strongly feel that the district's increased emphasis on core academic areas, particularly in English, has positively affected student performance on the exams. Further, the district may institute a similar plan for mathematics. Each of these factors has played a role in the district's decision to focus on core academic areas and potentially reduce elective offerings.

The district's expanded menu of Advanced Placement and Honors courses will remain. Over the past several years, enrollment in A.P. courses has more than doubled, and the district is committed to maintaining class offerings in this essential area.

By altering the school day to allow students to attend for seven periods, the district would likely realize a cost savings by reducing the size of its teaching staff. The district, however, would like to reduce the size of its faculty through attrition. Over the next two years, at least 23 teachers will retire from District 218.

Bus company officials have assured the district that they can devise a transportation plan to accommodate any changes to the school day that the Board of Education may institute. Students with an eight-period day would be picked up first, followed later in the morning by those stu-

dents with a seven-period day.

Since 2001, District 218 has increased its teaching staff from 320 to more than 360. District 218 has added teachers for courses in the English Language Learner (ELL) and special education, areas which have experienced significant increases in enrollment. In addition, the district has had to increase the number of sections offered in math and English due to the increase in graduation requirements in these areas.

Some may wonder why the district finds itself in a financial bind after passing a referendum in November 2001 that increased its tax rate for the first time in 50 years. Essentially, the money realized from the referendum allowed the district to move out of a deficit-spending circumstance, which had almost depleted its cash reserves.

Since then, NCLB guidelines have mandated that the Board of Education increase graduation requirements in core academic areas, while ELL and special education enrollments have skyrocketed. Special education, which requires a smaller teacher-to-student ratio than standard academic classes, enrollment in District 218 has increased from 689 in the 2002-2003 school year to 904 at the beginning of the current school year.

The Board today must balance the district's budget while still offering an education that meets ELL and special education mandates and prepares students for standardized tests.

The diversification of the district's student body also necessitated the addition of a second ELL program at Richards High School in Oak Lawn. Aside from the large Hispanic population served by Eisenhower High School, Richards today features an ELL program that serves nearly 50 native Lithuanian, Polish, and Arab students.

In addition, school districts in Illinois continually must fight for their financial survival. Illinois ranks 49th out of the 50 in the level of funding its state government provides to public schools. Districts continually must find creative ways to cut spending and remain financially viable. District 218 has won the highest financial rating available for two straight years from the Illinois State Board of Education, an indication of the district's commitment to offering a quality education while spending prudently.

Finding ways to reduce spending is not a new exercise for district administrators and Board members. In recent years, the district has consolidated and reduced its administrative staff; eliminated secretarial positions; and, cut custodial positions and instituted a two-tiered salary schedule for custodial staff. New custodial workers, according to the two-tiered plan, earn less per hour than current custodial workers.

Working with the teachers' union, the district also has reduced its insurance expenses through increased deductibles and co-payments.

Teachers Union Statement

Statement by Marilyn Stewart, President of the Chicago Teachers Union

The failure of the two teacher-related propositions put forth by California Governor

Arnold Schwarzenegger on Tuesday, Nov. 8th was a great victory for professional teachers across the country. The proposals, 74 and 75, would have extended the probationary period for new teachers from two years to five years and would have forced union leaders to obtain written permission from all members before union money could be given to political campaigns.

"These were clearly assaults on teacher unions and I am glad the voters of California rejected them," stated CTU President Marilyn Stewart. "Workers elect their leaders to make decisions based on the best interests of their members. The idea that I would have to have the written permission of each of my 36,000 members before my union could financially support a candidate is ridiculous and undermines the very authority of union officers."

The proposition of extending the probationary period was also considered an attack on the teaching profession. "I know of no other profession that places their workers on probation for five years," Stewart stated. "Teachers are among the best educated professionals in the country and deserve the same respect and privileges as those in the medical, legal and other professions."

Graduate School Of Management

In an effort to meet the changing needs of today's business organizations, Lewis University's Graduate School of Management has developed a new master's degree program in Management. Scheduled to be offered in the spring of 2006, the Master of Science in Management (MSM) degree is a 33-credit hour program that will provide a solid understanding of traditional business disciplines and will focus on skill development in critical thinking, problem solving and decision making as well as the management of human resources — areas often underdeveloped in traditional degrees, yet critical to the role of today's managers.

The MSM degree is specifically designed to prepare individuals to assume supervisory positions in the private and public sectors by offering further study and skill enhancement in the practice of management. The program is open to individuals from diverse undergraduate backgrounds and does not require a knowledge of business to enroll.

According to Victoria Weise, associate professor of Lewis' Graduate School of Management, the degree is designed for mid to senior-level managers who are primarily interested in further developing their business acumen and learning the best practices necessary to become more effective strategic managers.

Two unique components set the Lewis MSM apart from other management programs. Students will be paired with a professional mentor during their course of study. Mentors are executive-level managers, who can serve as a bridge between coursework and application. The program also features a capstone Executive Management Practicum in which students will be exposed to various local corporations and will discuss with members of executive management teams topical issues affecting business today. These practical elements are designed to provide applicable, first-hand knowledge of various organizations' practices that are immediately relevant.

The Lewis Graduate School of Management also offers a traditional MBA program with 11 different concentrations. Students may choose to take the MBA program with a custom-elective option, in which they may take electives with specific career and professional goals in mind.

Graduate Management programs can be completed in as few as 18 months. Class sessions are offered in an accelerated eight-week format and begin at five different times throughout the year. Select courses also are being offered online. Lewis University has convenient campus locations in Tinley Park, Oak Brook, Hickory Hills, Shorewood and its main campus in Romeoville.

Upcoming open houses for all of the Lewis graduate programs will take place throughout the month of November. For more information, contact Randy Graves, Executive Director of Lewis' Graduate School of Management, by e-mail at gravesra@lewisu.edu or by phone at (815) 836-5339.

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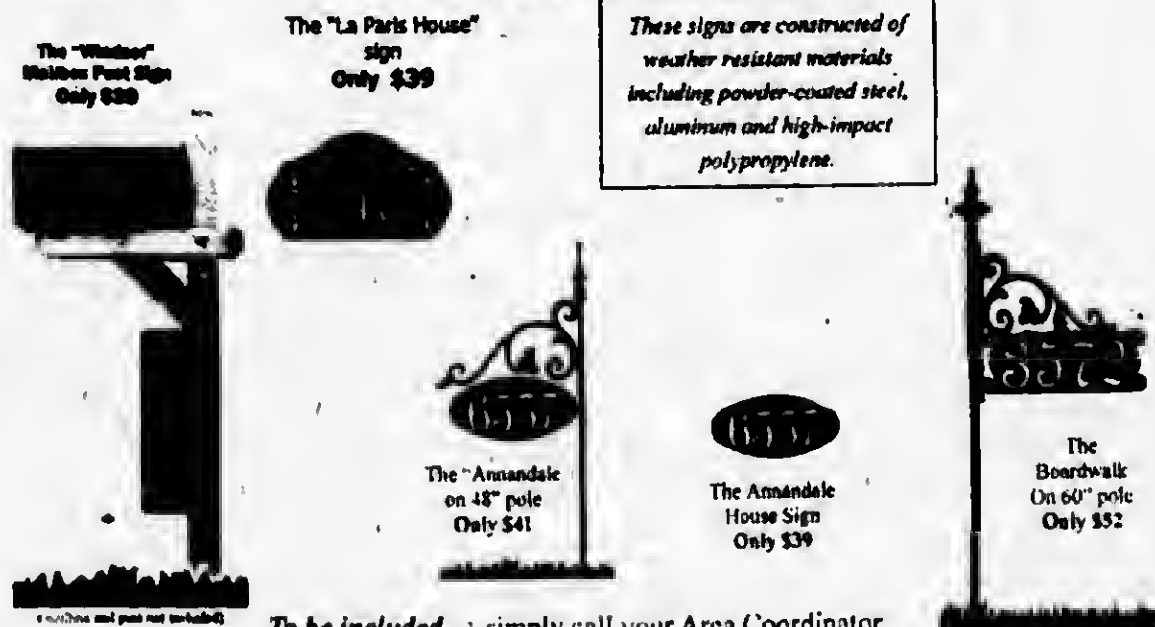
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Mendel Catholic High School All Class Reunion Planned

Mendel Catholic High School all class reunion will be held on Friday, November 25th from 7:00 p.m. until midnight. The reunion will be held at the Lexington House, 7717 W. 95th Street, Hickory Hills.

Tickets are \$65 per person, presale and \$75 at the door. Tickets include a steak dinner and open bar. Reservations are expected and payable in advance. The evening is for Mendel graduates only. Sorry, no ladies are invited.

For more information, call Jack Vlazny at (708) 403-0358 or Dave Maher at (708) 349-0442 or visit the Mendel-Alumni Association web site www.mendelalumni.com.

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For Your Up-To-Date Sports News

Veterans And Soldiers

By Lori Taylor

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Air Force Airman Keith S. Johnson has arrived for duty at Tyndall Air Force Base, Panama City, Florida. Johnson is an aerospace control and warning systems apprentice assigned to the 81st Range Control Squadron. He is the son of Steven and Karen Johnson of Alsip. The airman is a 2002 graduate of Alan B. Shepard High School in Palos Heights.

Illinois Secretary of State Jesse White, veteran of the Army's 101st Airborne Division, was joined by Bronze Star recipient and 11th Ward Alderman James Balcer to announce the launch of his Illinois Veterans' History Project. The project is designed to create a permanent record of the names and stories of Illinois war veterans and civilians who served our state and country during war. The Illinois State Archives, a division of the Secretary of State's office, will collect the information and place it in a permanent repository. The initiative follows a law passed by the federal government authorizing the Library of Congress to collect and preserve the histories of American veterans and civilians who served in wars from World War I to the present. Other veterans who joined White and Balcer at the announcement were: Lorain Kuryla, oldest female veteran of the Gulf War; Michael Kuryla who served on the U.S.S. Indianapolis, which carried the world's first nuclear bomb to Tinian Island. Kuryla was one of the few crewmen to survive the ensuing attack; Beverly Dunjil, Tuskegee Airman; Lollie McKeon, Gold Star Mothers and Families. This project will ensure that the contributions of Illinois' veterans will not be forgotten.

The Illinois Department of Veterans' Affairs celebrated its 60th year of existence on Nov. 8th with a reception at the Hall of Flags in the Howlette Building followed by a tour of the department's central office in Springfield. The Illinois Veterans' Commission was first established in 1945 by the General Assembly. In 1975, House Bill 2541 (PA 79-376) renamed the Commission to the Illinois Department of Veterans' Affairs. Under the new law, IDVA was given the sole responsibility of notifying veterans, their families and dependents of the many state and federal benefits that are available to them. IDVA Director Roy L. Dolgos thanked the legislators and other advocates gathered at the ceremony for supporting the veterans "along the way."

Bremen VFW Post 2791, 172nd and Oak Park Ave. in Tinley Park, will hold a Fish Fry on Friday, Nov. 18th from 4 to 7 p.m. The all-you-can-eat meal is \$8 per person, which includes soup, salad, perch, cod, spicy red fish, chicken, cake and coffee. Then on Saturday, Nov. 19th the post will distribute Thanksgiving baskets to the needy. Volunteers will help fix and deliver the baskets.

The 16th District VFW and Ladies Auxiliary will hold a party for the veterans at Manteno on Saturday, Nov. 19th. A bus will pick up participants at the Midlothian VFW, 14817 Pulaski Rd. at 11 a.m. and at Markham VFW, 3220 W. 159th St. at 11:15 a.m. The bus will make another pick up stop in Monee before arriving in Manteno. The district leaders are VFW District Commander John Dudash of Palos Heights VFW 7454 and Mary Jayne Fitzpatrick, VFW Auxiliary District president, of Owen W. Winter VFW Auxiliary 4241 in Oak Forest. Members from all of the posts and auxiliaries in the district will assist with the party.

Marrs-Meyer American Legion Post 991, 11001 DePot St. in Worth will host a Nascar Race Party on Sunday, Nov. 20th at 2 p.m. at the post. This is a very popular Ford 400 from Homestead-Miami Speedway. This is the final party for 2005. There will be food, drink specials, games, raffles and door prizes. Their Rusty Wallace car hood and jacket will be raffled during the party. Admission is free. If you would like to reserve a table, or for more information, call (708) 448-6699 or (708) 448-7006. Reservations are not necessary and children are always welcome.

Evergreen Park American Legion Post 854, 9701 Kedzie Ave., is planning their Christmas Decorating for Dec. 3rd; Children's Christmas Party to be held on Dec. 10th; New Year's Eve Party, Dec. 31st; and what goes up must come down so they will hold a decorations removal on Jan. 7th. For more information, call the post at (708) 422-9513.

Illinois veterans and their family members will soon have additional resources available to them for assistance with applying for the benefits they deserve. IDVA Director Roy Dolgos announced on Nov. 10th that 25 new Veteran Service Officers (VSO) will be on the job next month. The new VSO's will have the primary job responsibility of assisting veterans in applying for nearly \$400 million in federal money that goes unclaimed each year. They will also serve as liaison between the state and the federal Veterans' Administration. The IDVA, with the help of the federal VA, will conduct training for the 25 new employees beginning Dec. 5th. The week long training will take place in Springfield.

In the wake of a recent federal report highlighting that National Guard units' supplies are well below full strength and the critical role the Illinois Army National Guard is playing at home and overseas, Gov. Rod Blagojevich called on President Bush to replace essential equipment needed to fulfill a variety of emergency missions. A recent General Account Office (GAO) report showed that, on average, National Guard units have only 34 percent of the equipment they need to be at full readiness. The Illinois Army National Guard currently has less than 10 percent of its necessary medium and heavy trucks and has only 65 percent of its required light trucks. The operational demands of the war have caused the Illinois Army National Guard to leave more than 400 vehicles and generators behind in Iraq thus far. This compounds significant, pre-existing shortages that already existed with a lack of trucks, radios, night vision devices and tactical generators. "I know it is the province of the United States Army to determine how much equipment each National Guard unit receives, but we are reaching a point where the lack of equipment has become a problem that the Army must address. If we cannot properly train our National Guard members for active duty, then that only harms the Army's efforts. Ensuring that the Illinois National Guard receives the equipment it needs would help the National Guard help Illinois and help the Army in all of its efforts," Gov. Blagojevich added.

That's all for this week folks. May God bless you and your family and God bless America.

Promote Community Scale Wind Energy Projects Across Illinois

In another example of his ongoing commitment to promoting homegrown and renewable energy sources, Gov. Rod R. Blagojevich announced the launch of the \$4 million Renewable Energy Development (RED) Fund that will support community-scale wind energy projects throughout Illinois. The Illinois Finance Authority (IFA) will work with community banks and lenders to provide loans and loan guarantees to qualified farmers and farmer co-operators who construct wind turbines for use as alternative energy. The program begins immediately with a goal to launch community-scale projects by the end of 2006 that will generate new wind-to-energy market capacity across the state. This aggressive effort to promote the use of wind energy in Illinois is part of the Governor's Opportunity Returns initiative, his comprehensive, pro-active strategy to promote economic growth throughout the state.

In the State of the State Speech earlier this year, Gov. Blagojevich announced his commitment to a Renewable Energy Standard for Illinois with a plan for the state to get 8% of its total electricity supply from renewable energy resources like wind by 2012-up from less than 1% today. A recent study by the University of Illinois at Chicago found that Gov. Blagojevich's plan also would create 7,800 jobs by 2012.

The Illinois Clean Energy Community Foundation (ICECF) and the IFA worked together to develop the RED Fund to support a primary mission of both organizations: to encourage and support development of renewable energy resources. With the Foundation providing the financial resources, the Authority will use its financing expertise and community banking relationships to help Illinois farming operations obtain access to capital for wind-to-energy projects.

Within the next six months, the IFA will host at least three informational seminars across Illinois to educate farmers, landowners, developers and agricultural lenders about the RED Fund and its requirements. Community banks will be encouraged to lend funds for the development of wind projects that meet the Authority's qualifying parameters. The same evaluation and approval process currently in use for existing IFA loans and guarantees will be used.

Look Here Weekly for... LOCAL NEWS

Governor Commemorates Veterans Day Honoring Local Hispanic Veteran

Governor Rod R. Blagojevich on Nov. 11th asked Illinoisans to remember and appreciate the service veterans have given to our nation and to the state and underscored his administration's commitment to make sure veterans get their share of the federal benefits they're entitled to, as he joined dozens of Hispanic former servicemen and servicewomen on Veteran's Day in Chicago's Little Village neighborhood.

The Governor spoke at a Little Village square commemorating Manuel Perez, Jr., who was a Private First Class with the U.S. Army's Company A, 511th Parachute Infantry, 11th Airborne Division fighting in the Pacific during World War II. Perez was the lead scout for Company A, which had destroyed 11 of 12 Japanese pillboxes in a strongly fortified sector defending the approach to enemy-held Fort McKinley on Luzon, Philippine Islands. Single-handedly, Perez killed 18 Japanese soldiers in neutralizing the position that had held up the advance of his entire company. Perez, who was killed in action on February 13, 1945 at the age of 21, was awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor, one of 42 Hispanics awarded our nation's highest battle decoration.

At the ceremony, organized by the American GI Forum of Illinois, the Mexican American Veteran Association and the American Legion Manuel Perez, Jr. Post #1017, the Governor was joined by U.S. Congressman Luis Guterrez and by Roy L. Dolgos, Director of Illinois Department of Veterans' Affairs.

According to U.S. Census figures, over 1.1 million Hispanics are veterans of the U.S. armed forces. Over 130,000 servicemen and servicewomen of Hispanic descent were on active duty in the U.S. Armed Forces as of September 2004 according to the Department of Defense figures.

In Illinois, nearly one million residents are veterans. In order to better help our state veterans collect the federal benefits they have earned, the Governor this week announced the 25 additional Veteran Service Officers (VSO) in his State of the State address last February will be deployed across the state by the end of the year.

Visit The Farm Animals

Barns full of animals await visitors at the Children's Farm, 12700 Southwest Highway in Palos Park, every Saturday and Sunday in November from 1 until 3 p.m.

Visitors to the farm tour the barns and see pigs, sheep, rabbits, chickens, cows, horses and goats. Families are invited into each animal pen by a farm volunteer who helps children to touch and learn about the animal. According to farm director Andy Maricle, the farm is a hands-on opportunity for children to experience the life of the farm. Complimentary pony rides are offered to visitors every weekend throughout November.

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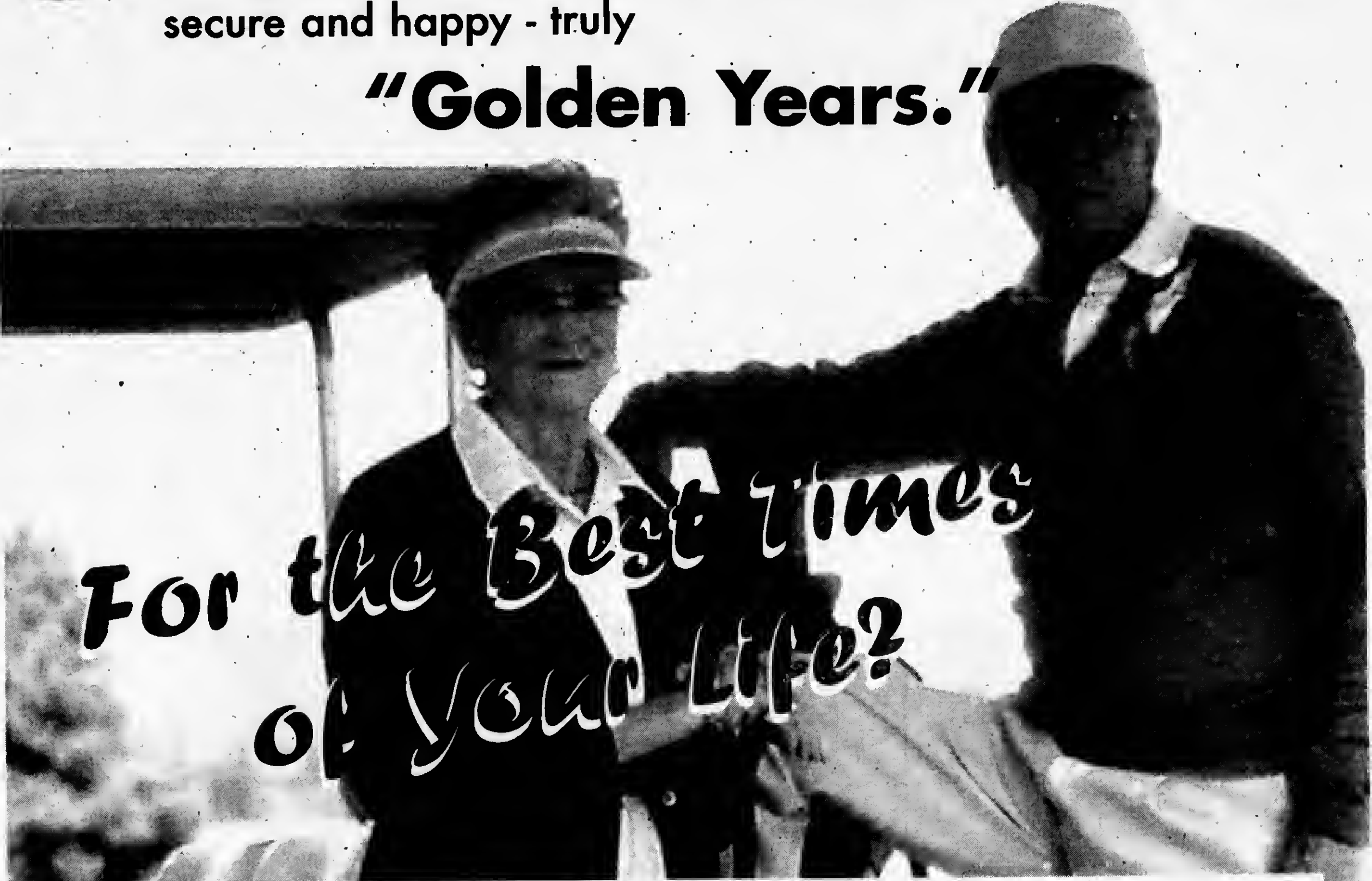
News & Views For Senior Citizens

Mature Times

This issue contains a little bit of everything that will make living easier for our senior readers. It shows that our great Southwest Suburban Area has everything needed for comfortable living from places to eat, exercise facilities, entertainment, banking and yes, also retirement.

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Thoughts On Health & Nutrition

by
Lucinda K. Lysen, RD, RN, BSN

Ms. Lysen is currently on vacation. Her column will resume upon her return.

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Knowledge Is The First Step Toward Diagnosis Of Gaucher Disease

Gaucher disease, a relatively obscure condition in the general population, is the most common genetic disorder affecting Jews of central and eastern European ancestry, also known as Ashkenazi Jews. Although this disease may cause a variety of painful and distressing symptoms, it is generally a detectable and treatable condition.

For those most at risk, it is important to know and recognize the symptoms of Gaucher (pronounced Go-shay) disease to gain access to proper treatment.

According to recently published studies, more than 500 persons have inherited Gaucher disease in the Chicago metropolitan area alone, but only 10 percent of those individuals are currently receiving effective treatment.

In some cases, physicians have misdiagnosed the disorder because it shares medical indicators with other, far more prevalent illnesses. For some patients this has led to unnecessary medical procedures - including splenectomies and radiation treatments - some of which have actually worsened the Gaucher disease symptoms.

According to current medical estimates, the most common form of Gaucher disease -- Type 1 -- occurs in one out of every 450 to 600 births in the Ashkenazi Jewish population. By comparison, it occurs in one out of every 50,000 births in the general population. It is caused by a defect in an important enzyme, causing an excessive accumulation of lipids in bone marrow and various body tissues.

Although only one in 100 to 200 people in the general population may be carriers of a gene mutation that causes Type 1 Gaucher disease, as many as one in 10 Ashkenazi Jews carry this inactive genetic trait. The carriers do not have symptoms of the illness, but are capable of passing it along to future generations. When two parents are Gaucher gene carriers, each of their children has a 25 percent chance of contracting the disease.

Unlike Type 1 Gaucher disease, Type 2 and Type 3 have no specific ethnic or regional tendencies and, therefore, pose less of a targeted threat to the Ashkenazi Jewish population. Type 2 occurs in only one of every 100,000 births and Type 3 occurs in one of every 50,000 births.

If adults of Ashkenazi descent are concerned about whether they may be Gaucher carriers, they can take a DNA test to detect the genetic trait with a 90 percent accuracy rate.

The signs of Type 1 Gaucher disease can manifest themselves at almost any age from early childhood through adulthood. Although most individuals with Gaucher display symptoms by the age of 30, some cases have been known to go undetected until latter stages of life.

Gaucher disease alters the chemistry of the body's glucocerebrosidase enzymes which ordinarily break down sugary fats in the body. The defective enzymes allow these fats to accumulate in body cells, particularly in the liver, spleen, lungs, bones and marrow.

The disease can cause severe anemia, enlarged spleen and liver, a lack of stamina and energy, skeletal pain, and increased tendencies of bleeding, bruising and bone fractures. The illness also can inhibit a child's natural growth.

The bloated liver and spleen are generally the first distinctly recognizable signs of the disorder. A physician who observes these or other potential symptoms can confirm whether a patient has Gaucher disease by drawing a blood sample and sending it to a certified laboratory. The lab will test the sample to determine whether the defective enzyme is present.

In the 1990's, medical science created an enzyme-replacement process that has led to dramatic recovery in Type 1 Gaucher disease patients. This treatment involves an intravenous infusion, which clears out the accumulation of sugary fats in organs and tissues. As a result, the disease can be brought under control, bringing relief to its sufferers.

For more information about the symptoms, diagnosis and treatment of Gaucher disease, contact the Clinical Genetics Section at Children's Memorial Hospital by calling (773) 975-8507, or the National Gaucher Foundation at (800) 925-8885.

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St. Francis Hospital Hosts Job Fair

Do you want a challenging career that involves helping people in need while utilizing your skills and talents to the fullest? Then why not consider a job as a health care professional.

St. Francis Hospital & Health Center in Blue Island will sponsor an Allied Health Education Fair on Monday, Nov. 28, from 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. This free event will feature information on various health care careers, including phlebotomy, respiratory therapy, radiology, pharmacy, physical therapy, health information technology and more.

Representatives from local colleges, universities and educational organizations will be distributing information and answering questions about their degree and educational programs.

The fair will be held on the hospital's Mezzanine level in

meeting rooms B and C. Please enter the hospital's main entrance off Gregory and Union streets. When you enter the hospital, please stop by the Information Desk to obtain a visitor's pass.

Here are some of the colleges, universities and educational organizations that are scheduled to attend the fair: DeVry University, Governors State University

Indiana University, Northwest, Medical Academy of Business Technology, Moraine Valley Community College, Prairie State University, Rush University,

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Consumers Buy Into Health Plan They Thought Was Medical Insurance

After receiving complaints from consumers in Illinois and other states, Attorney General Lisa Madigan filed suit on Nov. 9th against two companies for alleged deceptive marketing and sales tactics used to entice consumers into buying a health plan they believed was actual health insurance.

Madigan's lawsuit alleges that despite their marketing claims, National Benefits Consultants LLC, a Florida company, and Consumer Health Benefit Association (CHBA), a Missouri not-for-profit corporation, only sell discount health plans - offering discounts that often are not even accepted by providers. The companies market the plans at www.nbchealth.com and through unsolicited faxes and newspaper advertising.

Through alleged marketing and advertising claims such as "Save on Healthcare & Prescription Drugs. Everyone Accepted!", "Access to one of the largest PPOs in the country, Beech Street" and "We can have you approved for a medical plan regardless of pre-existing conditions," consumers are led to believe that they are purchasing a health insurance plan, not just a discount card, according to Madigan's suit.

Madigan also alleges that the companies require consumers to provide their checking account or credit card information before they will send consumers information about the discount health plan. The consumers' accounts are then charged an enrollment fee ranging from \$109.99 to \$199.95 and a monthly fee ranging from \$109.99 to \$199.95. Callers are told their enrollment fee is refundable within 15 days.

Consumers told Madigan's office that when they contacted CHBA after they received written materials and realized they had not purchased a traditional insurance policy, they were allegedly told by customer representatives that their enrollment fee was non-refundable, even if they requested a refund within the 15-day purchase window.

Other consumers complained that when they tried to use the alleged discounted services provided by health care providers listed as plan participants, providers often had no knowledge of their listing and would not honor the discount.

Madigan's complaint alleges that National Benefits Consultants and Consumer Health Benefit Association (CHBA) have violated the Illinois Consumer Fraud and Deceptive Business Practices Act. According to Madigan's suit, the companies use the Internet and a toll-free number to conduct business from a Coconut Creek, Florida, address and are not registered with the Illinois

Secretary of State to transact business in Illinois. In addition, the companies allegedly have marketed the CHBA discount health plan to consumers in Illinois since 2003 but are not registered with the Illinois Department of Insurance as a Preferred Provider Administrator (PPA) as required by law.

Madigan's suit asks the court to prohibit the companies from marketing and selling discount health plans in Illinois, to declare that all contracts are rescinded, and require payment of full restitution to consumers, a civil penalty of \$50,000 for violating the Consumer Fraud Act and additional penalties of \$50,000 per violation committed with the intent to defraud. The suit, filed in Cook County Circuit Court, also seeks a civil penalty of \$10,000 per violation committed against a person aged 65 and older.

Women Helping Women

If you could help your daughters, granddaughters and nieces avoid cancer, wouldn't you?

If you're a woman aged 65 to 74 whose sister had breast cancer, you can help researchers learn how genes and the environment may affect the chances of getting the disease. Conducted by the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences, one of the National Institutes of Health, the Sister Study empowers women to make a lasting mark on breast cancer research.

"The risk of developing breast cancer is greatest for women over the age of 65 and it is important for senior women to participate in safe research like the Sister Study," said Dr. Dale Sandler, Principal Investigator. She added, "Joining is fairly simple and can be done from home, plus participants are not required to make any changes to their habits, diet or daily life."

To learn more, visit the Web site at www.sisterstudy.org or call 1-877-474-7837; Deaf/Hard of Hearing, 1-866-TTY-4747.

Pearline (L) joined the Sister Study as a tribute to her sister, Andrea, a breast cancer survivor.

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Talk To Your Health Care Provider About Pneumococcal Disease This Flu Season

With flu season on the way, you may be planning a doctor's visit. Take the opportunity to also talk to your doctor about another serious health issue-pneumococcal disease (pronounced NEW-moe-cock-ul).

Pneumococcal disease, like influenza, is very common and often underestimated. Both are more prevalent during the winter months and may cause serious health problems, particularly in older adults," according to William Schaffner, M.D., Chair of the Department of Preventive Medicine at Vanderbilt Medical Center in Nashville, Tennessee.

Look At The Facts

Pneumococcal pneumonia is the most common form of pneumococcal disease in adults. Each year in the United States, there are an estimated 175,000 hospitalizations for pneumococcal pneumonia.

When infection spreads to the bloodstream, it is called bacteremia, a very serious and sometimes deadly complication. It has been estimated that there are more than 50,000 cases of bacteremia each year.

Causes, Symptoms And Treatment

Many healthy people-up to 70 percent-carry the bacteria that cause pneumococcal disease and don't even know it. The bacteria are spread by coughing, sneezing or close contact. Researchers don't know why it suddenly enters the lungs and bloodstream to cause illness, but they do know that pneumococcal disease occurs more commonly during winter months.

Pneumococcal disease is usually treated with antibiotics, but that's not always effective. "Treatment of pneumococcal disease is getting harder because the bacteria are becoming more resistant to penicillin and other antibiotics," said Schaffner. For more information about pneumococcal disease, visit www.niaid.nih.gov/factsheets/pneumonia.htm.

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Facing Facts About Male Skin Care

Whether you're comfortable shaving or have a knack for nicking yourself, a few tips from skin care experts can help you put your best face forward.

Step 1: Wet face in the shower or with a very wet, warm towel.

Step 2: Apply pre-shave oil or conditioner.

Step 3: Dab a small amount of shave cream into a shaving mug or directly on the face.

Step 4: Wet a shave brush and whip up a rich lather. Lather beard with an upward stroke to lift individual barbs.

Step 5: Shave with the grain of your beard (downward) to avoid nicks and cuts.

Step 6: Apply aftershave balm.

What you use while shaving can sometimes be as important as how you shave. That may be why male skin care products from SPF creams to moisturizers have become so hot and a number of new male skin care lines have been introduced.

For instance, Caswell-Massey, which is one of the oldest upscale grooming product companies in America, released a line for men called 1752-named after the year the company was founded. The company (which is believed to be the fourth-oldest in America) began as a medical supply shop in Newport, Rhode Island. Since then, it has become popular with celebrities and consumers from all walks of life. The line includes:

- Pre-Shave Oil-A blend of moisturizing natural oils and extracts that prepare the beard.
- Shave Soap in Wood Bowl-An all-vegetable formula with natural oils for a smooth, brisk shave.
- Shave Cream-A rich lathering cream that leaves skin moisturized.
- Aftershave Balm-A blend of natural oils, sea kelp and algae with natural extracts and vitamins.
- Face It Treatment Mask-A rejuvenating formulation that cleanses, treats and moisturizes.

The company also reintroduced its Greenbriar Collection-updated to reflect contemporary fragrances while preserving the integrity of its classics. It includes:

- SPF 30 Lotion-Men are not from Mars. They know the importance of protecting skin from the sun's ultraviolet rays. A lightly scented skin conditioner helps them do just that.
- Aftershave Balm-Helps soothe and nourish skin.
- Aftershave-Helps revitalize and refresh skin after shaving.
- The company's products are not tested on animals and are safe for the environment. Many provide protection from the sun's UV rays.

For more information, visit www.caswellmassey.com.

Men's grooming products are a hot trend that show no sign of cooling off.

A Preventive Approach To Managing Chronic Joint Problems

Whether they are active or sedentary, many people over the age of 40 will develop osteoarthritis (OA) by their 70th birthday.

They will probably feel it in the hips, knees or lower back-all weight-bearing joints-or the neck, finger or toe joints.

The current number of adult Americans with OA is expected to swell from 21 million to 41 million by the year 2020, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). The CDC also estimates that over 73 million Americans have chronic joint symptoms that affect their everyday activities. Fortunately, something can be done about it.

It is not just a matter of age and gravity

OA and chronic joint symptoms are the leading causes of disability among Americans over age 15, costing more than \$125 billion annually. However, OA and chronic joint symptoms are not simply the result of "wear and tear." Nor are they limited to older people.

In fact, slight changes can be seen in the joints of most overweight people in their 40s, and some medical experts believe that these changes may be present in some people as early as their 20s and 30s. The major change seen in joints is the loss of surrounding cartilage, which leads to loss of joint mobility, stiffness and, eventually, pain.

Cartilage is an active tissue

For years, damage to cartilage due to OA was considered irreversible. However, scientists now realize that cartilage is an active tissue with a continuous turnover of nutrients.

Most joint cartilage is made up of type II collagen and structural proteins, which provide the tensile stiffness and compressive strength that joints need to retain their flexibility.

However, 5 percent of cartilage is comprised of chondrocytes-specialized cells that detect changes in the composition of the cartilage and respond by producing new collagen and other proteins to normalize the area in and around joints.

The acute pain related to OA is usually treated with analgesics, nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drugs (NSAIDs) or cyclo-oxygenase (COX)-2 selective inhibitors for a short time.

While these drugs can alleviate pain, they do not address the underlying cause of the pain.

Preventative measures can be an excellent alternative

As part of a healthy lifestyle that includes exercising regularly and maintaining a healthy weight, some researchers and doctors recommend taking a supplement, such as CH-Alpha(tm), now available from GELITA Health Products.

Its active ingredient-collagen hydrolysate-is a collection of bioactive collagen peptides and appears to have a direct positive effect on the production of chondrocytes.

"Collagen hydrolysate is absorbed in the gastrointestinal tract, accumulates in the synovial fluid of the joint, and may stimulate type II collagen synthesis to reduce symptoms and improve joint function," according to Al Bello, MD, Clinical Associate Professor of Medicine, Rheumatology, University of Illinois.

In at least two medical studies, over 80 percent of patients using CH-Alpha have experienced an improvement in joint mobility with an eventual reduction in the pain associated with chronic joint symptoms.

Taking CH-Alpha orally may provide a safe alternative to address the stiffness and immobility many will eventually experience with age.

Collagen products have been used for many centuries for therapeutic purposes, and are recognized as safe components of pharmaceuticals and foods by the Food and Drug Administration Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition.

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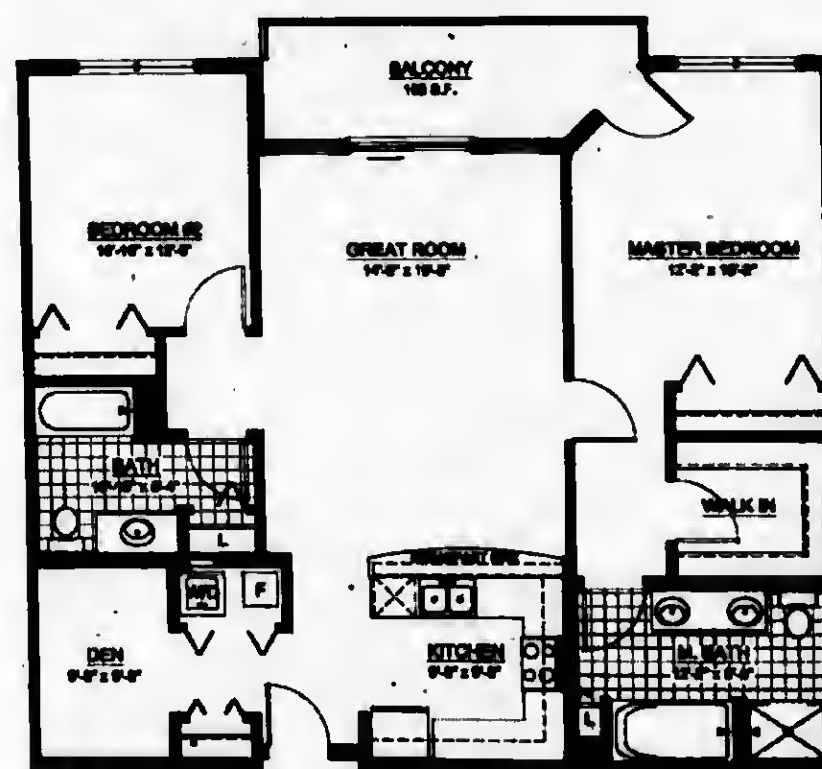
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Valerie Spitaler, L.M.T., joined the staff in July. Kathleen has been a massage therapist for 8 years. Both women are well educated in their field and are dedicated to serving their customers.

Therapeutic sessions are offered for one hour, half hour, 75 minutes and an hour and a half featuring Swedish, deep tissue, sports massage and trigger point therapy. Reflexology and warm stone therapy are also offered. Appointments are available 7 days a week in the morning, afternoon, evening and on weekends. Gift certificates are also available.

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Kathleen and Valerie are both licensed and certified massage therapists and both give some of the benefits listed. Valerie also teaches massage school at Moraine Valley Community College. Kathleen is also a licensed nail technician. She is a volunteer at Little Company of Mary Hospital and a volunteer for the American Cancer Society.

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Important Questions And Answers About The New Medicare Prescription Drug Program

By: John Flynn
Social Security District Manager

As of Nov. 15, Medicare beneficiaries across the nation can begin signing up for one of the many plans offered under the new Medicare Prescription Drug Program. The following questions and answers address some basic issues that all Medicare beneficiaries should be aware of as they consider their choices.

What is Medicare Prescription Drug Coverage?

Medicare prescription drug coverage is insurance provided by private companies, approved by Medicare, called Prescription Drug Providers (PDPs). Starting Jan. 1, new Medicare prescription drug coverage will be available to everyone with Medicare. This drug coverage may help lower your prescription drug costs and help protect against higher costs in the future.

Can I get extra help to pay for one of the prescription drug plans?

If you have limited income and resources, you may qualify for extra help. The amount of extra help depends on your income and resources. If you qualify for the extra help, you still will need to join a plan to get drug coverage. If you apply and qualify for the extra help but don't join a plan, Medicare will enroll you in one by May 15, to make sure you get this important coverage.

How do I know if I qualify for extra help?

You may get a letter from Medicare saying that you automatically qualify for extra help and don't have to fill out the application from Social Security. If you didn't automatically qualify, Social Security sent people with certain incomes an application for this extra help. Basically, you may qualify if your income is less than \$14,355 for an individual or \$19,245 for a married couple living together, and your resources are less than \$11,500 for an individual or \$23,000 if you are married and living with your spouse. If you didn't get – or did not complete – an application but think you may qualify, call 1-800-772-1213 or visit www.socialsecurity.gov on the web. After you complete the Application for Help with Medicare Prescription Drug Plan Costs, Social Security will mail you a letter telling you if you qualify for extra help.

If I am not certain whether or not I qualify, should I apply for extra help?

Yes, because there is no risk or cost to apply. And, if you qualify, you will get extra help paying for the annual deductible, premiums and co-payments for Medicare prescription drug coverage. This application may be completed before you have decided to participate in the Medicare Prescription Drug Program, and if you decide later that you do not want to participate, you may opt out at that time.

Once I choose a prescription drug plan, how do I pay for the coverage? Can it be deducted from my Social Security retirement check?

In general, there are three ways you can pay your Medicare drug plan premiums:

You can give permission to the PDP that offers the Medicare drug plan you choose to deduct the premium automatically from your bank account; or

You can have your premium deducted every month from your Social Security benefits, similar to your premiums for Medicare Part B; or

You can pay the premium for your prescription drug plan directly by mailing the PDP a check or money order each month.

Where can I get more information about Medicare prescription drug coverage?

For more information, read the "Medicare & You 2006 Handbook" mailed to you in October. It will list the specific plans available in your area. If you need further help, visit www.medicare.gov on the web or call 1-800-Medicare (1-800-633-4227). TTY users should call 1-877-486-2048. Have your Medicare card, a list of drugs you use and the name of the pharmacy you use ready when you call.

Why A Social Security "COLA" Is Important To Older Americans

By: John Flynn
Social Security District Manager

One of the most important announcements Social Security makes each year is that of the cost-of-living adjustment (COLA) for the next year. It's something that every beneficiary is keenly interested in. For all of those readers who are not yet receiving Social Security benefits, let me explain why last month's COLA announcement is so important.

More than 52 million people get Social Security or Supplemental Security Income (SSI) benefit payments. The annual COLA helps ensure that their benefit payments keep pace with inflation. The COLA, which was 4.1 percent this year, will show up in the January benefit payments for Social Security beneficiaries. And increased payments for Supplemental Security Income recipients will begin on Dec. 30.

Many financial planners point out that the annual COLA is one of Social Security's most important features and note that relatively few private pensions have automatic cost-of-living increases.

Without a COLA, retirement benefit payments could lose their purchasing power over time. For example, if the annual inflation rate were 4 percent, an item that costs \$25 today would cost \$50 in 18 years. This COLA protection becomes even more important as workers live longer after retiring—the average life expectancy for a 65-year-old today is more than 17 years, compared with about 12 years when the Social Security program began in 1935.

The COLAs are directly tied to the Bureau of Labor Statistics' Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W). The CPI-W measures inflation, as experienced by consumers in their day-to-day living expenses.

Before 1975, it took an act of Congress to increase Social Security benefit payments. In fact, the first increase was not authorized until 1950 – 15 years after the original Social Security Act was passed, and a decade after the first monthly benefits were paid.

For more information on the 2006 COLA, visit the Social Security website at www.socialsecurity.gov.

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- **Senior Luncheons:** November 12 and December 9, 2005. There will be no senior luncheon in January. The luncheons will resume on February 10th and continue March 10, April 14, May 12, June 9, July 14, August 11, September 9, October 14, November 11 and December 9, 2005.
- **Village of Midlothian Historical Society:** Here's a spot close to home that you might want to visit during the winter months. Even if you have not lived in Midlothian since its incorporation in 1927, you will enjoy the may displays of the past 77 years as well as the Scottish exhibit. These memories are treasures that we want to keep for future generations. The society is located at 14609 S. Springfield and is open on the 1st and 3rd Saturdays of the month from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m.
- **School Happenings:** If you missed Pajama Game at Bremen H.S., you still have the opportunity to attend other cultural events at our schools: On Dec. 14 at 7 p.m. the Bremen Winter Band and Choral Concert will be presented; and on Dec. 20 at 6:30 p.m. the District 143 Winter Band Concert will be presented at Central Park School (151st & Central Pk.). Watch for further details on an all-District 228 musical coming in late winter: "The Wiz".
- **Senior Clubs:** Throughout the winter months our senior clubs meet at Raday Lodge: Midlothian Buddies meet the 1st & 3rd Thursday; Community Seniors meet the 2nd & 4th Tuesday. Both clubs meet from 11 a.m. until about 3:30 p.m. Come on out and enjoy the fun! Even though it's winter, we stay active!
- **Christmas Comes To Midlothian:** On Saturday, Dec. 4 the holiday season will have its official kick off in Midlothian. Lunch with Santa at 12:30 at the Park District (tickets advance purchase - 371-6191); the Parade at 3:30 p.m. from Mid Oak Plaza to the Village Green followed by cookies and hot chocolate in the fire station.

For Your Information ...

- **Senior Fishing & Hunting Licenses** may be purchased at the Village Hall.
- **MASH Bus** operates within Village limits, Monday-Friday, from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. Call 269-8080.
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Laws Exist To Protect Consumers

With holiday gift-buying nearly in full swing, consumers should know that there are numerous laws at the national and state levels to protect them from fraudulent or unethical business practices, and defective products. The following is a sample of some of these laws.

Under the Equal Credit Opportunity Act, a consumer is ensured that he or she has an equal chance to obtain credit to finance a purchase. This does not mean that anyone who applies can receive credit. To be considered worthy of credit, several factors are taken into consideration, including income, expenses, debt and credit history. The law further states that a creditor may not ask you to reveal your sex, race, marital status, national origin and religion.

The Motor Vehicle Retail Installment Sales Act outlines the terms that must be included in a financing agreement for buying a car. It requires that the contract clearly state the amount of the finance charge and other charges you must pay beyond the cash price of the car.

The Illinois Consumer Fraud and Deceptive Business Practices Act prevents sellers from using false or misleading statements. Essentially, the Act imposes penalties on vendors who do anything that is deemed to be deceptive.

Oak Lawn High School Suspends 4 Students

A breach in the security of a District 229 computer program gave four Oak Lawn High School students the opportunity to hack into the school's Parent Portal to change their grades. Early in October, the students found a fault in the Parent Portal program that is used by School District 229 in order to inform parents about their children's progress in school. Parents can view grades and attendance records. Other information is stored in the program for school use. Century Consultants of New Jersey installed the program in April. Century reported that the program is widely used in other schools across the country and that there were no incidents of hacking reported to them. The program is password protected and was designed to keep hackers out.

However, the students found the fault and 'hunt and pecked' their way into the system and changed their own failing grades. A teacher noticed the changes at the end of October. She noticed that the grades that she gave to a student didn't match her hand written records. On further investigation it was noted that the boys did not compromise other student records.

The boys were suspended for 10 days and were denied computer privileges upon their return. Although some officials and teachers wanted the boys expelled, it was stated that expulsion was used only in cases of extreme behavior that jeopardizes the safety of students and staff. According to District 229 officials, expulsion in this case was not justified.

The school's technology department with the help of Century Consultants repaired the fault. The district will continue using the Parent Portal.

If you or a member of your family makes a purchase from a door-to-door salesman - and you change your mind about the purchase - there is a federal law which can protect you. The law enables you - the buyer - to have up to three days to cancel any contract on credit or a cash sale of \$25 or more which takes place away from the seller's regular place of business, such as your home or a public place. Furthermore, door-to-door sales contracts must include a prominently displayed notice of this cancellation right.

For further information about law-related issues, contact an Illinois State Bar Association-member lawyer in your area or visit www.illinoislawyerfinder.com.

America Recycles Day

Get involved to celebrate "America Recycles Day," the West Cook County Solid Waste Agency and Keep West Cook Beautiful have partnered with Classic Computer Recovery, Inc. and Triton College to host a FREE One-Day Electronics Recycling Event on Nov. 19th from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Triton College in the Northwest Student Parking Lot, 2000 Fifth Ave. in River Grove.

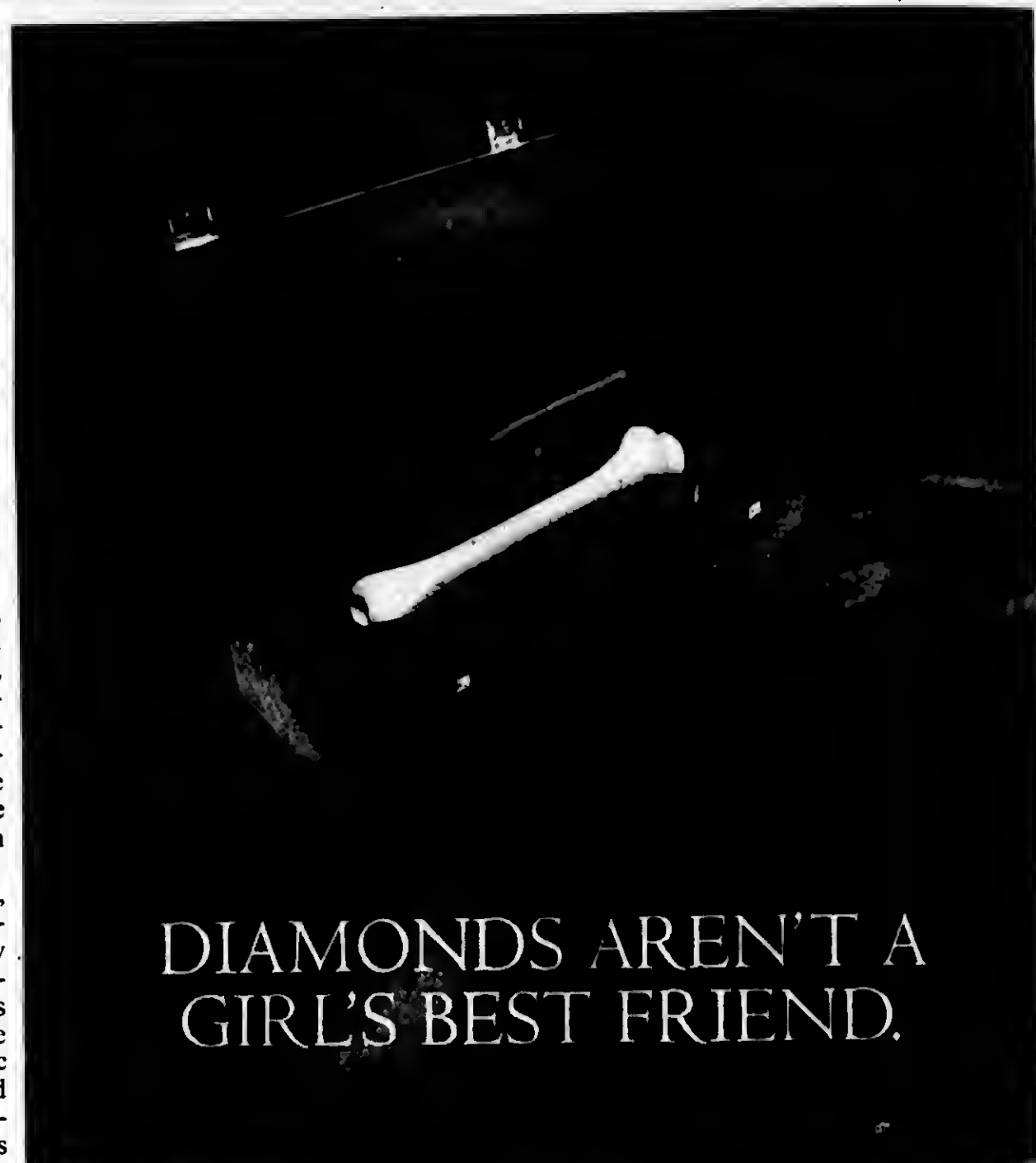
Among the items accepted are Computer (PCs), all-in-ones, laptops, modems, printers, monitors, CD-ROM drives, keyboards, mice, cables, hard drives and motherboards. The contractor specializes in electronic products recycling and is capable of recycling over 95% of the materials and components in the items listed above.

Electronic equipment, especially computers, printers and monitors, quickly become outdated. Consequently, many of these items end up in landfills. While these types of electronic equipment are not banned from landfills, the components often contain materials that are hazardous to human health. Computer monitors, for example, contain toxic materials such as cadmium, lead, mercury and chromium. Each monitor contains five to eight pounds of lead that, if not disposed of properly, can harm humans and the environment. For this reason, WCCSWA encourages residents to properly dispose of electronic waste at the collection. For more information, contact Jim Caporusso at (708) 450-0100.

Blake-Lamb Funeral Home Family Remembrance Ceremony For The Holidays

The personnel of Blake-Lamb Funeral Home invite everyone to a Holiday Family Remembrance Ceremony. The ceremony will be held Sunday, Dec. 11th from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. with a prayer service at 12 p.m. This will take place at the funeral home located at 4727 W. 103rd St. in Oak Lawn. Everyone is invited to share some refreshments, enjoy beautiful music and place a snowflake with a picture or message to their loved ones on one of the Family Memory Trees.

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St. Laurence High School Seniors Received Honors

Saint Laurence High School seniors Matt Tucker of Oak Lawn (right) and Matt Barry of Burbank (left) received honors for their outstanding efforts on the soccer field for the 2005 season. Tucker was named All Sectional by the IHSCCA (Illinois State Soccer Coaches' Association), All Conference by the Chicago Catholic League, and All State Academic Team by the Chicago Firc. Barry was named All Sectional Honorable Mention by the IHSCCA and also All Conference. Brian Kovacs, varsity soccer coach at St. Laurence, commented that "It was great to see these two fine young men so honored for their outstanding play this past season. We are truly happy that their hard work and perseverance have been recognized."

Oak Lawn Resident John Boss Stars In The Sound of Music

Oak Lawn resident John Boss stars in The Sound of Music, the Tony Award-winning musical by Rodgers and Hammerstein. The show opens Nov. 11th at 8 p.m. at Theatre at the Center, 1040 Ridge Road, and closes Dec. 18th. A captivating love story featuring some of Broadway's most popular music, the show is directed by Bill Pullins.

After a several year hiatus, John Boss returns to Theatre at the Center as "Franz" in The Sound of Music. Prior to his role in The Sound of Music, Boss appeared in A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum at Illinois Theater Center; The Sound of Music at the Winnetka Theatre; 42nd Street at Pheasant Run; and The Merry Widow at Light Opera Works. In addition to his theatrical experience, Boss has appeared

in numerous commercials throughout the Midwest.

The Sound of Music stars Larry Adams as Captain Von Trapp, Johanna McKenzie Miller as Maria, Bobbie Bagby as Liesel, and Kailey Snider as Louisa.

Set design is by Jack Magaw, lighting design is by Charles Joles, costume design is by Yana Anderson, sound design is by Joseph Huppert, props design is by Laura Maerz, production manager is David Principato, stage manager is Rita Vreeland, and technical director is Ann N. Davis.

To purchase individual or group tickets, call the box office at (219) 836-3255 or Tickets.com at (800) 511-1552. For more information on Theatre at the Center, visit www.theatreatthecenter.org.

Woman Dies After Crash

Karen Mullen, 50, of Burbank, was riding on the back of Gary Bauer's Harley-Davidson when Bauer lost control of the bike and skidded off the road. Mullen was thrown from the bike and has died of extensive head injuries on Wednesday, Nov. 9th.

Bauer, 44 of the 8800 Block of S. 51st Ave. was charged with aggravated driving under the influence and cited with other traffic offenses including failing to reduce speed and operating an uninsured vehicle, police reports state.

Bauer reportedly crashed his motorcycle about 3 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 4th. He was driving from the northbound lanes of Harlem Ave. onto eastbound ramp of 95th street. Bauer told police that he skidded on gravel. He said that he lost control of the bike, but, according to reports, he was only going about 20 mph.

Mullen was thrown from the bike, but Bauer was not seriously hurt. Mullen's death was ruled an accident.

According to the police reports, this was not the first time that Bauer was arrested for DUI. In 1990 Bauer had two DUI accidents which left people injured. He had caused an accident which left a Hickory Hills woman badly injured. In March of 1990, he swerved into oncoming traffic ending up smashing head-on into another vehicle. In Sept. 1991, Bauer pleaded guilty to the driving under the influence. He was sentenced to 22 months in prison according to reports.

For this accident, Bauer was recorded to have a blood alcohol content that measured 0.225, or three times the state's legal limit. Bauer was out on \$150,000 bail. Since Mullen has died, Bauer may face upgraded charges.



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Burbank Girl's Fastpitch Registration

The Burbank Girl's Fastpitch Association will hold registration for its 2006 teams on Friday, Nov. 18th from 5 to 7:30 p.m. and Saturday, Nov. 19th from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Our Savior's Lutheran Church, 8607 S. Narragansett Ave., Burbank.

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A message from the National Diabetes Education Program, sponsored by the National Institutes of Health and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Tips For Sharing And Preserving Family Memories When A Loved One Has Alzheimer's

Whether it's during the holidays, a birthday celebration or a family reunion, sharing memories with loved ones is an enjoyable and healthy way to remember times past. It can often be very frustrating, however, when someone in the family has Alzheimer's disease.

An estimated 4.5 million Americans have Alzheimer's disease, and as baby boomers age, that number is expected to triple by 2050. It's important to remember, however, that Alzheimer's patients can still appreciate memories even if they don't respond in the same manner as before their illness. Learning ways in which to positively interact with an Alzheimer's patient is crucial for re-connecting with your loved one and sharing memories for as long as possible.

"The toughest part for many families facing Alzheimer's is looking back," says Joanne Koenig Coste, renowned Alzheimer's care pioneer and author of *Learning to Speak Alzheimer's*. "They need to stop talking about how Mom or Grandpa used to be and focus on who she or he is now. The best thing you can do is to go to their reality. If they're reminiscing about childhood and think they're still eight years old, don't insist that 70 years have passed. Enjoy their stories."

Koenig Coste offers additional tips:

Look at photo albums and videos. Flipping through a photo album or watching a video together allows loved ones to share an enjoyable experience. "Old black-and-white photos-sometimes even photos of absolute strangers-evoked strong memories for Alzheimer's patients," explained Koenig Coste. "Make copies of photos and let your loved one write or draw on them, or show a wedding video because that's a joyous occasion that may make them remember their own wedding."

Make the most of family pets. Don't underestimate the therapeutic power of animals. Animals provide a nonthreatening, healthy interaction for Alzheimer's patients. Patients often require undivided love and attention, something animals naturally provide.

Play music. Music can help stimulate a patient's memories. Music from the patient's youth often triggers memories, but modern New Age music is also helpful-providing soothing background music.

Encourage children to spend time with patients. "It's so important to designate time for children to spend with the patient," Koenig Coste said. "I think the worst mistake people make is keeping children away from their grandparents for fear of how the children will someday remember them. Children have a positive, healing effect on Alzheimer's patients."

While nothing can turn back time and restore a patient's memories, it's important that your loved one see a physician if you think he or she may have Alzheimer's disease. Family members of Alzheimer's patients also need to take care of themselves. Ortho-McNeil Neurologics Inc. sponsors a free program called *SharingCare*. It provides caregivers with tools to help cope with Alzheimer's disease and its effects. For more information, visit www.SharingCare.com or www.orthomcneilneurologics.com.

Living With Arthritis

Approximately 70 million Americans have arthritis and a new survey by the Rippe Lifestyle Institute shows many are living with arthritis pain needlessly because they don't know which medications are safe.

Says Dr. James Rippe: "We learned from our survey that since these patients are confused, many have stopped or reduced their use of pain relievers. The result is a significant negative impact on their quality of life, that has even forced some patients to limit their daily activities."

According to Dr. Rippe, inactivity can lead to more serious conditions such as weight gain, high blood pressure and diabetes. Patients need to understand the implications of untreated arthritis pain and talk to their doctors about which treatment options they should use. Many doctors these days suggest an over the counter medication such as Aleve.



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Get The Facts About Medicare Part D Now

Did you know that one in five adults is the designated caregiver for an aging or disabled loved one who can't manage alone? More than 50 million individuals are selflessly engaged in providing 80 percent of all home care services in America. In addition to assisting with activities of daily living, family caregivers are very influential providers of health care information for their care recipients.

If you are caring for someone who is eligible for Medicare or if you are among the millions of family caregivers who are eligible themselves, it is important that you learn as much as you can about the new Medicare Prescription Drug Benefit Program. Medicare Part D is the most significant expansion in the history of the federal health program designed for the elderly and disabled.

The National Family Caregivers Association (NFCA) was founded to support, educate, empower, and advocate for America's millions of family caregivers. In keeping with its mission, NFCA urges you to learn more about Medicare Part D during open enrollment November 15, 2005 to May 15, 2006. As in many health plans, open enrollment is a great time to explore, compare, and make informed choices. It is also a time during which a one-time cost-saving incentive is offered for early enrollees. Of particular interest to family caregivers, this saving can impact the escalating costs and use of prescription drugs over the lifetime of a care recipient.

Get the facts. Plan ahead. A detailed explanation of the program is offered by the federal government through the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services: 1-800-MEDICARE and www.medicare.gov. Although very comprehensive, it can also be very complex.

Through the NFCA Web site, www.thefamilycaregiver.org, family caregivers can link to other sources of information that are easier to comprehend-some with links specifically designed for family caregivers. For more information about the benefits of NFCA membership or to support its non-profit programs, please visit the organization online.

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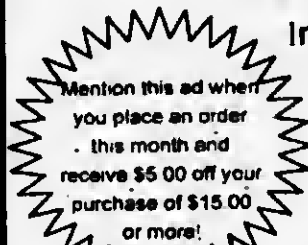
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A Family Conversation On Estate Planning Can Strengthen Ties

Defying a long-held taboo, parents in their 70s are far more likely to be comfortable discussing the sensitive issue of estate planning than their baby boomer children, and they also care more about helping their children financially than their children realize, according to a recent study.

The study shows that older parents and their children need some help when discussing sensitive estate-planning issues. The survey was based on telephone interviews with a random sample of unrelated parents and children. Interviews were conducted with 500 parents ages 70-79 and 450 children ages 45-65, primarily boomers.

"Older adults tell us they really do want to discuss topics such as estate planning, medical care and final arrangements with their children. Boomers, on the other hand, would sometimes rather talk about something else," said Maureen Mohyde, director of The Hartford's Corporate Gerontology Group. The Hartford Financial Services Group research made the following key findings:

- 76 percent of older parents say they are very comfortable with talking about their estate, compared to 45 percent of boomers who say they are very comfortable.
- Parents are far more comfortable discussing the content of their wills than their children realize, with 71 percent of parents saying they are very comfortable, compared with 54 percent of children.
- Boomers underestimate the importance that parents place on providing for their heirs, improving their children's lifestyles, helping their children prepare for retirement and helping grandchildren attend college.
- Significantly more older parents report having important estate-planning documents such as living wills and durable powers of attorney than boomers report they are aware of.

Our research indicates a clear 'generation gap' in communicating about estate planning," Mohyde said. "Families need help in bridging this gap and tackling these issues."

To this end, Mohyde provided the following tips:

- Parents should reach out first. Parents are much more comfortable in talking about estate planning, so it's easier for them to bring up the topic. If children say "we don't need to talk about it, Mom, you're going to be around for a long time," the parent needs to stick with the conversation anyway.

Easing Travel Boredom

Traveling in your plans? Whether it's a plane ride halfway around the world, a car ride to visit the grand kids or a daily commute, these tips will help ease travel boredom and make any trip that much more enjoyable.

- Pace Yourself: Don't try to do too much traveling in one day—especially if you are traveling with grandkids. Be sure to make regular stops and try to plan your route around some interesting and fun activities. Consider bringing some supplies and having a picnic while en route or a quick game of catch at a rest stop.
- Game On: Travel games can be a fun way to pass the time. For instance, Goplay makes a line of stylish magnetic travel games housed in sleek metal boxes that double as boards. The games are a modern twist on classic favorites such as Chutes and Ladders, Four in a Row, Chess and Checkers. When players arrive at their destination there is no need to end the game—store the compact case in your bag and go. The magnetic pieces will be in the same spot when you return. The games are available at Target and Barnes and Noble.

There are a number of ways to make car trips more fun.

- Children should ask how they can help parents maintain their independence. Estate planning can involve drawing up important legal directives such as a durable power of attorney, living will or health care directive. These planning devices can play a big part in helping older parents ensure that their wishes are carried out, even if their health fails.

- Build on shared values: The research, sponsored by The Hartford, showed that parents place more value on helping their children accomplish important financial goals such as improving their lifestyles, enjoying a comfortable retirement and educating their grandchildren than boomers realize. Parents may offer assistance—even if their children don't need it—to remain part of their family's future.

- Start with the positive: The research indicated that boomers and their parents—despite past differences—today have positive parent-child relationships. Discussing estate planning is an extension of that positive relationship.

What we've learned from our survey and conversations with older adults is that estate planning is really not about money, it's about creating lasting bonds within families," Mohyde said. "By reaching out, families can help cement those bonds and preserve memories for generations."

For more information, visit "A Family Conversation" on Estate Planning in the Newsroom at www.thehartford.com.

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Avoid Amputation, Heart Attack And Stroke—Listen To Your Ankle

If you listen closely, your ankle can tell you a lot. Quiet now, listen. Thump, thump, thump. There it is—that drumbeat sound that speaks volumes. What your ankle is drumming out is the health of your vascular system—think of it as Morse code telling you how well your circulation is working, and more importantly, if you have any blocked arteries that can lead to a heart attack, stroke or amputation.

Your ankle "talks" during an ABI test, or ankle brachial index test. This quick, painless test compares the blood pressure in your legs to the blood pressure in your arms. If you have an ABI score of less than 1.0, you could have peripheral arterial disease.

Peripheral arterial disease (PAD) is atherosclerosis, or hardening of the arteries. Cholesterol or calcium "plaque" builds up inside the arteries causing them to clog and narrow. Over time, the plaque blocks smaller arteries first, such as those in the legs, and then eventually the larger or high-flow arteries, such as those in the heart or the carotid arteries to the brain.

Although 10 million Americans have peripheral arterial disease (PAD), diabetics are at highest risk with one in three over age 50 affected. PAD is also the cause of 50 percent of all diabetic amputations.

Your ABI score is a red flag—that number tells us if you have blocked arteries and whether you are at risk for gangrene, stroke, kidney damage, heart attack or amputation," explained Dr. Harvey Wiener, interventional radiologist and Legs For Life Chair. "Diabetics, smokers, people over 50 and those with high blood pressure need to have an annual ABI test. Knowing your ABI number can save your life."

Through its Legs For Life program, the Society of Interventional Radiology Foundation is offering free ABI screenings nationwide to detect PAD early. Treatments for PAD include a walking program, medication, and angioplasty and stenting.

More information and an online assessment test for PAD can be found at the Legs For Life Web site, www.LegsForLife.org.

Don't Take Your Medicine For Granted

The pipeline of new lifesaving medicines could be put at risk by quick-fix solutions such as importing drugs from Canada, say experts from the Missouri Pharmacy Association.

The connection, experts say, is that costly research and development of new drugs is borne almost exclusively by pharmaceutical companies, funded by the sale of their products. When these sales are circumvented, so is the revenue stream for new medicines.

"We shouldn't take the existence of lifesaving drugs for granted," says the Association's president, Matt Hartwig. "People are living much longer in the U.S. compared to previous generations, in part because of new medicines. Scourges like diabetes and cancer remind us that there is much more for medicine to do. That's why it is crucial that, in addition to exercise and a healthy diet, there be a vigorous campaign to develop new lifesaving medicines."

According to experts at GlaxoSmithKline, a partner in a new public education campaign aimed at helping people take their medicines properly, it costs more than \$800 million for research and development of a single new drug. The odds of success for new drugs are daunting: Only one out of a 1,000,000 compounds screened ever makes it to a patient.

Many Americans believe the government pays for the majority of drug research. In fact, government agencies fund only a tiny fraction of new pharmaceutical research. It is American consumers, through their prescription purchases, who help drug companies pay for research and development.

Industry experts believe the development of new drugs is a burden that's worth shouldering. The progress of the past century, marked by new medical treatments, could halt and even roll backward without a full pipeline of new medicines to meet tomorrow's future health care needs.

"We can't ignore the fact that many people want to take their medicines as prescribed but can't afford them or simply have difficulty paying for the medicines they need," Hartwig says. "That's why we are pointing consumers to an array of drug savings programs that can help eligible patients get free or reduced-price medicines."

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Helpful Advice For The Elderly On Avoiding The Flu

The winter season can be a risky time for everyone, but for the elderly it can be deadly. Seniors are at increased risk of developing influenza or the flu, during the colder months, which can lead to serious medical complications. The Illinois Council on Long Term Care, a statewide association of long term care facilities, offers helpful advice to the elderly on how to avoid the dangers of this potentially fatal disease.

The flu is spread in respiratory droplets caused by coughing and sneezing. Persons infected by the droplets have to be near, within three feet, of individuals who are coughing in order for the droplets to be deposited in their mouth or nose. Although transmission is usually from person to person, touching items contaminated by respiratory secretions, such as doorknobs or books, can transmit the flu. Studies show that the flu virus can survive on surfaces for two to eight hours.

Persons over the age of 65 account for more than 90% of the 35,000 influenza-related deaths in the United States. Symptoms of the flu include fever (usually high), headache, extreme tiredness, dry cough, sore throat, runny or stuffy nose and muscle aches. Other viruses usually cause stomach symptoms in adults. The common cold has many symptoms in common with the flu; however, it is usually milder than the flu. Persons with a cold usually have a runny or stuffy nose and do not develop serious illness.

Here are some important suggestions for the elderly on avoiding the flu:

- Get vaccinated. The best way to prevent the flu is to get vaccinated each fall. About two weeks after vaccination, antibodies develop that protect against influenza virus infection. It is best to get vaccinated between October and November, but getting vaccinated in December or later can still be beneficial.
- Wash your hands often. Make sure to clean your hands often throughout the day to ward off infections. Use alcohol-based hand rubs for those times you are away from a sink and water. If your hands are dirty, avoid touching your eyes, nose or mouth as much as possible until you have thoroughly cleaned them.
- Eat nutritious foods and drink extra fluids. An improper diet can lead to a lowered immune system and increased susceptibility to flu. Also, be sure to get plenty of rest to stay healthy.

- Cover your mouth and nose. The hands are a primary source for transmitting the flu. Use a tissue when coughing and sneezing and dispose of it immediately. Encourage others to do the same. If you have to cough and you don't have a tissue handy, cough into your sleeve and not your hand to minimize your chances of transmitting disease.

Persons in nursing homes are at extreme risk of catching the flu. Stay away from the nursing home if you are sick with influenza. If you must visit, consider wearing a facial mask and stay three feet away from the residents. Wash your hands often to minimize your chances of spreading the disease.

With any case of influenza, the Council advises that individuals consult with their physicians to avoid any serious complications from the illness. These complications include bacterial pneumonia, dehydration and worsening of chronic medical conditions, such as congestive heart failure, asthma or diabetes.

By practicing healthy lifestyle habits and getting vaccinated every year, seniors can guard themselves successfully from the potentially life-threatening complications of influenza, one of the most dangerous illnesses for the elderly.

Autumn Green Events

Here are the latest autumn rustlings at Autumn Green at Midway Village, the senior lifestyle community located at 6700 S. Keating in Chicago.

On Nov. 17th, at 1 p.m., if you need your walking aid serviced, take advantage of "Walker, Wheelchair, Cane Tune-Ups" day - compliments of Shay Health Care Services. Also, refreshments will be served.

On Nov. 19th, at 11 a.m., Participate in the "Keep'em Warm Blanket Project" by helping to make fleece blankets for those in need. This is an ongoing event every Saturday morning.

On Nov. 19th & 26th, from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m., attend the class called "Beginning Hatha Yoga." Teacher Pauline Lessman encourages you to come in loose clothing and with an empty stomach to best receive this free instruction.

On Nov. 21st, at 3 p.m., (and all Mondays) join in the "Doll House Project" for Holy Cross Hospital Children's Play Room.

On Nov. 23rd, at 10 a.m., the Harvest Time Gospel Singers, featuring Alan & Patty Wisniewski will entertain you with song and guitar.

Finally, on Nov. 29th, at 7 p.m., Dr. Drew Kandilakis of ScripLinx Pharmacy explains available discounts for those with no drug coverage in his presentation of "Chicago's Discount Drugs." Drug types and "Canadian Pricing" will also be discussed.

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Smith Village Helps Seniors Stay Connected To Family

Experts Offer Tips On Staying Involved As A Long Distance Grandma

"Maintaining family connections helps more than the spirit," says Philip G. Hemmer, the executive director of Smith Village a continuing care retirement community in Chicago's Beverly neighborhood that is slated for completion in the fall of 2007. "Family relationships keep the mind active and foster a positive spirit that is very beneficial to seniors." Sometimes, when families are far away, it takes more effort to stay in touch, but Smith Village recognizes the power of families and offers programs and tips that help maintain those ties.

Embrace Technology

According to a survey released this month by the Pew Internet & American Life Project 87 percent of teens use the Internet. Using the method of communication that is most familiar to the younger generation, is a great way to connect with them. Webcam, email and digital photos can sound a bit like a foreign language if you are new to computers, but these technologies can help keep families connected in ways that were unheard of in the past.

"My son set up a webcam on his computer so that I can see my grandbabies while we talk on the phone," says Bunny Sugarman, director of marketing for Smith Village and experienced grandmother. Sugarman's three adult children live in New Jersey, so when she moved to Chicago to lead the successful marketing team at Smith Village, she had to get creative. "I can watch live video of two-year-old twins Benjamin and William right on my computer while I talk to them, just like watching a sporting event live on television. When I can watch them learning to walk, hear them practice their first words and see how much they've grown, it makes me feel close to them, even though I'm a thousand miles away."

With older grandchildren, email allows you to send letters and photos instantly. Smith Village will feature a full computer lab, and classes for seniors to help them get connected. Because so many young people use email every day, you are likely to hear from them more often if you learn to use the same technology that they do. "It really isn't hard to use email," says Sugarman. "You need some instructions to get started, but it is easier than you might think. I get emails from my kids and grandkids frequently, so even though I am so far away from them, I still get to keep up with what's happening in their daily lives."

Remember the Stress of Tests

"You can connect with grandchildren that are far away by sending them special care packages in advance of finals or helping them with their studies," says Sugarman. If you are a talented writer or had a career that involved math or science, you can be a terrific resource for them.

Even if academics weren't your strong suit, there are lots of ways to pitch in. Ask what they are learning about in their history class. Chances are they'll be studying about WWII, Korea, Vietnam, the civil rights movement and social changes over the last 100 years. Don't be shy about sharing your personal stories and connections to these events. Your insights will help make the events they read about in books seem very real. Also, you don't need to shower them with gifts, but a little care package with notebooks, pencils or art supplies is a special way to let them know you're thinking of them.

Memories that Connect Generations

A top-notch arts and crafts studio at Smith Village and a series of classes will make it easier than ever to create special keepsakes and hand made items for your grandkids. Even if you aren't artistically inclined you can make wonderful items for them to treasure.

So much in the world has changed over the century, but some of life's landmarks remain the same. The first day of school, graduation, formal dances and holidays are just as exciting in 2005 as they were in 1945 or 1965. Create a wonderful keepsake for your grandkids to celebrate one of their big events by framing photos of yourself and your son or daughter at the same moment. Three photos of special sweet sixteen birthday parties or a young person posing by their first car are sure to start a great conversation and find common ground.

Coming and Going

Of course one of the best ways to stay connected is to visit. Smith Village will include a special guest suite where friends or family can stay while they visit you. Your guests will have top-notch accommodations with a kitchen, bath and living room to enjoy.

You can travel to visit your family as well. Many future residents of Smith Village have family living in other states; even in other countries. They are excited to be able to simply walk out the door to their apartment and not have to worry about a thing. Their apartment will continue to be cleaned each week and there are no concerns about freezing pipes or covering furniture during longer trips. Residents will be able to relax and enjoy time with their grandkids, rather than being concerned with the security of their homes or if their mail is being properly taken care of.

Give Yourself the Time to Embrace Life's Special Moments

The lifestyle at Smith Village frees time for seniors to spend time with family and enjoying their favorite activities. Services include two meals a day in an elegant dining room or casual café, bi-weekly housekeeping, weekly linen service, cable television, all utilities except telephone, emergency call service, maintenance, security and a comprehensive health-care package that offers peace of mind for the future.

Every detail in the plans for Smith Village encourages continued vitality. Smith Village's 152 spacious and elegant independent living apartments will be situated along South Western Avenue between 112th and 113th Places in Chicago's Beverly neighborhood, and ready for occupancy in early 2007. The new community will provide independent living, assisted living, memory support and skilled nursing care with large apartments and a host of services and amenities.

Smith Village is part of the Smith Senior Living family of premier senior living communities in the southwest sector of metropolitan Chicago. An innovative leader in providing the finest services and care for seniors, Smith established its first community in 1924.

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Pearle Vision in Midlothian is the first eye care practice in the southwest suburbs to offer its patients the Optomap retinal exam (Optos North America). This revolutionary modality captures and analyzes an image of virtually the entire retina, for the early detection and management of eye disease. Since Optos first introduced the Optomap exam, nearly one million exams have been conducted worldwide, diagnosing serious eye conditions - such as diabetic retinopathy, retinal detachments and macular degeneration - that could have otherwise gone undetected and often progress without symptoms.

The Optomap retinal exam takes a computer-generated image of the retina, which can be immediately evaluated by Doctors Ronald and Deborah Cope at Pearle Vision, 14702 Cicero Ave. There is no pupil dilation, no eye drops, blurred vision or sensitivity to light. The Optomap retinal exam is a simple, quick and important way to maintain good eye health.

"The Optomap increases the quality of the retinal exam by allowing us to view almost the entire retina at the start of the exam, which can have important implications, not only for detecting eye disease, but also in detecting and managing other medical conditions such as diabetes," said Dr. Ron Cope. "We recommend all of our patients have this exam, which has already detected issues in some of our patients which could have otherwise gone undetected."

About Optos

The Optos modality was developed as a patient-friendly examination tool by Douglas Anderson, founder and vice-chairman, Optos, after his son Leif lost the use of an eye when a retinal detachment was detected too late. It incorporates the latest in scanning laser ophthalmoscope (SLO) technology, using low-powered red-green laser beams to capture an image of virtually the entire retina on an "Optomap," a permanent digital record that gives clinicians a view of the retina that is unprecedented with prior technologies.

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Helping Caregivers Care For Themselves

A growing number of people are caregivers-and may not even know it.

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Caregiving can mean shopping for groceries once a week for a homebound relative or neighbor, helping an aging parent with his or her finances, or providing hands-on care for a member of your household.

Who Is A Caregiver?

And you are not alone. According to the National Alliance for Caregiving, more than 22 million households provide care for a family member, friend or loved one.

People of all ages-a child, a disabled person or an aging individual-can require long-term care. As a family caregiver, you give of your time, energy, strength and personal resources on an ongoing basis without financial compensation. Caregivers can be any age, male or female, working outside the home, or in the home full-time.

A factor that is sometimes ignored when caregiving is discussed is care for the caregiver.

While it is easy to become overwhelmed with caregiving responsibilities, it is critical to maintain your own life, complete with social, physical and emotional interactions.

Caregivers should never underestimate the importance of their own well-being. Having a healthy mind, body and spirit are all positives that you bring into a caregiving relationship and benefit both the caregiver and receiver.

Signs To Watch For

There is no need to feel guilty about taking some time to take care of yourself. You need it and deserve it.

It's important to be aware of the signs that point to caregiver "burnout." Watch for:

- Excessive use of alcohol, medications or sleeping pills
- Appetite changes-either eating too much or too little
- Depression-hopelessness, feelings of alienation, lack of energy to do new things
- Thoughts of death
- Losing control physically or emotionally
- Neglect or rough treatment of the person for whom you are caring
- Trouble falling or staying asleep
- Difficulty concentrating, missing appointments.
- Helpful Hints
- Check into support groups for caregivers.
- Look into respite programs with adult day centers, assisted living or nursing facilities that might be able to assist you with care on a periodic basis or consider a home health care agency. Respite care can offer temporary assistance to individuals so that the caregiver can rest or travel.
- Community services for support such as Meals on

Wheels and Friendly Visitors can often be located by calling your local Area Agency on Aging.

The "Since You Care: Family Caregiving" guide, prepared by the National Alliance for Caregiving and the MetLife Mature Market Institute, assists individuals and families who have assumed the role of caregiver or anticipate future caregiving.

Single copies are available free from MetLife Mature Market Institute, 57 Greens Farms Road, Westport, CT 06880.

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Paying For Health Care A Cause For Concern For Many Americans

According to a recent survey by StrategyOne, commissioned by Aflac, nearly half of all American adults worry over the rising cost of health care. Additionally, many Americans are concerned about growing health care expenses and their future well-being, especially as they age.

The survey found that two-thirds of Americans are more concerned about the cost of health care than they were a year ago. Almost half (45 percent) reported that paying for their family's health needs is a source of stress and anxiety for them. Other key findings include:

- 89 percent of respondents agreed that Americans are challenged to balance daily living expenses with rising health care costs.
- 89 percent believe that many Americans will need to use their savings to pay for health care rather than daily needs.
- 80 percent are concerned about the impact that increasing health care costs may have on their financial well-being.
- 75 percent report that, should they become ill or injured, paying for daily living expenses, such as mortgage, rent and utilities, would be of greatest concern.
- 77 percent are concerned about their ability to pay for health care expenses and medical bills in the future. Nationally, women are significantly more likely to feel this way-except in the Northeast.
- 87 percent believe that growing medical and health care expenses will make retirement living less comfortable in the future.

Supplemental Coverage

For seven out of 10 Americans, supplemental health insurance signifies a sense of security, financial protection and stability. These sentiments are shared across gender, age (baby boomers, Gen X and Gen Y), income, ethnicity and location and regardless of whether or not children under 17 are present in the household.

Recently, Aflac embarked on a new outreach campaign linking the iconic duck with a greater understanding of the company's insurance policies and services, combining the lighthearted humor of their beloved mascot with a more comprehensive message about the company's support. "With our product offerings, we are committed to helping provide families with financial security and stability, even when the situation feels uncertain," says Dan Amos, chairman and CEO of Aflac.

For 50 years, Aflac has given policyholders the opportunity to direct cash where it is needed most when a life-interrupting medical event causes financial challenges. The company is the number-one provider of guaranteed-renewable insurance in the United States and the number-one insurance company in terms of individual insurance policies in force in Japan. Its insurance products provide protection to more than 40 million people worldwide. In January 2005, Aflac was included in Fortune magazine's list of the 100 Best Companies to Work For in America for the seventh consecutive year. The insurer is a Fortune 500 company listed on the New York Stock Exchange under the symbol AFL. To find out more, visit aflac.com.

Don't Leave Your Doctor's Office Without It

Before you leave your doctor's office, make sure you have the test results identifying your risk of heart disease. Today, diagnostic tests for the most predictive risk factors-cholesterol and the new high sensitivity C-Reactive Protein (hs-CRP)-are available while you are in your physician's office.

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"People's lives are busier than ever before. It's hard enough to get them in for a check up-I need to be able to identify health risks and provide counsel in the same visit," said Michael Witt, MD of Chatsworth, GA. "The only way to accomplish that is to do the testing myself. Using a tool like the Cholestech LDX System, I can have accurate lipid results within minutes rather than days."

Using a simple finger-stick, the LDX System can measure cholesterol, glucose and liver enzymes, and now, hs-CRP. This enhances the ability to quickly identify patients with risk factors for heart disease, enabling physicians to focus on getting patients on the right treatment sooner and making sure they stay on the right therapeutic mix.

According to Dr. Witt, nearly 40 percent of patients do not have their lab tests done because of the extra time and travel involved in going to an outside lab. "If we're going to improve heart healthcare, we have to make it easy for people to determine their risk of heart disease, the leading cause of death in this country. This is not about convenience, it's about giving patients the tools to take control of their healthcare."

Nearly 2,500 Americans die of heart disease daily, according to the American Heart Association. While smoking and other risk factors have declined recently, high cholesterol remains one of the most prevalent. For example, more than 50 percent of Americans have total cholesterol levels considered to be high risk. The National Cholesterol Education Program recommends that more than 200 million Americans need to be screened for cholesterol annually.

Now, Medicare-eligible beneficiaries have guaranteed access to office based cholesterol blood tests for the early detection of cardiovascular disease. To learn more about office based testing and reducing their risk of heart disease, people should consult their physician or visit www.americanheart.org.

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How To Cut Prescription Costs Safely

New savings programs are designed to offset the rising cost of prescription drugs and other medical supplies that will only increase as the baby boomer generation begins aging.

"The lack of affordable insurance for all, the proliferation of expensive treatments and an emphasis on curative, rather than preventive care are the main culprits in the high cost of health care," says Matt Hartwig, President of the Missouri Pharmacy Association.

Although drugs account for less than 10 percent of overall health care spending, some Americans have called for "importing" cheap drugs from Canada and other countries. The U.S. Food and Drug Administration, which ensures the safety of pharmaceutical products sold in the U.S., says the quality, origin and safety of imported drugs can't be determined and it supports keeping imported drugs illegal.

Drug companies spend more than \$800 million on average to develop each drug," said Chris Viehbacher, President, U.S. Pharmaceuticals, GlaxoSmithKline. "Drug companies bear the burden of innovation, at considerable risk in fact only one out of 1,000,000 new compounds ever makes it to the patient."

A safer and more practical alternative may be to take advantage of the savings programs being offered by pharmaceutical companies. These programs may reduce prescription drug costs by more, on average, than any imported drug could. Many Americans remain unaware of the benefits available through prescription drug savings programs, which help eligible patients receive prescription name brand medications at a reduced cost or even for free.

To address the 90 percent of health care costs not related to drug prices, experts say that emphasis should be shifted to prevention, which can dramatically reduce costs later on.

Prevention can take many forms. The state of Missouri has just launched an important new initiative to get people to take their medicines properly. Not taking medicines as directed can mean that it takes longer for a patient to get well or may lead to further health complications. This drives up health care costs by making more demands on the health care system.

HEALTHY IDEAS



Many people with joint discomfort are seeking alternatives. Recent studies have shown certain supplements, such as glucosamine, chondroitin sulfate, fish oils, MSM and SAMe may be helpful.



Macular Degeneration

Edward Sieben, 74-year-old Potosi Heights resident, never imagined he would become a macular

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Experts advise adults ages 40 to 65 to have an eye exam every two to four years; those older than age 65 should be tested every one to two years. If you have a high risk for AMD, your doctor may recommend more frequent screenings.

The experts at Retinal Vitreous Associates are using newer therapies, such as Macugen, the newest treatment available for wet age-related macular degeneration. It's the only drug therapy approved by the FDA for patients with all types of wet AMD. For more information on the Visudyne therapy, Macugen therapy or general macular degeneration information, contact the Little Company health information center at (866) 540-LCMH.

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Easing Cancer Treatments

For many cancer patients, there may soon be a way to avoid much of the fear and the suffering that can come from the most effective treatments.

According to Dr. Luis E. Racz, Co-Leader of the Thoracic Oncology Group at the Sylvester Comprehensive Cancer Center in Miami, fear of nausea and vomiting associated with chemotherapy is the number one concern for many patients. "It mentally disables the patient. The patient loses confidence in the therapy and loses confidence in the doctor," he explained.

A number of pharmaceutical companies across the country have met this challenge by developing medications to help reduce the occurrence of this common side effect. Aloxi (palonosetron hydrochloride) injection is the most recent such drug approved by the FDA. Tests show one shot can last for up to five days. The most commonly reported side effects include headache and constipation.

It's produced by MGI Pharma, an oncology and acute care biopharmaceutical company that acquires, develops and commercializes proprietary products that address the unmet needs of patients. For more information about Aloxi, visit www.aloxi.com or www.mgipharma.com.

You can also learn more about Aloxi injection by logging on to www.healthysolutions.tv. Emmy winner Mariette Hartley hosts "Advancements in Cancer Care: Meeting the Needs of the Patient," as seen on the national series, "Healthy Solutions", which airs as paid programming on CNBC. This half-hour television program explores the most important issues and topics related to America's health and well-being.

Since 1997, "Healthy Solutions" has become an established leader in the production and distribution of health care related television and Web content. Designed to fit into even the busiest family schedule, the show provides key information in a magazine-style format. Each segment is featured in streaming video on the show's Web site for quick and easy access. You can log on to www.healthysolutions.tv to watch "on-demand" or see it at www.vwire.com.

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The Many Uses Of Lemons

Out of shampoo? Company's arriving soon and you didn't have time to stop for flowers? A quick solution may be right in your kitchen. Lemons have long been used to add flavor to soft drinks and food, but they have far more uses than most of us realize. From disinfecting to decorating, lemons are one of the most functional fruits under the sun. Check out the following tips on how to squeeze the most out of your lemons-you'll be buying them by the dozen!

Lighten Up Your Living Room

Looking for a great way to breathe some life into your home? Try filling a large glass vase or one of your favorite baskets with a few lemons to add a splash of color to an old room. Lemons stay fresh longer than most flowers and are available at a fraction of the cost. Spraying lemon air freshener or lighting a lemon-scented candle will help wake up your senses and make the whole house smell wonderful!

Refresh Your Look

For years, lemon has been a staple ingredient in soaps, shampoos and perfumes. Now, it's even in toothpaste. Try adding some zest to your brushing routine with Crest Whitening Expressions Lemon Ice toothpaste. It's an icy burst of lemon flavor that cools your mouth and wakes your senses. But don't stop there; lemon is also great for helping to keep your hair healthy and shiny. Try creating your own special lemon salon treatment: combine the juice of two lemons with a pint of distilled water to create a rinse that fights oily hair and leaves you looking and feeling great.

Lemon to Your Aid

Now you can feel good about adding that lemon to your water-besides smelling and tasting great, lemons are exceptionally rich in vitamin C, an antioxidant that strengthens the immune system. You can build up your immunity and help protect yourself from viruses and colds by consuming vitamin C daily through lemons and lemonade. And, lemons can be used as a topical remedy, too-next time you have a minor cut, try squeezing some lemon juice onto a cotton ball and applying it to the wound to disinfect, sterilize and stop bleeding.

Put the Squeeze on Stains

Next time your pen breaks on your clothes, head to your kitchen before going to the drycleaners. Grab some lemons and liberally squeeze some juice right onto the ink stain while it is still wet. Then, simply throw it in a washing machine with regular detergent and cold water. Lemon juice can also remove rust and mineral discolorations on cotton items like t-shirts. Simply pour one cup of lemon juice into the washer and your discolorations should vanish.

Dangers Of Fraudulent Wire Transfers

Attorney General Lisa Madigan said on Nov. 14th that Illinois senior citizens and consumers can better learn how to protect themselves from scams that involve wiring money under an agreement with Western Union in which the company will set aside nearly \$8.2 million nationwide for educational programs about the dangers associated with fraudulent wire transfers and how to avoid being victimized.

Madigan joined Attorney General in 47 states and the District of Columbia in signing an agreement with the Greenwood Village, Colorado-based company that offers money transfer services from more than 40,000 locations in the United States and another 195,000 locations worldwide.

Madigan said that for years, fraudulent telemarketers have targeted consumers, particularly senior citizens, and, as part of their scams, asked consumers to wire money via Western Union and similar firms. Consumers then wired the funds, only to see those funds disappear in illegal contests, bogus international lotteries, advance-fee credit card and loan scams.

Under terms of the agreement, Western Union will partner with the American Association of Retired Persons (AARP) Foundation in a nationwide program designed to help educate consumers about the dangers of fraud-induced money transfers and how citizens can avoid such situations.

Quick Recipe Tips

A quick trip to the grocery store could save you time in the kitchen. For instance, home cooks can create a restaurant-worthy Cobb Salad or Caesar Chicken Salad in a few minutes using Tyson canned and pouch chunk chicken breast. The oven-roasted chunk chicken can be a delicious way to save time and money. Visit www.tyson.com for more meal ideas.

Making Fitness Fun! Water Workouts For Seniors

Waterford Estates, one of Chicagoland's finest retirement communities, proudly offers water exercise programs developed specifically for seniors, which provide a healthy balance of recreation and physical activity, promote cardiovascular fitness, reduce pain caused by arthritis and other conditions, improve flexibility and range of motion, and increase muscle strength and metabolism.

Water exercise has long been touted for its benefits, particularly among the senior population. The buoyancy of water provides a wonderful source of bodily support, thereby minimizing impact on feet, knees and hips. In chest-deep water, 90% of one's body weight remains supported, so that muscle pain associated with exercise is all but eliminated. Additionally, water exercise expends more energy than similar land-based exercise programs. For example, an older adult can burn 525 calories per hour of water exercise, compared to 240 calories on land. Best of all, no swimming skills are needed to enjoy the benefits of water exercise!

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For more information on Waterford Estates outstanding water exercise program for senior, call Diana Duda, Certified Arthritis/Aquatic Specialist, at (708) 755-8292. Waterford Estates is conveniently located at 17400 S. Kedzie Ave. in Hazel Crest.

Other major elements of this agreement include: displaying prominent consumer-fraud warnings in both English and Spanish at Western Union agent locations, similar warnings will be available over the telephone and online; closing Western Union agent locations which are found complicit in fraud-induced transfers or knowingly ignore cases of fraud; interdicting high-risk money transfers if Western Union receives information from the states of a suspected fraudulent transfer in progress or about to occur; and sharing information with Madigan and other Attorneys General every six months for a period of five years on the progress Western Union attributes to this agreement.

In September 2002, Madigan's office joined a multi-state group to explore the extent of Western Union wire transfers resulting from fraudulent telemarketing schemes. This agreement is one of the results of the states' investigation that Madigan says should go a long way in helping to raise awareness of nationwide and worldwide wire-transfer fraud.

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Selecting A Prescription Drug Coverage Plan

Beginning Jan. 1, Medicare beneficiaries will add prescription drug coverage to their list of optional benefits. With the new choices available, people might need additional guidance when it comes to selecting a plan that best fits their needs.

Beneficiaries can sign up for the Medicare prescription drug program (PDP) in one of two ways:

- People with a traditional Medicare plan or Medicare supplement plan can join a stand-alone Medicare PDP.
- Beneficiaries can join a Medicare PDP automatically as part of a Medicare Advantage plan.

"These changes mark the biggest transformation Medicare has undergone in its 50-year history. While it is very exciting, we know it can also be confusing for beneficiaries," said Dr. Scott Latimer, market president of senior products at Humana for North and Central Florida, one of the nation's leading private sector Medicare insurers. "We know from our 20 years of experience in Medicare that the more people understand their benefit options, the better they will choose and use their benefits."

To help dispel confusion, people with Medicare will receive a "Medicare and You" handbook in the mail from the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services that will describe the Medicare plans available in their area.

Beneficiaries can then compare Medicare PDP options and prepare to select a plan best suited to their health and budget needs. Beneficiaries should be aware of how these choices could impact their existing Medicare health coverage. For example, those with Medicare Advantage plans will automatically receive drug coverage benefits and may lose existing Medicare Advantage medical benefits if they enroll in a stand-alone PDP.

Medicare beneficiaries will also need to evaluate Medicare and private insurer PDPs to gauge whether the plans will cover the drugs and services they require in the areas in which they live, and at a price they can afford. Though all PDPs will meet the minimum benefits of Medicare's standard plan, some private plans may offer more extensive benefits with more expensive monthly premiums. Additionally, the list of drugs that will be covered will vary plan by plan.

To learn more information about the Medicare PDP, call 1-800-MEDICARE or contact your local State Health Insurance Program. Information is also available at www.medicare.gov or www.humana.com. Beneficiaries who qualify for extra help paying for a Medicare PDP benefit should contact the Social Security Administration by visiting www.ssa.gov or calling 1-800-772-1213.

There Is No Such Thing As A Typical Cremation Anymore

"Cremation isn't just a passing fad," says Mike Gill, owner of Brady-Gill Funeral Home in Tinley Park and Evergreen Park. "Over forty percent of all Americans plan to be cremated, according to the Cremation Association of North America. That's a trend funeral service simply can't ignore."

The rationale for selecting cremation is as varied as those who choose it. Some people want the convenience, others like the simplicity or the fact that it's less expensive than burial.

Memorialization is an important aspect of cremation. Grief experts agree that personalizing a funeral service and remembering the deceased help survivors cope with the loss. Cremation caskets for viewings, urns that double as works of art and keepsake containers for scattering or dividing ashes among relatives promote that healing. Urns may be buried, maintained in a niche on cemetery grounds, or displayed at home.

For more information on cremation, call The Brady-Gill Funeral Home at (708) 614-9900 or visit its website at www.bradygill.com.

Seniors Call For Cell Phones

The service most requested by 35 million seniors has less to do with the road to retirement than it does with calls made from the road. According to the AARP, cell phone service is the benefit its members most frequently ask for.

Statistics show American seniors are increasingly picking up cell phones, with half of Americans ages 65 to 74 now owning one, according to the Yankee Group, a leading research company. Yankee Group says four years ago, only 15 percent of people over 65 had cell phones.

The firm also reports that today's seniors aren't just using their cell phones for safety purposes—they're using them to call grandkids, stay in touch with friends and for other general purposes as well.

Many wireless companies are just now working to answer the call of this growing market by providing services that are inexpensive and relatively easy to use. One company that has been doing this for years, TracFone Wireless, caters to users of all ages, but is widely popular among seniors because it allows them to spend only what they want and only for the minutes they actually use. Unused minutes carry over from month to month and do not expire as long as the service is active.

The company's approach to wireless service is meant to make owning a phone easier and less expensive. It offers a one-year convenience card for less than \$90.00—under \$7.50 a month. The card includes 150 free airtime minutes and lets seniors track their airtime balance right on the phone display.

Seniors who tend to use their cell phones frequently may benefit from a new prepaid option called Net10. The plan lets people make calls to anywhere in the U.S. for 10 cents a minute for every call, including local, long-distance and roaming. Airtime cards are available in denominations of \$30, \$60, \$180 and \$300, each with varying months of service and minutes. Both of these prepaid services can be a good option for seniors who want to carry over minutes and do not want to sign a long-term contract.

How To Lose 40 Pounds Around Your House

The average American home collects up to 40 pounds of dust each year. That extra weight's not just unsightly, an ounce of dust can house 42,000 mites with as many as 15 different species. In fact, after two years, 10 percent of the weight of a pillow is dead dust mites. But the good news is the average person can burn up to 300 calories from general housekeeping, so check out the tips below and keep yourself and your house lean and clean!

How to avoid dirt and dust in your home (and work off those extra calories):

- Use window blinds that can be wiped clean rather than curtains that have to be dry-cleaned.
- Wash your bedding in hot water, at least 130 degrees to rid them of any mites.
- Remove unnecessary objects from walls and ceilings.
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Protect Your Hearing Now To Keep Listening For Years To Come

Preserving your hearing may be easier than you know. If you've ever left a concert with ringing ears, you are most likely one of the millions of Americans exposed to dangerous noise. Approximately 28 million people in the U.S. have some degree of hearing sensitivity, according to the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association (ASHA). Of those people, 80 percent have irreversible hearing loss, although many don't like to admit it.

While some people are born with hearing loss, the majority of those affected suffer from exposure to the day-to-day noise that pollutes the environment. People tend to underestimate the vast number of everyday activities that can potentially damage their hearing. According to ASHA, the sounds of a crying baby, running lawn mower, hair dryer, vacuum cleaner, baseball game and street traffic are all things that can exceed the recommended 85 decibels of sound that eardrums can handle for an extended time. The good news is there are easy ways to prevent this problem.

To help, a leading battery maker and ASHA launched a hearing awareness campaign, called the Energizer® EZ Change® "It's Hip to Hear™" program. The program offers a lifestyle brochure and interactive ways to learn about hearing loss.

"We are dedicated to showing consumers that hearing loss prevention doesn't have to take the fun out of life," said Ernie Petrus, director of sales and marketing for Energizer Specialty Batteries, U.S. "We want to turn up the volume on 'responsible listening' in an engaging way that makes the issue relevant to our lifestyles, focusing on music and hot technologies."

As part of the program, the company is also offering hearing-loss prevention tips to help individuals preserve their hearing so they can enjoy music for years to come. These include:

- Be a responsible consumer. Look for a noise rating when buying recreational equipment, children's toys,

household appliances and power tools. Choose quieter models, especially for equipment you use often, like a hair dryer. If there is no noise rating, ask the manufacturer for one.

- Limit periods of exposure to noise. It's not just how loud, how long matters, too. Don't sit next to the speakers at concerts, clubs or auditoriums. If you are at a rock concert, walk-out for a while to give your ears a break.
- Inspect your child's toys for noise danger just as you do for small parts that can cause choking. Remember, children tend to hold toys close to their ears which can pose additional threat for hearing damage.
- Pump down the volume. When using stereo headsets or listening to music in the car, turn down the volume. If someone else can hear the music from your headset when standing three feet away, the volume is definitely too high.
- Protect yourself. Wear noise-canceling headphones or ear plugs when exposed to any potentially damaging noise at work, in the community (heavy traffic, concerts, hunting) or at home (mowing the lawn, snow-blowing the driveway).

"The easiest way to guard against future hearing loss is by getting your hearing checked regularly," said Pam Mason, director of Audiology Professional Practices at ASHA. "You should make an effort to get your hearing tested by an audiologist every two to three years, beginning as young as age 30."

For more information on hearing loss prevention or to download a free survival guide, visit the Web site, energizer.com. To find a nearby audiologist, visit asha.org.

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Scientists Seek Solutions To Alzheimer's

Today, 4.5 million people 65 and older and half those 85 or older. Without a cure, the Alzheimer's Association estimates as many as 16 million Americans will have AD by 2050. Fortunately, distinguished

researchers are working on the issue, including William E. Klunk, M.D., Ph.D. and Chester A. Mathis, Ph.D., of the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center; John C. Morris, M.D., of the

Washington University School of Medicine in St. Louis; and Ronald C. Petersen, M.D., Ph.D., of Mayo Clinic—each of whom recently won a MetLife Foundation Award for Medical Research in Alzheimer's Disease.

"The goal of the award is to encourage research and to support the future work of scientists who have already made a significant contribution to our understanding of Alzheimer's disease. These four scientists have contributed to the early detection and diagnosis of this dreaded disease," says Sibyl Jacobson, president, MetLife Foundation.

Drs. Klunk and Mathis have developed experimental noninvasive methods of detecting and creating images of the plaques that form in the brain tissue of Alzheimer's sufferers. The researchers use dyes to make the plaques visible to medical imaging equipment. The ability to see these plaques in living patients will help researchers directly measure the effects of therapies now being developed.

Dr. Morris works on ways to identify the earliest symptomatic stages of AD, evaluating new drug therapies in the treatment of dementia, and establishing phenotypes for inherited forms of AD and other dementias.

Dr. Petersen focuses on mild cognitive impairment and whether it becomes Alzheimer's. Those past the age of 65 with mild cognitive impairment are found to be at greater risk of developing AD than healthy individuals the same age.

MetLife Foundation has supported Alzheimer's research through the awards program since 1986. The Foundation also supports the Alzheimer's Association, and has sponsored a documentary on PBS called *The Forgetting: A Portrait of Alzheimer's*.

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Explore Options Of Using Generic Drugs

As the price of prescription medicine continues to rise, more people may explore the cost-cutting option of generic drugs. Here are some commonly asked questions about generic drugs, answered by drugstore.com clinical pharmacist Dave Krishna.

Q: How can drugstores sell generic versions of medication for so much less and will they work as well?

A: The FDA lets manufacturers produce generic drugs after the original patent has expired. Because the generic marketplace is more competitive, prices can be less expensive. All generic drugs must receive FDA approval to ensure safety, quality and efficacy.

Q: How can I find a generic version of my drug?

A: Ask your doctor or pharmacist about generic alternatives whenever you refill or get a new prescription. Some online stores, including the drugstore.com pharmacy, provide information on generic options when you purchase a brand name drug. The drugstore.com pharmacy lets you register for e-mail notification of upcoming generic drug launches.

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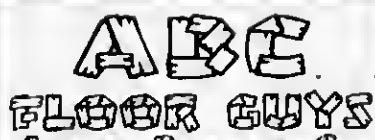
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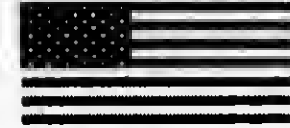
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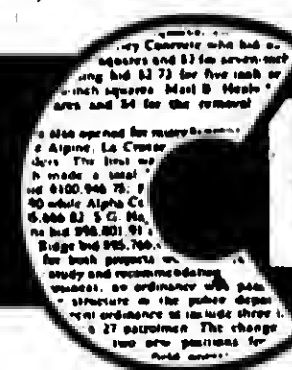


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321B.

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY
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September 7, 2005, The Judicial
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IL 60602-3100, sell at public
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Commonly known as: 13616
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The judgment amount was
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Sale terms: 25% down of the
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PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on June 14, 2005, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Tuesday, November 29, 2005, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 W. Madison St., Suite 718A, Chicago, IL, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described mortgaged real estate:

Commonly known as: 3720 W. 115th Pl., Alsip, IL 60803. The improvement on the property consists of a single family residence.

Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, by certified funds. No refunds.

The judgment amount was \$188,382.83.

The property will NOT be open for inspection.

For information call Mr. Ira T. Nevel at Plaintiff's Attorney, Law Offices of Ira T. Nevel, 175 N. Franklin St., Chicago, IL 60606. 312/357-1125. 133625C

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Wells Fargo Bank, NA successor by merger with Wells Fargo Home Mortgage, Inc. successor in interest to Norwest Mortgage, Inc., Plaintiff, vs. Emma M. Tyler, et al., Defendant. No. 05Ch-7124.

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on June 13, 2005, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Monday, November 28, 2005, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 W. Madison St., Suite 718A, Chicago, IL, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described mortgaged real estate:

Commonly known as: 4233 W. 76th St., Unit 102, Chicago, IL 60652.

The improvement on the property consists of a condominium residence.

Sale terms: Bidders must present, at the time of sale, a cashier's or certified check for 10% of the successful bid amount. The balance of the successful bid shall be paid within 24 hours, by similar funds.

The property will NOT be open for inspection.

For information call Ms. Oiane Thomas at Plaintiff's Attorney, Freedman, Anselmo, Lindberg & Rappe, LLC, 1807 W. Olieh Road, Naperville, IL 60563-1890. (877) 729-6734. 133595C

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, as Trustee of Ameritrust Mortgage Securities, Inc., Asset Backed Pass-Through Certificates Series 2003-11 under the Pooling and Servicing Agreement dated as of 11/1/03, without recourse, Plaintiff, vs. Brenda J. Couch, et al., Defendants. No. 04Ch-19657.

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on March 17, 2005, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Friday, December 9, 2005, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 W. Madison St., Suite 718A, Chicago, IL, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described property:

Commonly known as: 8846 S. Pulaski Rd., Homewood, IL 60456.

The improvement on the property consists of a single family residence.

Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, by certified funds. No refunds.

The judgment amount was \$81,690.36.

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REAL ESTATE**Houses For Sale**

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Wells Fargo Bank National Association, as Trustee for First Franklin Mortgage Loan Trust 2004-FFH3 by: Saxon Mortgage Services, Inc., as its Attorney-in-Fact, Plaintiff, vs. Anthony Kidd, et al., Defendant. No. 05Ch-8036.

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on June 29, 2005, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Thursday, December 15, 2005, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 W. Madison St., Suite 718A, Chicago, IL, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described mortgaged real estate:

Commonly known as: 8101 S. Troy St., Chicago, IL 60652. The improvement on the property consists of a single family residence.

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For information call Ms. Oiane Thomas at Plaintiff's Attorney, Freedman, Anselmo, Lindberg & Rappe, LLC, 1807 W. Olieh Road, Naperville, IL 60563-1890. (877) 729-6734. 131976C

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Washington Mutual Bank, f/k/a Washington Mutual Home Loans, Inc. f/k/a PNC Mortgage Corp. of America, Plaintiff, vs. Patricia A. Miller a/k/a Patricia A. Buckner a/k/a Patricia Ann Miller a/k/a Patricia Miller, et al., Defendants. No. 05Ch-5232.

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above entitled cause on August 2, 2005, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Wednesday, November 30, 2005 at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 W. Madison St., Suite 718A, Chicago, IL, sell to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described mortgaged real estate:

Commonly known as: 3663 W. Deer Park Dr., Alsip, IL 60803.

The mortgaged real estate is improved with a condominium residence and will NOT be open for inspection.

The judgment amount was \$134,175.35.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Union Planters Bank NA d/b/a Regions Mortgage, Plaintiff, vs. Paul Guerrero, et al., Defendants. No. 05Ch-474.

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above entitled cause on August 24, 2005, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Tuesday, November 29, 2005 at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 W. Madison St., Suite 718A, Chicago, IL, sell to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described mortgaged real estate:

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The judgment amount was \$92,463.68.

Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance, by certified funds, within 24 hours. The sale shall be subject to general taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and any prior first mortgages. The subject property is offered for sale without any representation as to quality of title or recourse to Plaintiff. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Regency Savings Bank, a United States Corporation, Plaintiff, vs. Arthur Oshman, et al., Defendants. No. 05Ch-6711.

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on June 29, 2005, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Tuesday, December 6, 2005, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 W. Madison St., Suite 718A, Chicago, IL, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following mortgaged real estate:

Commonly known as: 3453 W. 85th Pl., Chicago, IL 60652.

The improvement on the property consists of a single family residence consisting of a living room, dining room, kitchen, three bedrooms and two and one-half bathrooms along with an attached two car garage.

Sale terms: Bidders must present, at the time of sale, a cashier's or certified check for 10% of the successful bid amount. The balance of the successful bid shall be paid within 24 hours, by similar funds.

The property will NOT be open for inspection.

For information Call: Mr. Francis J. Pendergast III at Plaintiff's Attorney, Law Offices of Crowley & Lamb, P.C., 350 North LaSalle Street, Chicago, IL 60610. (312) 670-6900. 132778C

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. JP Morgan Chase Bank, as Trustee, on behalf of the Holders of the Truist Capital Mortgage Loan Trust 2004-2 Asset-Backed Certificates, Series 2004-2, Plaintiff, vs. Laurie Schoenecker, et al., Defendants. No. 05Ch-7541.

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on June 28, 2005, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Monday, December 12, 2005, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 W. Madison St., Suite 718A, Chicago, IL, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described mortgaged real estate:

Commonly known as: t0516 S. Kolmar, Oak Lawn, IL 60453.

The improvement on the property consists of a single family residence.

Sale terms: Bidders must present, at the time of sale, a cashier's or certified check for 10% of the successful bid amount. The balance of the successful bid shall be paid within 24 hours, by similar funds.

The property will NOT be open for inspection.

For information call Mr. David C. Kluver at Plaintiff's Attorney, Kluver & Platt, L.L.C., 65 E. Wacker Place, Chicago, IL 60601. (312) 236-0077. 132094C

REAL ESTATE**Houses For Sale**

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, as Trustee for Long Beach Mortgage Loan Trust 2002-4, Plaintiff, vs. Jean A. Johnston, et al., Defendant. Case No. 04Ch-19267.

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of the above Court entered in the above entitled cause on April 20, 2005, The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 a.m. on December 9, 2005 in its office at 33 N. Dearborn St., Suite 1015, Chicago, IL 60602-3100, sell to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

Commonly known as: 9230 S. Richmond St., Evergreen Park, IL.

The real estate is improved with a single family residence.

The judgment amount was \$192,357.34.

Sale Terms: The bid amount shall be paid in cash immediately by the highest and best bidder at the conclusion of the sale. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to plaintiff. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.

The property will NOT be open for inspection. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information.

For information contact Plaintiff's Attorney: Heavner, Scott, Beyers & Mihal, t11 E. Main St., Suite 200, O'Fallon, IL 62525, (217) 422-1719 ext. 23.

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3. **Wear Fitted Clothing-Don't** give in to baggy sweaters and stretchy fabrics. You might think twice about grazing at the holiday party buffet when you have your "skinny" jeans on. Also, buy a party dress or a fantastic outfit that makes you feel great now and hang it on the bathroom door as a reminder that you want to look and feel your best this season.
4. **Stay Flexible And Adapt-Your** routine and schedule may be thrown off at this time of year. The days are shorter, the weather is cooler and you might not have the time to make it to the aerobics class after work. It's okay; just try and get in some activity whenever possible, even if it is a walk across the mall parking lot. Don't give up activity completely. Remember that every bit counts at the end of the day.
5. **Pick Only Your Favorite Indulgences-Be** selective. It's okay to indulge once in a while, but not every day. Keep in mind that 3,500 calories equals one pound of fat. It only takes 500 calories or a few Snickerdoodles (approximately 500 calories) every day for seven days to gain a pound. To learn more, visit Weight Watchers.com. To find the nearest Weight Watchers meeting location, call 1-800-651-6000 or click on the "Find a Meeting" link on the Web site.

A Healthier Chanukah

The festival of lights and the celebration of that small amount of oil that lasted eight days is a great way to remind us that a little oil can go a long way! As with most holidays we celebrate, food is an important part of Chanukah. Traditional favorites like potato latkes, dairy and noodle kugle can still be enjoyed with health in mind. Here are some tips to fit in your favorites this year:

Try preparing potato latkes with a variety of potatoes for color and added nutrition. For example, the bright orange sweet potatoes have more beta-carotene than white potatoes, and the colorful presentation will add to any table. When preparing the potatoes, make sure to strain excess moisture off prior to cooking. Reduce the amount of oil used in preparation and layer the latkes between paper towels to help absorb extra oil. The good news is that traditional olive oil is high in monounsaturated fat, which is great for the heart. Serve with fat-free sour cream and natural applesauce.

When choosing dairy products, try fat-free or 1% milk to help accommodate the fat that will be eaten during the course of the day in other holiday favorites.

Cheese blintzes can lighten up with lower fat versions of both cheese and sour cream.

Make your blintzes and jelly doughnuts smaller! Portion size can make all the difference during the holidays.

Hummus is a tasty favorite that provides great nutrition due to the traditional ingredients. In addition to fiber, using traditional olive oil adds a heart healthy monounsaturated fat to this dish.

Add fruit to noodle kugle to increase fiber and add more vitamins, minerals and phytochemicals, which are naturally occurring substances that are showing health benefits in addition to a splash of color on the table.

Balance a high fat meal with a crisp salad of mixed greens with flavorful vinegar for a lighter dressing.

Enjoy the holiday favorites on the holiday and move on! Holidays come but once a year. Enjoying some seasonal treats when you typically eat a balanced healthy diet is a splurge most of us can accommodate.

Add in activity. Be sure it is approved by the doctor for your situation, but a brisk walk around the block, or a trip to the gym during the festivities can help with stress management but can also help balance out extra calories.

Enjoying tradition with family is an important part of the holiday season. Making health a part of your celebration will help make holidays special for generations to come.

IIT Joins Effort To Reduce Drug Development And Manufacturing Costs

Illinois Institute of Technology (IIT) has joined an 11-university partnership with the Food and Drug Administration to conduct research and education in drug development and manufacturing. The new partnership, National Institute for Pharmaceutical Technology and Education (NIPTE), will work to improve the technologies involved in pharmaceutical development and manufacturing with the intent to speed delivery to market of safe and affordable drugs.

The FDA reported in a March 2004 "white paper" that the cost of bringing a new drug to market rose by about 50% over a five-year period to as high as \$1.7 billion.

That \$1.7 billion figure includes all funds a company spends on the various steps of drug discovery and development, which is a considerable expense because only a small fraction of the attempts to develop new drugs succeeds," said Ali Cinar, Vice Provost for Research at IIT. "The development cost is so high that pharmaceutical can only afford to market blockbusters, consequently, if the drug doesn't hold promise to make a billion dollars a year, most companies don't even develop it. That prevents many potentially good medicines from reaching consumers. Efficiency in drug development and manufacturing will yield significant cost reductions and encourage companies to develop additional drugs."

The FDA also said in the same white paper that a serious impediment to bringing to market new drugs was outdated manufacturing practices. The cost of development and manufacturing is estimated to be 25% of the total cost of a new drug. Research and education in these areas will lead to higher efficiency in pharmaceutical technology, thus resulting in cost reductions, which would be passed directly (price reduction) or indirectly (recycle of savings into R&D investments for new drugs by pharmaceutical companies) to the consumer. Research and education in drug development and manufacturing, in stark contrast to drug discovery, do not receive much federal funding currently. Yet, they are essential in improving drug manufacturing technologies, enhancing product safety and quality and educating the workforce. The need for manufacturing efficiency and safety, rapid transition to manufacture a different drug and enhanced product quality and safety become

critical in emergency situations. "In times like these when there is a national initiative to assure vaccine and drug supplies, and develop effective vaccines to deal with the flu pandemics, we cannot afford the risk of contaminated vaccines that may result from outdated manufacturing practices" said Dimitri Hatzivramidis, Director of the Particle Technology and Crystallization Center at IIT. IIT has expertise in fundamental drug manufacturing technologies, process supervision and quality control and toxicology, areas that complement expertise areas of other NIPTE members.

NIPTE is seeking federal funding and is initially being supported with seed funding from its members, who include in addition to IIT: Purdue University, Rutgers University, University of Puerto Rico, University of Connecticut, University of Iowa, University of Kansas, University of Kentucky, University of Maryland, University of Minnesota and Duquesne University.

What You Should Know Before Signing A Contract

A contract is an agreement between two or more people that is legally enforceable.

Generally, persons age 18 and older may enter into a contractual arrangement on a wide variety of matters ranging from employment to obtaining a bank loan. Other typical contracts that are entered into are marriage, divorce, leases, home purchase and for all types of insurance.

The advantage of a written contract is that it protects a person against poor memories. Over time, even honest people often remember their agreements differently. Should a dispute occur, you have the written agreement upon which to rely.

There are also disadvantages to a written contract. Consumers often feel compelled to use printed form contracts that favors the seller. For example, some contracts attempt to limit warranties and have wording that indicates consumers must pay the seller's legal fees if the seller sues to enforce the contract. Furthermore, some words written into contracts have technical legal meanings that most people don't understand.

Here are some additional tips to consider before signing a contract.

- Do not assume that a printed form contract must be okay.
- Do not be intimidated by aggressive sales people or overly trustful of friendly ones.
- Read the entire contract carefully, including the reverse side, before signing it. Ask questions about any part of the contract that you do not understand. Accept the fact that the other party has no obligation to tell you how to get terms that are more favorable to you.
- Do not sign a contract that has any blank spaces—either cross them out or fill them in. If there are parts of the contract which you do not agree to, cross them out, if parts you verbally agreed to are missing, write them in.
- Finally, be certain to obtain a complete, accurate, signed copy of the contract and keep it in a secure place.

For further information about law-related issues, contact an Illinois State Bar Association-member lawyer in your area or visit www.illinoislawyerfinder.com.

Warranties Can Protect Buyers From Costly Repairs

Warranties on items you buy are important. They usually give you the right to have defects repaired at no charge. You should also ask for a copy of the warranty, and by law, the seller must give you one.

The difference between a "full" and "limited" warranty is considerable. Under a full warranty, the seller or manufacturer gets a reasonable number of chances to repair defects but then must allow you to choose a full refund or a replacement without charge. A full warranty applies to anyone who owns the product during the warranty period. Under "limited" warranties, you have no refund or replacement rights.

Warranties can apply to new and used items. However, if something is sold "as is," and if the "as is" limitation is properly made, there are no warranties.

There is usually an implied or unwritten warranty created by law guaranteeing that, for a reasonable time, an item you bought from a dealer will be fit for the purpose for which it was sold. But there are certain requirements for the buyer who wants to enforce an implied warranty. It is advisable to seek the advice of an attorney on this matter.

Be aware that dealers can avoid warranties by having you sign a contract containing a disclaimer of warranties in bold print.

Car buyers are protected under the New Vehicle Buyer Protection Act. It allows you to cancel the deal if you bought a defective new passenger car from a dealer. If a defect "substantially impairs" the value of the vehicle, you tell the dealer and give him or her a reasonable number of chances to fix the problem. Within a reasonable time, you must notify the dealer that you are canceling the purchase. Furthermore, it must be returned without a substantial change to it.

If you have a question related to a consumer purchase, contact the Consumer Affairs Division of the Office of the Illinois Attorney General at 1-800-243-0618.

For further information about law-related issues, contact an Illinois State Bar Association-member lawyer in your area or visit www.illinoislawyerfinder.com.

Cost For Holiday Shopping Up Slightly In 2005

Americans heading to the mall this holiday season are planning to spend slightly more while shopping for friends and family than they did in 2004. According to the annual Holiday Shopping Survey conducted by Myvesta, a nonprofit consumer education organization, the average American plans to spend \$747 on their holiday gifts in 2005, up 4.3% from the average of \$716 in 2004. 49.5% plan to spend \$500 or less.

"While the average amount people are planning to spend has risen slightly, this may not turn into a banner year for retailers," said Steve Rhode, president of Myvesta. "Individuals and families are not much better off than they were last year and most do not have the extra cash available to drastically increase their holiday spending."

The annual Myvesta Holiday Survey was conducted November 4-6 in a random telephone survey of 1,000 people. Some other survey results include: People in the South will spend the most on holiday purchases this year averaging \$847 per person. Those in the West will spend the least with an average of \$660. People in the Northeast plan to spend \$720 and those in the Midwest plan to spend \$699. 12.7% of those surveyed plan to spend over \$1,000 on their holiday purchases. Those aged 35-44 plan to spend \$829 on their holiday purchases, the most of any age group. Males and females both planned on spending an average of \$747. Those who are married plan to spend 56% more than single people. Married individuals will spend \$848 and singles will spend \$545.

To help consumers get the most out of their holiday dollars, Myvesta offers three free self-help publications available for download on their web site. The publications include "How to Survive the Holidays Without Going Broke (or Insane)", "Avoiding Post-Holiday Headaches" and "How to Cut Your Holiday Bills in Half Without Feeling Like a Scrooge." To access any of the free publications visit Myvesta.org online.

LEGAL NOTICE

CITY OF BURBANK ZONING, PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

COOK COUNTY ILLINOIS LEGAL NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT A PUBLIC HEARING WILL BE HELD ON THE REQUEST OF THE HEREIN NAMED PETITIONER FOR A CONFORMING SUBDIVISION ON PROPERTY LOCATED IN THE CITY OF BURBANK, SAID HEARING TO BE HELD AT THE TIME AND DATE MENTIONED HEREIN IN THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING, 6530 W. 79TH ST., BURBANK, ILLINOIS.

DATE & TIME: TUESDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2005
AT 7:30 P.M.

PETITIONER: SKIRP CONSTRUCTION

OWNER: MARQUETTE BANK TRUST #17563
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Protect Yourself From Salmonella

Snakes, lizards and tortoises. They have become increasingly popular pets, but owners of these and other reptiles must take precautions because they can harbor Salmonella—potentially dangerous bacteria that can cause severe illness in humans.

"An estimated 70,000 people get Salmonella from contact with reptiles in the United States each year," said Richard J. Baltaro, M.D., Ph.D., FCAP, a pathologist and associate professor of pathology at Creighton University in Omaha, Neb. "If you have a reptile as a pet you have to be extremely cautious when dealing with it."

Dr. Baltaro is a pathologist—a physician who treats patients with illnesses such as Salmonella through laboratory medicine. Dr. Baltaro received a Ph.D. in microbiology while studying the DNA antibiotic resistance in Salmonella bacteria.

In addition to reptiles, other animals such as baby chicks and ducklings can carry Salmonella. "Pocket pets" including rats, mice, rabbits, gerbils, hamsters, guinea pigs and ferrets, as well as rodents that are bought to feed other animals (such as snakes), can also carry potentially dangerous bacteria. Salmonella, which usually lives in the intestinal tracts of humans and other animals, can be transmitted to people who accidentally eat food contaminated with animal feces or who fail to wash hands after touching the feces of their pets. To help prevent infections, anyone owning, buying or handling these animals should take the following precautions:

- Buy animals that look lively and alert and that have glossy coats that are free of droppings.
- Don't purchase a pet that shares a cage with other animals that have diarrhea or look sick.
- Always wash hands thoroughly after cleaning up pets' droppings.
- Ensure that children wash their hands immediately after handling rodents or their feces.
- Supervise young children if they clean the pet's cage.
- Don't smoke or eat food while handling your pet.
- Don't handle pets in areas where food is prepared.
- Don't kiss your pet or hold it close to your mouth.

"If you touch reptiles or one of these other animals, wash your hands because it helps to prevent you from contracting viruses or bacteria your pet may carry," Dr. Baltaro said. "If your pet dies soon after you buy it, it may have been ill with a disease that could make people sick. Inform the pet store about the animal's death, and clean and disinfect the cage before using it again."

Symptoms of the Salmonella infection include: nausea, abdominal cramping, vomiting, fever, headache, chills, sweats, fatigue, bloody diarrhea with mucus and lack of appetite. Symptoms occur typically between six and 72 hours after contact with the bacteria.

There is no real cure for a Salmonella infection—only treatment of the symptoms. Infected individuals should seek medical care for diarrhea, extreme dehydration or other serious symptoms. If the infection is severe, patients may be given an antibiotic. But the best way to protect yourself from Salmonella is to wash hands whenever dealing with your pets.

For more information about how to prevent disease, visit the College of American Pathologists at www.cap.org.

Southwest Area Obituaries

Elsie M. Nichols

Private services were held at Zimmerman & Sandeman Orland Funeral Home for Elsie M. Nichols, wife of the late William B.

She is survived by her son, William K. (Carolyn) Nichols; her grandchild, Carey A. Nichols; her brother, Wilhelm (Helen) Dahner; and her sister, Hermmina Gergets.

Peter P. Papason

Mass was said on Monday, Nov. 14th, at St. Elizabeth Seton Church, Orland Hills, for 45-year Carpenter's Union Local 13 member & U.S. Navy Veteran, Peter P. Papason.

He is survived by his wife, Mary Ellen; and nieces and nephews.

Helen A. Parsell

Mass was said on Monday, Nov. 14th at Incarnation Church, Palos Heights, for Helen A. Parsell, wife of the late Stanley Parsell.

She is survived by her daughter, Donna (Roger) McElheney; two grandchildren; one great-grandchild; and nieces and nephews.

Stephen P. Aurella

Mass was said on Wednesday, Nov. 16th, at St. Michael Church, Orland Park, for Veteran Stephen P. Aurella, 64.

He is survived by his wife Susan; his children, Julie (William) Kwiatkowski and Steve (Kendra); 4 grandchildren; 1 brother; and 2 sisters.

Andrew C. Kuhl

Mass is being said this Thursday, Nov. 17th at Most Holy Redeemer Church, Evergreen Park, for WWII Navy Veteran and member of many clubs, Andrew C. Kuhl, 89, husband of the late Angeline.

He is survived by his children, Donald (Arlene), Robert (Francine), Thomas (Janet) and Nancy Horbin; 12 grandchildren; 6 great-grandchildren; & dear friend of Bernice Hornick.

Pauline I. Laughlin

Mass is being said this Thursday, Nov. 17th, at Queen of Martyrs Church, Evergreen Park, for Pauline I. Laughlin.

She is survived by her children, Glen (Michele), Bruce (Cheryl L.), and Kim (Rick; C.F.D.); 11 grandchildren; and 9 great-grandchildren.

Eugene W. Gierman

Services were held on Tuesday, Nov. 15th, at The Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd, Palos Heights, for former Rock Island Railroad worker, former Blue Island Alderman & Veteran, Eugene W. Gierman, 71, husband of the late Joan.

He is survived by his children, Michael (Lauren), Mark (Susan), Peter, Daniel (Dawn) and Laura (Mike) Marines; thirteen grandchildren; and his sisters, Joyce (Richard) Burks, Marilyn Kurth and Linda (Dennis) Bender.

Margaret M. Kolmos

Mass was said on Wednesday, Nov. 16th, at St. Linus Church, Oak Lawn, for Tipperary, Ireland native and former Kraft Foods employee, Margaret M. "Peg" Kolmos, 77, wife of the late Richard "Gus" Kolmos.

She is survived by her sisters, Josephine, Nancy and Mary; and her brothers, Michael and Tom.

Edna M. Wooding

Mass was said on Wednesday, Nov. 16th, at St. Catherine of Alexandria Catholic Church, Oak Lawn, for Liverpool native (late of Oak Lawn), Edna M. Wooding, 103, wife of the late Charles Wooding.

She is survived by her children, John (Rosemary) Wooding; fifteen grandchildren; and 32 great-grandchildren.

Robert Drinane

Mass was said on Monday, Nov. 14th, at St. Louis de

Montfort Church, Oak Lawn, for Robert Drinane, 88.

He is survived by his wife, Sue; his sons, Michael (Genanne) & David Drinane; six grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

Geraldine Calvert

Mass was said on Wednesday, Nov. 16th, at St. Fabian Church, Bridgeview, for Geraldine L. Calvert, wife of the late Franzbert.

She is survived by her son, Robert (Ramona); sixteen grandchildren; and fifteen great-grandchildren.

Charlotte L. Chuffo

Mass will be said on Saturday, Nov. 19th, at St. Catherine of Alexandria Church, Oak Lawn, for Charlotte "Pat" L. Chuffo, 86, formerly of Oak Lawn.

She is survived by her children, Charlotte Stack, Louise (John) Butler and Michael (Carol) Chuffo; 6 grandchildren; & 5 great-grandchildren.

Mildred A. Hunt

Mass was said on Monday, Nov. 14th, at St. Alexander Church, Palos Heights, for Mildred A. Hunt, wife of the late John J. Hunt and Randall Joseph Wolff.

She is survived by her daughters, Phyllis (James) Halloran and Audrey Rees; eight grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; nieces, Yvonne (Charlie) Leimgruber and Lois (Tom) Jebavy; and many other nieces & nephews.

Florentine Smith

Mass was said on Monday, Nov. 14th, at St. John Fisher Church, Chicago, for Florentine Smith, wife of the late Robert.

She is survived by her children, Bruce (Bernadette), Kathleen (Stanley) Strzelecki, and Kevin (Kathy); daughter-in-law, Linda Smith; 10 grandchildren; 2 great-grandchildren; her sisters, Dorothy Milak, Helen (William) Birmingham and Mary Ann (Anthony) Pasquinelli; and her brother, William (Maxine) Roche.

Mary C. Shimkus

Mass was said on Monday, Nov. 14th, at St. Michael Church, Orland Park, for Mary C. Shimkus, wife of the late Richard F. Sr.

She is survived by her children, Richard F. Jr. (Karen), Dolores (Ronald) Koziatsek and Donna (Denis) Gray; five grandchildren; and her brother, Peter (Donna).

Edward J. Vucinic

Mass was said on Wednesday, Nov. 16th, at St. Terrence Church, Alsip, for Sloboda Lodge #32 C.F.U. and Pilsen Post #825 American Legion member, Veteran, Edward J. Vucinic.

He is survived by his sons, Mary; his children, Edward C., Michael, Thomas, Robert (Mary Ann) and Phillip; one grandchild; and his brother, Charles.

Terrence M. Cunningham

Mass was said on Wednesday, Nov. 16th, at St. Catherine of Alexandria Church, Oak Lawn, for Workers Security League Union President, Terrence M. Cunningham, 50.

He is survived by his wife, Valerie; his children, Shawn (Catie), Emily (Tom) Munz and Brian Cunningham; his mother, Charlotte; and his brother, Glenn.

William H. Loeser

Services were held on Monday, Nov. 14th, at Colonial Chapel, Orland Park, for William H. Loeser, 85.

He is survived by his wife, Dolores; his daughters, Sandra (Dr. Alex) DeJong and Judith (Benjamin) Carrano; nine grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; and his brother, Frank.

Nick A. Delouise

Mass was said on Wednesday, Nov. 16th, at St. George Church, Tinley Park, for WWII U.S. Army Veteran, Nick A. Delouise.

He is survived by his wife, Nancy; and his sister, Irene Gakich.

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Edward And Marian Young Memorial Service

Edward and Marian Young of Midlothian, Memorial Service will be held on Sunday, Nov. 27th at 3 p.m. at St. Stephen Lutheran Church, 14700 Kildare in Midlothian (on 147th St. between Cicero and Pulaski on the south side of the street). Social hour and refreshments for the hour immediately following the service in the church hall.

Eddy passed away on Aug. 27, 2004 from complications from lung cancer and diabetes. Marian passed away suddenly on Aug. 9, 2005. Both funeral services and interments were held previously near their summer home near Milbank, South Dakota.

They were married on Oct. 2, 1955 in Wilmet, SD and moved to the Blue Island, IL area. They lived in Midlothian, IL for 43 years. Ed worked at and retired from the Midlothian Post Office in 1989. Marian worked at the White Castle and then the Jewel store in Blue Island. She retired in 1997. They had a summer place in South Dakota on the Big Stone Lake near Wilmet and a winter place in Tucson, AZ.

Survivors are one daughter, DeeAnn Spitzig and husband Paul, Grant Park, IL, and one son, Dale and wife Judy, Midlothian, IL; five grandchildren: Samantha and Emily Spitzig, and Eric, Jeremy and Sarah Young. Edward is survived by one sister, Georgetta Rediehs and husband, George, Burr Ridge, IL and one brother, Gordon Young and wife, Doris, Atlanta, GA. Marian is survived by three sisters: Lorraine Jallen, Wasilla, Alaska, Virginia Coleman and husband, Pete, Orlando, FL, and Caroline Reil, Wilmet, SD, and one brother, LeRoy Gerdes, Great Falls, MT.

Please send no flowers. Memorials may be made to the American Heart Association in their memory.

Cards may be sent to Dee Spitzig, 9208 N. 14500 E. Road, Grant Park, IL 60940.



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Who's Who Among Benedictine University Students

Benedictine University student Bradley Weyer of Oak Lawn, graduate of Jordan Baptist High School, has been selected for inclusion in the 2005-2006 edition of "Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges", a program that honors outstanding leaders from more than 2,100 colleges and universities.

The Benedictine University student selected plans to graduate either in December 2005 or May 2006, possess grade point averages, which meet or exceed 3.5 on a 4.0 scale, and are acknowledged campus leaders. They are nominated by department chairs, campus club sponsors, the student government sponsor or the athletic director and must meet criteria established by the university's honors committee.



Honored For Outstanding Performance

Bob Bloomer (left), Vice President of Chartwells-Thompson Hospitality, presents a special "Be A Star" award to Oak Lawn resident, Judy Pote, for her outstanding performance of providing food service to public school students. Comments Judy Pote "My job at Chartwells-Thompson Hospitality is to make sure we do the best job possible of feeding school children. That is an important responsibility that I take very seriously. I am happy to be recognized for doing my job!"

Chartwells-Thompson Hospitality is one of the country's largest providers of daily food service to public school students.

Shepard Band Concludes Season Of Achievement

The marching band from Alan B. Shepard High School recently completed its competitive season with a stellar performance at the University of Illinois Marching Band Festival, which annually attracts most of the state's elite marching band programs, for the fourth straight year.

Led by director Christopher Pitlik, the Marching Astros placed second overall, second in Parade, fourth in Field Show, second in colorguard, and third in percussion in Class 2A at the University of Illinois Illini Marching Band Festival. In all, 43 bands from throughout the state competed.

Other highlights from the 2005 competitive season included: Placing first in Class 2A at the Stagg High School Marching Jamboree. The band swept all special awards including outstanding winds, colorguard, percussion, and drum majors and the Crowd Appeal Award. Placing second at the Pontiac Indian Showdown Contest in class 2A and fourth overall out of 18 bands; and, Placing third out of 12 bands in Class 2A at the Chicagoland Marching Band Contest at Wheeling High School.

Drum majors Ryan James and Dominique Diaz led the Marching Astros in performance. Other band members

include Nicole Lowden, Jonathon Knor, Chris Stewart, Derek Hassan, Derrick Shannon, Kelly James, Mark Urban, Richard Bretzer, Kevin Reisler, Joseph Anderson, Andre Olive, Jonathan Michalik, Christopher Rodrick, Shadi Afaneh, Ken Real, James Ramelli, Jaclyn MacDonald, Kelly Molenhouse, Jessica Perrino, Mario Sunta, Aileen Serafin, Aubrey Sarna, Kristen Lewis, Allison Schmitt, Jillian Burnickas, Maggie Coyle, Frances Raddatz, Sam Rosenquist, Pam Wichert, Samantha Ziolkowski, Jennifer Ellison, and Alysha Wilson.

Also, Matthew Mulderink, Katie Garlic, Ashley Lachowicz, Ryan Kosman, Stephanie Pacenti, Joseph Boyle, Amanda McCann, Travis Strutzenberg, Brian Everson, Harland Smith, Meghan Coffey, Brandi Hardin, Richard White, Eric Witry, Mark Davis, Jared James, Kerry Roloff, Jeffrey Reppen, Lauren Atkins, Tony Collier, Jared Synal, James Jezierski, Khalidah Habeel, Stacey Gritz, Morgan Palenik, Zachary Burnickas, Walter Schnoor, Charlie Rios, Erin Moran, Kelly Thelen, Justina Molina, Peter Animagi, Lawrence Tuman, Kelly Boyle and Shannon Garlic.

The Great Library Playboy Debate

The town of Oak Lawn is divided in their opinion about whether or not the Oak Lawn Village Board was overstepping its bounds after publicly denouncing Oak Lawn Library's policy of making Playboy Magazine issues available to the public.

Public reaction has ranged from passionate to flippant - with some people responding to the political issue of one public body applying muscle to another, while others have focused on the moral question of whether a library should be keeping Playboys on hand, especially at taxpayers' expense.

Those who support the Board's written reprimand of the Library argue that, from a governmental standpoint, this is simply a healthy example of checks and balances with one entity merely keeping another in line; and, from a values point of view, they feel that it was noble to take a stand by taking exception to tax-backed magazines

which disrespect women. Further, they feel that, rights or no rights, the greater good is what matters.

The sector of the Oak Lawn public that condemns the Board's attack is on guard against censorship and regards the Library's constitutional right to stock Playboys as the most important thing here to safeguard. They feel that our forefathers would rest uneasily in their graves if the narrow-mindedness that accompanies prohibiting a fellow from going to the library to thumb through a Playboy was allowed to usurp constitutional rights.

There is a third school of thought which collectively rolls its eyes at the Board, but not because of constitutional convictions. They are chagrined simply because, before the Board brought this controversy out into the light, nobody even knew that the library kept a stack of Playboys.

VFW Auxiliary Games Day

Hometown-Murray VFW Ladies Auxiliary Post #9773 is hosting a 'Games Day' on Sunday, Nov. 27, from 1 to 5 p.m. Play cards or bunco or bring your own game of choice. The fee of \$7 includes a deli luncheon, home made salads, and dessert table. Free draft beer and soft drinks, door prizes, raffle table, and special White Sox World Series souvenir raffle will also be available.

Tickets in advance or at the door. Gentlemen always welcome. For more information or tickets call (708) 422-9800. Proceeds will benefit veteran and community programs.

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Oak Lawn Officials Unanimously Approve Appointment Of

New Village Manager

Mayor Dave Heilmann and the Oak Lawn Village Board unanimously approved the appointment of the new village manager. Oak Lawn officials conducted a national search to fill the vacancy of what Mayor Heilmann called a 'powerful position', that of village manager. However, he was advised to look in his own backyard for talented professionals. There were many applicants for the position, but the seven-month search was ended with Mayor Heilmann picking a local resident, Gus Sundermeier.

Sundermeier, 47, comes to the position with a strong financial background which impressed Mayor Heilmann and the board. He was a trader with the Chicago Board of Trade which he left to become a math teacher at Chicago's Brother Rice High School. According to the Mayor Heilmann, he wanted the position to go to someone who knew the needs of the village and had 'the heart' to know how to bring both the board and the community together.

Even though Sundermeier does not have the experience of being a village manager, he comes with excellent credentials. Mayor Heilmann stated that he has worked with a state senator and Mayor Zabrocki of Tinley Park.

Sundermeier begins the \$108,000 a year position in Jan., 2006. The board expressed gratitude to Acting Village Manager Lynn Krauss for his time and hard work until the search for a permanent village manager was complete.

In other business brought before the board, the ordinance for the Target Parking lot was brought before the board. However, the issue was tabled until the Jan. 10th regular board meeting. It was stated that more information was needed before this measure was passed.

Discussion was held on the installation of 'traffic calming' devices in the Brandt Subdivision area. A resident asked if there was any disruption to emergency vehicles in the area. He stated that his street was totally blocked now. He stated that one neighbor of his stated that he felt like a caged animal. In his opinion, he was not sure if the devices were doing what was intended since the traffic was now going to other unblocked streets. Mayor Heilmann said that the traffic islands were put on the street by request of the residents. He said that a survey was taken and it indicated that the residents felt that there was a great need to slow down the traffic in the area. It was indicated that the devices were just installed, Mayor asked for patience to see if the devices indeed worked.

Mayor and the board wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving. Village Clerk Jane Quinlan reminded everyone that village hall will be closed on Friday, Nov. 23rd. She also reminded everyone that Santa will be visiting Oak Lawn on Saturday, Nov. 26th from 3 to 5 p.m. The annual Santa Parade will start at 93rd St. and Raymond Ave. and proceed to the village green gazebo where Santa and Mr. Claus will meet with children.

She also reported that Saturday was the last day to pick up leaf bags.



Cold Stone Creamery Opening Benefits Crisis Center

When the new Oriand Park Cold Stone Creamery, located at 16135 S. LaGrange, opens its doors on Friday, Nov. 25, franchise owner Mike Fortuna of Tinley Park will be dishing up hope for victims of domestic violence with every scoop of ice cream.

"A portion of our opening-day proceeds will be donated to the Crisis Center for South Suburbia," explains Fortuna. "As an Oak Lawn Police officer I see, daily, what victims of domestic violence have to go through. They often have no resources and no family support system. As a police officer, I work to guide them in the right direction to get the help and support they need in order to move toward a healthier and safer lifestyle. I feel really comfortable partnering with this charity because I know the proceeds will go to good use."

The Crisis Center is excited about this community fundraiser, and is grateful to Mike Fortuna for choosing to make a difference in the lives of woman and children who are affected by domestic violence. Executive Director Edward Vega comments, "As a police officer, Officer Fortuna has an opportunity to help those who are in need. It is apparent that he brings his spirit of service to his new role as franchise owner. We are grateful to him, and we encourage everyone to visit the Cold Stone Creamery often, and to bring the whole family out to the Oriand Park location."

Vega continues, "In addition to raising much needed funds to support our programs in the community, we also appreciate this opportunity to raise awareness about domestic violence. Individuals like Mike Fortuna help us share our story and our mission so those in need know where to turn for help."

Mike Fortuna is looking forward to welcoming members of the community to the Cold Stone Creamery where they are all about delivering the "ultimate ice cream experience." The aroma of fresh-made waffle bowls and cones as well as the sounds of Cold Stone songs performed by the Creamery staff are sure to become neighborhood favorites.

"I'm expecting a great turn out at our grand opening," says Fortuna. "When ice cream, a frozen stone and a variety of mix-ins meet...and then that combination also helps a good cause, what could be better?"

Santa Claws Workshop

On Sunday, Dec. 4, Chicago Animal Care and Control (ACC) will host its first annual Santa Claws Workshop event at Chicago Animal Care and Control's Shelter, 2741 S. Western Ave., from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. The goal of the event is to adopt dogs and cats into new homes and to bring awareness to the ACC facility as a place for families to adopt a new pet.

Participants are invited to bring their pet to enjoy the festivities or adopt a new friend at Chicagoland's only full service and largest animal shelter. Fun activities and services offered: dog cookie baking recipes and demonstrations by famous Chicago chefs; professional holiday pet photos; dog training demonstrations and advice from DoGone Fun!; Ask the Veterinarian, animal health advice; holiday treats and refreshments, both human and animal; \$15 microchips; cool raffle prizes; and wonderful animals available for adoption that need a home for the holidays.

A \$20 requested donation benefits the nonprofit organization, Friends of Chicago Animal Care and Control, a non-profit organization whose mission is to support Chicago Animal Care and Control in their compassionate efforts to provide care and find homes for rescued and unwanted animals in the city's custody, educate the public on humane & responsible guardianship, care and treatment of animals, and advocate humane treatment of all animals in the city of Chicago.

For more information or to volunteer, visit www.chicagoanimalcare.org or call (312) 747-1406.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

- NOVEMBER 26 - Saturday - Holiday Celebration, Village Green, 3 to 5 p.m. Santa in Parade at 4 p.m.
- NOVEMBER 27 - Sunday - "Games Day," Hometown-Murray VFW Ladies Auxiliary, 9092 Main St., 1 to 5 p.m.
- NOVEMBER 28 - Monday - School District 123 Board of Education Meeting, 4201 W. 93rd St., training center, 7:30 p.m.
- DECEMBER 1 - Thursday - Alzheimer Support Group, Christ Hospital, 4440 W. 95th St., 6 p.m.
- DECEMBER 1 - Thursday - Historic Preservation Commission, 9446 S. Raymond, 7 p.m.
- DECEMBER 1 - Thursday - Athletic Club Meeting, VFW Hall, 9514 S. 52nd Ave., 8 p.m.
- DECEMBER 1 - Thursday - Traffic Review Committee Meeting, Municipal Center auditorium, 9446 S. Raymond, 8 p.m.
- DECEMBER 2 - Friday - Worth Township Senior Citizens Org. Meeting, Worth Township Center, 11601 Pulaski Rd., 12:30 p.m.
- DECEMBER 3 - Saturday - District 11 "Trustee Is In," Municipal Center, 9446 Raymond, 9 a.m. to noon.



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State Crews Prepare For Winter Driving,

Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) Secretary Timothy W. Martin and Illinois State Police Director Larry Trent announced crews from around Illinois are making final preparations to get the state's frontline personnel and equipment ready for winter emergencies. They are also urging motorists to prepare themselves and their vehicles for winter driving, as Illinois enters the winter driving season.

"You can never be 100% prepared for what nature will throw at you, but our crews have been busy training and prepping equipment for several weeks, and we're ready," Secretary Martin said. "When you're dealing with winter weather, you have so many variables to contend with, but I am confident, as long as our equipment holds up, our plow teams will be able to face any test thrown at them."

IDOT has a clear pavement policy; meaning plow crews stay out until a storm has passed and the highways are all free of accumulation. During the 2005-2006 winter, more than 3300 IDOT employees and 2000 pieces of equipment will be utilized in keeping state routes clear and passable. Last year IDOT spent \$35.9 million dollars on snow removal efforts, that cost includes almost 387,000 tons of salt and 561,200 labor hours.

IDOT financial staff will closely monitor winter related expenses, but at no time will snow removal operations suffer because of financial considerations. Snow removal is a safety issue and a priority for the Department. While crews have cut back on mowing operations and have been asked to look at other ways to conserve fuel, snow removal is a priority and will not be scaled back to save money.

A restructuring last year of IDOT's Division of Highways allows for more flexibility within the Department to address immediate needs. Last year, IDOT's southernmost district (D-9) was hit with a major storm, which saw accumulations within a couple of days the district normally would not see all year. Crews and equipment were brought in from the same region, but a different district (D-8), to assist in removal.

Local Ironworker Creates Lasting Tribute To Founding Sisters Of St. Francis Hospital & Health Center



Like the Franciscan Sisters of Mary (FSM), the founders of St. Francis Hospital & Health Center, John Dougherty of New Lenox holds a special place in the hospital's 100-year history.

Dougherty, owner of Southwestern Ironworks, hand-crafted a custom metal basket fashioned after the one used by FSM foundress Mother Mary Odilia Berger, who distributed food, medicine and other supplies to ailing patients in their St. Louis homes in the early 1870s. As a lasting tribute to Mother Odilia and the FSMs during St. Francis Hospital's 2005 centennial year, the metal basket has become a permanent fixture in the hospital's main entryway.

"I was very pleased that I would be a part of the hospital's history," said Dougherty.

"We are extremely grateful to Mr. Dougherty for creating this lasting tribute to our founding sisters, and to Kathy Watkins, executive assistant at St. Francis, who commissioned and oversaw the work," said Colleen Kannaday, St. Francis Hospital & Health Center president. "The basket is dedicated to all FSMs who have served St. Francis Hospital since we opened our doors in 1905. Its stands as a permanent symbol of our hospital's mission and commitment to care for all."

Dougherty used a black-and-white photograph of the original basket carried by Mother Odilia to make the metal basket, which weighs about 35 pounds. The basket has a silver finish and measures approximately 28 inches long, 31 inches high (from the bottom to the top of the handles), and 16 inches deep. It took approximately two weeks to complete.

"The whole concept was challenging," Dougherty explained. "It is something different. I had never made a basket before. I always appreciate doing something totally unique. It sharpens my skills."

Dougherty, age 59, has more than 30 years experience in metalworking, welding, glass etching and woodworking. His creations include chairs, benches, tables, charcoal grills, firewood racks and more. He was hired to repair the crystal chandeliers and stemware in the governor's mansion in Springfield, Ill., and his work has been featured in Log Home Design Ideas magazine. In September 2002 he received a blue ribbon for his creations at the Frankfort Fall Festival, in Frankfort, Ill., which featured more than 300 artisans and 250,000 visitors.

"I take pride in the projects I do," he said. "I make things to last. I only deal with the ultimate finish to be durable and last for years. I've shipped coast to coast, and have had inquiries from the United Kingdom and Africa."

To view Dougherty's work, visit www.southwesternironworks.com. For more information about St. Francis Hospital & Health Center, visit www.stfrancisblueisland.com.

"The onset of winter provides new challenges to motorists and the Illinois State Police," said Director Larry Trent. "We ask that drivers be prepared to meet the challenge of the upcoming winter season in Illinois. Plan ahead, make sure everyone in the vehicle is properly restrained, drive defensively and make sure the vehicle is properly maintained to handle the effects of cold temperatures."

Other safety tips offered by the Illinois State Police for having a safe winter include: Make sure your vehicle is winterized—check the battery, antifreeze level, heater, defroster, windshield wipers and washer fluid level, etc.; Always keep your gas tank at least two-thirds full to prevent the vehicle's fuel line from freezing; Dress warmly for the weather—dress in layers of loose-fitting, lightweight clothing in anticipation of unexpected winter weather emergencies; Do not travel unless absolutely necessary—if you do have to make a trip, check the forecast and plan ahead with safety in mind; Make sure someone is aware of your travel route.; Always carry an emergency car care kit that contains jumper cables, flares or reflectors, windshield washer fluid, a small ice scraper, traction material, blankets, non-perishable food and a first aid kit; Carry a cell phone; and Always wear a safety belt.

Motorists are urged to check travel conditions before any trip. You may get interstate condition information by calling 1-800-452-IDOT (4368) or on the internet at www.illinoisroads.info.

New Telephone Scam

Attorney General Lisa Madigan recently warned consumers, particularly senior citizens, about a new telephone scam aimed at stealing their personal bank account numbers.

Madigan said her office has been notified that some customers of Illinois banks are receiving unsolicited calls from representatives of a company calling itself Nationwide Verification Office. The caller asks for their account information so that it can be deleted from a so-called "federal banking system." Consumers are asked to verify their bank account number, or to read it and the bank routing numbers found at the bottom of their checks.

Noting that similar schemes have been reported in other states, Madigan warned consumers to never provide identifying or financial information, such as Social Security numbers, bank account and credit card numbers to anyone that calls on the phone. In many cases, such information can be quickly and illegally used by the scanners to raid their accounts.

Madigan also reminded consumers that neither banks nor the government will ever call and ask consumers for account information or Social Security numbers.

Consumers contacted by Nationwide Verification Office are urged to hang up and report the call to Madigan's Consumer Fraud Hotline at the following numbers: 1(800) 386-5438, TTY 1(800) 964-3013, Spanish 1(866) 310-8398.

Consumers also can visit Madigan's Web site for more information and tips on how to avoid becoming a victim of identity theft and to download a consumer complaint form at www.IllinoisAttorneyGeneral.gov.

Healthy "Holiday Treats"

The Cancer Center at Little Company of Mary Hospital and Health Care Centers is presenting a free discussion and demonstration on preparing healthy "Holiday Treats." Herbs and spices are used to give added flavor to food. Are you aware, however, that many of these condiments also have a medicinal value? Join us as Louann Sopata, R.D., C.N.S.C., discusses the added benefits we receive when using these items in our food. Chef Jim Denvir will prepare holiday desserts using a selection of these spices.

The program is at Little Company of Mary Hospital on Tuesday, Dec. 6th from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. in Café 95 on the main floor of the hospital, 2800 W. 95th St. There will be a sampling of the desserts, and free valet parking is available.

This special program is offered to cancer patients, their families and those who support them. For reservations and information, call (708) 229-6001.

Significant Jury Verdict Upholds DCFS Actions

A U.S. District Court jury reached a verdict on Nov. 14th that vindicated the actions of DCFS workers who had requested a Skokie father to not have unsupervised contact with his children as a result of an allegation of sexual abuse against him made by an unrelated child. DCFS Director Bryan Samuels said, "This crucial verdict reinforces DCFS' mission to protect children and make decisions to put the safety and well-being of children first."

The jury rejected the claims of Patrick Delafont, his wife Stacey and their three children that a DCFS investigator, Andrea Jones, and her supervisor, Karen Beckelman, violated their civil rights when they sought an agreement with Stacey Delafont that her husband would not have unsupervised contact with his children pending a risk assessment that would show he posed no threat of abuse to them, or until an investigation showed there was no credible evidence of the alleged abuse. Delafont, his wife and their three children claimed that the requests made by the DCFS workers constituted a violation of their constitutional rights by interfering with their rights to live together as a family. They sought compensatory and punitive damages.

The two-week trial before Senior U.S. District Judge James B. Moran resulted in a jury finding of no liability against either DCFS defendant. The jury rejected all of the Delafonts' claims. DCFS workers were represented at trial by William G. Sullivan and Robert Grabemann of the law firm of Martin, Brown and Sullivan of Chicago. Bill Sullivan called the jury's verdict "an important victory for every DCFS worker who daily has to make difficult decisions under emergency circumstances."

Use Caution When Heating Homes

Heating costs are expected to rise dramatically this winter, raising concerns that home fires also may increase as people try alternative — and sometimes more dangerous — ways of heating their homes.

The Office of the State Fire Marshal's (OSFM) effort to increase awareness about home heating dangers is part of Gov. Blagojevich's Keep Warm Illinois campaign, a comprehensive effort to inform and prepare Illinois residents for winter with information on energy assistance, home weatherization and winter safety tips. For more information, visit www.keepwarm.illinois.gov or call (877) 411-WARM.

According to the National Fire Protection Assn. (NFPA), heating equipment was involved in an estimated 45,000 structure fires in 2002, resulting in 220 deaths, 990 injuries and \$449 million in direct property damage. Portable and fixed space heaters, including wood stoves, were involved in 25 percent of the home heating fires but caused 74 percent of the deaths.

Many fires involving space heaters are caused by combustibles placed too close to the heater. Always keep a 36-inch clearance between space heaters and anything that can burn. Portable space heaters should be turned off every time you leave the room or go to bed.

When buying a new space heater, make sure it carries the mark of an independent testing laboratory and be sure to have fixed space heaters, such as wood-burning stoves, installed by a qualified technician, according to manufacturer's instructions or applicable codes. If your home already has a fixed space heater, have a qualified technician check to see that the unit has been properly installed.

Fireplaces and chimneys cause more than 40 percent of fires, most due to creosote buildup. Wood and coal stoves, fireplaces, chimneys, chimney connectors and all other solid-fueled heating equipment should be inspected annually by a professional and cleaned as often as inspections suggest. It's also important to use properly seasoned wood in fireplaces or wood stoves. Green wood has more moisture and is likely to smolder, leading to more creosote buildup. A moisture content of 20-25 percent is recommended, as wood that is too well seasoned may also result in creosote buildup.

Fireplaces should have a sturdy screen to prevent sparks from flying into the room. Allow fireplace and wood stove ashes to cool before disposing in a metal container.

Furnaces also should be checked every year by professionals to ensure mechanical parts are functioning properly and that nothing is blocking the flue. Such inspections will help keep energy costs down as well as ensure the safety of the home's occupants. Malfunctioning furnaces increase both fire and carbon monoxide risks.

State Fire Marshal Dave DeFrates stresses the importance of ensuring a home has working smoke and carbon monoxide alarms and testing them monthly to ensure they're in working order. "Because we traditionally see more house fires and incidents of high carbon monoxide levels during the winter months, it's especially important to make sure these alarms are in working order. The advance warning these alarms provide can prevent tragedy by giving your family enough time to get out of the house alive."

For more information about fire safety, visit the OSFM web site at www.state.il.us/osfm.

Educational Assistance Grants

Moraine Valley's advances in educating minority groups who are traditionally underrepresented in higher education illustrate its mission of being a multicultural institution — a goal it will continue to reach with help from combined Higher Education Cooperation Act grants from the Illinois Board of Higher Education totaling \$85,605.

The Minority Student Transfer Center received \$48,405 to promote access to higher education, academic success and baccalaureate degree completion to minority groups, specifically African Americans and Latinos. Access and Success in Higher Education received a \$37,200 grant to promote the same services to those with limited English proficiency. Information will be provided in Spanish, Polish, Arabic and Urdu.

Both programs have identified similar goals such as promoting awareness of and access to higher education to middle and high school students, enhancing the transition to baccalaureate degree institutions and increasing enrollment and student success at Moraine. In addition, the Minority Student Transfer Center will focus on improving the academic and social climate and the retention and completion rates for diverse students.

The Minority Student Transfer Center and the Access and Success in Higher Education programs plan to see increases in college enrollment, student retention and transfer rates after three years of implementing the established goals.

For more information about the Minority Student Transfer Center, call Adrienne Stewart, director of Multicultural Student Affairs, at (708) 974-5478. For more information about Access and Success in Higher Education, call Arlene de la Paz-Kane, program coordinator, at (708) 974-5718.

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Medicare Part D Information On Web

As enrollment began Nov. 15th for the new Medicare Part D prescription drug plans, Attorney General Lisa Madigan alerted Medicare beneficiaries to the potential of fraud during the enrollment period and directed individuals to visit her office's Web site to find reliable information and resources.

Madigan's office has posted information about Medicare Part D on its Web site at www.IllinoisAttorneyGeneral.gov/seniors/partd.html.

The enrollment period for Medicare Part D prescription drug plans runs until May 15th, 2006. Madigan advised Medicare beneficiaries who plan to enroll in a Part D prescription drug plan to take note of their current prescription drug coverage, consider whether a new plan would cover the drugs they currently receive and evaluate whether their preferred pharmacies are included in a particular plan's network.

"Medicare beneficiaries should not rush into a decision or feel pressured by a sales pitch for a particular prescription drug plan. There is plenty of time to obtain free, one-on-one help and obtain sufficient information to make a careful decision about which prescription drug plan is best for you," Madigan said.

Madigan also alerted seniors to various ways they can protect themselves from scam artists looking to take advantage of the confusion created by the rollout of Medicare Part D prescription drug coverage. To prevent falling victim to scam artists, seniors should double-check to make sure they enroll with a Medicare-approved prescription drug plan by calling Medicare's toll-free number at 1(800) 633-4227. Seniors also should never give any caller or door-to-door solicitor their Social Security number, bank account numbers or personal financial information.

Anti-Smoking Public Service Announcements

Attorney General Lisa Madigan has joined 31 other Attorneys General in announcing that they have asked Hollywood's major motion picture studios to insert anti-smoking public service announcements (PSAs) in all DVDs, videos and other newer home viewing formats of movies in which smoking is depicted.

The letter was prompted by the Nov. 7th publication of a study finding that adolescents with the greatest exposure to depictions of smoking in movies were almost three times more likely to try smoking than their peers in the least exposed group, even after controlling for other known smoking initiation factors. The study, conducted by the Dartmouth Medical School with National Cancer Institute funding, is the first to determine the effects of viewing smoking in movies on a nationally representative sample of youth in the United States.

The Attorneys General's letter notes that an anti-smoking PSA currently is being produced by the American Legacy Foundation, in conjunction with Hollywood's Entertainment Industry Foundation and the Will Rogers Institute, and beginning next year will run in theaters across this country. The American Legacy Foundation was founded with money from the 1998 tobacco Master Settlement Agreement (MSA).

Citing scientific evidence that airing an anti-smoking PSA lessens the effects on youth from viewing movie smoking, the letter alerts the studios that they "can dramatically increase the number of young people who will receive that anti-smoking message by attaching it to DVD, video and other home viewing format movies" that the studios distribute in which smoking is depicted.

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Finally, all Medicare beneficiaries should make sure not to throw away any mail they receive from Medicare or Social Security. Those Medicare beneficiaries with employer or union prescription drug coverage should not throw away any mail they receive regarding their current coverage.

Consumers with concerns or complaints about people misrepresenting themselves or fraudulently promoting the new Medicare Part D prescription drug benefit should report the situation to Madigan's Consumer Fraud Hotline at 1(800) 243-0618. Additional information and resources can be found online at www.IllinoisAttorneyGeneral.gov/seniors/partd.html.

Questions about the new drug benefit or suspicions of fraud can be reported to the Suburban Area Agency on Aging at 1(800) 699-9043. Trustworthy help about the new drug benefit also is available for seniors by calling the Senior Health Insurance Program (SHIP) at 1(800) 548-9034.

Catholic Schools Achieve Above Average Scores

Results of standardized achievement tests administered earlier this year to third, fifth and seventh graders in Archdiocese of Chicago Catholic schools indicate that the students achieved scores above the national average for all subtests.

The TerraNova II is the standardized battery of tests used by the Archdiocese of Chicago and is aligned with the Archdiocesan curricula and the Illinois State Standards. It is published by CTB-McGraw Hill.

The combined score in Cook and Lake county Catholic schools in core subject areas of reading, language and mathematics shows that students scored at the 68th percentile in the third grade, at the 73rd percentile in fifth grade and at the 75th percentile in the seventh grade. "This means that the overall average for all Catholic schools in the Archdiocese was equal to or greater than 70 percent of third, fifth and seventh grade students nationwide," said Dr. Nicholas Wolsonovich, superintendent of schools.

Science and social studies achievement is also assessed by the TerraNova II tests. In these areas of study Catholic school students in the Archdiocese also exceeded national norms. Third graders scored at the 64th percentile in science and the 68th percentile in social studies. Fifth grade students scored at the 65th percentile in science and the 70th percentile in social studies. Seventh grade students scored in the 64th percentile in science and the 73rd percentile in social studies.

Test results for the Catholic schools in the city of Chicago were equally impressive with students' overall scores in reading, language and mathematics at the 59th percentile for third grade; the 64th percentile for fifth grade and the 68th percentile for seventh grade.

Students in city of Chicago Catholic schools also scored above national norms in science and social studies with third graders in the 55th percentile in science and the 59th percentile in social studies; fifth graders in the 56th percentile in science and the 60th percentile in social studies; and seventh graders in the 57th percentile in science and the 67th percentile in social studies.

Students in grades five and seven in the inner-city elementary schools who receive financial support from the Big Shoulders Fund also scored above national norms in their combined scores for the core subject areas of reading, language and mathematics. Fifth grade students in this group were at the 53rd percentile and seventh grade students were at the 58th percentile.

Fifth graders at schools supported by the Big Shoulders Fund scored above national norms in reading and language and seventh graders scored above national norms in the three categories of reading, language and math. Third graders in this group were very close to the national norm with total scores in the 48th percentile and reading, language and mathematics scores in the 45th percentile, 49th percentile and 48th percentile, respectively.



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Direct deposit is a safer, easier and more convenient way to receive these payments, and it significantly increases peace of mind for those who depend on those payments.

"Our support of the Go Direct campaign is another example of our mission to make life easier for our customers," said Lauri Sanders, Director of Public Affairs for Jewel-Osco. "This unique bag will catch the shopper's eye and encourage them to sign up for this important program."

Stop by your neighborhood Jewel-Osco store to find the newly-released Go Direct bags and further information on direct deposit. Those interested can sign up for direct deposit by calling Go Direct at (800) 333-1795 (English) and (800) 333-1792 (Spanish), or visit www.GoDirect.org (English) and www.DirectoASuCuenta.org (Spanish).

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Biggert: Nuclear Fuel Research Will Lower Future Energy Costs

Funding for two key nuclear research programs could provide relief from high heating bills, according to U.S. Rep. Judy Biggert (R-IL-13), Chairman of the Energy Subcommittee of the House Science Committee and longtime advocate for advanced nuclear energy technologies. Funding secured by Biggert in the Fiscal Year 2006 Energy and Water Appropriations Conference Report will be used to expand nuclear fuel reprocessing and recycling research and development at Argonne National Laboratory, which could lead to increased use of nuclear energy as an alternative to producing electricity from natural gas.

Biggert secured \$80 million for the Advanced Fuel Cycle Initiative (AFCI), a cutting-edge program that promises to reduce the volume and toxicity of spent nuclear fuel in the United States in an environmentally sensitive and proliferation-resistant way. This funding will help Argonne expedite development of the UREX+ process and technologies, which domestic and international experts acknowledge is the best method, both technically and economically, for recycling spent nuclear fuel. It also would reduce the volume of our nuclear waste, so much so that another repository like Yucca Mountain will not be necessary, and that waste would require monitoring and storage for hundreds rather than thousands of years.

"The bulk of what we call nuclear 'waste' is actually nuclear 'fuel' that still contains over 90 percent of its original energy content," Biggert said. "Scientists at research laboratories like Argonne continue to develop and perfect ways to recycle this so-called 'waste' and turn it back into useful fuel."

As Energy Subcommittee Chairman, Biggert held two Congressional hearings this summer on the topic of nuclear fuel reprocessing, recycling and waste management technologies, which raised awareness and identified research priorities needed to effectively and readily develop these technologies. As a result, Conference Report provided an additional \$50 million for DOE initiative to develop an Integrated Spent Fuel Recycling Plan, which would provide additional research funds to design an Engineering Scale Demonstration of advanced recycling technology. This represents an overwhelming increase of \$35 million above what the House recommended appropriating earlier this year.

"We know how to use nuclear energy, and we know how to use it safely," Biggert said. "If we are to meet the growing electricity demand in the United States without significantly increasing emissions of greenhouse gases, we must maintain a diverse supply of electricity, and nuclear power must be part of that mix."

While over 90 percent of power plants currently under construction use the same non-renewable fuel - natural gas - driving demand and prices up, no new nuclear power plant has been built in the U.S. in over 30 years. Nuclear energy is the only carbon-free source of electricity that is currently operating on a commercial scale nationwide. Currently, the State of Illinois derives 50 percent of its electricity from emissions-free nuclear power and also is home to the most nuclear waste of any state in the nation.

Durbin Statement

U.S. Sen. Dick Durbin (D-IL) recently made the following statement regarding the dismissal of Amtrak President David Gunn:

"Today's dismissal of Amtrak President and CEO David Gunn by the Amtrak Board of Directors is a clear demonstration that the Bush administration is determined to end Amtrak and seriously curtail passenger rail service in our nation.

Under Gunn's leadership, Amtrak increased ridership by over 2 million people since 2001 and revenues by \$18 million in the last year alone. Amtrak has successfully expanded and become a viable mode of energy efficient transportation.

David Gunn was no crony; he was a professional. He obviously made the White House uncomfortable."

In Illinois, Amtrak serves 30 communities on three daily routes, employs more than 2,000 people, and has about two million annual riders. Chicago Union Station is the nation's fourth busiest passenger rail terminal and last year ridership on the majority of routes originating in Chicago increased by 10% or more.

Ratings

A credit rating is supposed to measure your ability to repay a debt. There are a number of ways to develop a good credit rating. They include having a savings account, buying low-priced items on time, being employed and using credit cards.

You can show that you are a good credit risk by developing a record of completing payments on time or by showing a stable income or other sources of money. And once you have a good credit rating, there are steps you can take to ensure that your credit rating remains high.

"If you buy an item on an installment plan and it needs repairs or is stolen, you probably will have to keep making payments. Whatever you do, don't just stop making payments without consulting with the seller or an attorney."

"You have a right to prepay a loan for consumer goods at any time without a penalty."

If you fall behind in your payments, a seller cannot automatically garnish your wages. The seller can only do so by suing you and getting a judgment.

A purchase contract can indicate that, if you default on a loan, you agree to sign over your wages to the seller. However, there are limitations on wage assignment. You can cancel them at any time. They also have a limited term, usually no more than one year.

If you have a poor credit rating, it can be difficult to buy on credit without having cleared up your credit history. Credit reporting agencies often want references on your loans and your employment history for the past five years.



All Points Southwest

By THOMAS E. GAVIN

HAPPY THANKSGIVING... Today we celebrate the many joys and blessings bestowed upon ourselves and our loved ones... a day set aside by President Abraham Lincoln in 1863 as a national holiday when he issued a Thanksgiving Proclamation.

He designated the last Thursday in November as the date of festivities. Today, however, the fourth Thursday of the month is the established day. In 1939 President Franklin Delano Roosevelt (approved by Congress in 1941) changed the date from Lincoln's designated day to the fourth Thursday since on occasion the last Thursday could also be the fifth Thursday of the month, too close to Christmas for businesses.

According to the Plymouth Plantation Museum History the tradition of the Pilgrims' first Thanksgiving is surrounded by legend and myth. Few people realize that the Pilgrims did not celebrate Thanksgiving the next year or any year thereafter, though some of their descendants later initiated a "Forefathers Day" that usually took place on December 21st or 22nd. Several Presidents, including George Washington, made one-time Thanksgiving holidays. In 1827, Mrs. Sarah Josepha Hale began lobbying several presidents for the instatement of Thanksgiving as a national holiday. Her efforts were unsuccessful until 1863, when Abraham Lincoln finally made it a national holiday with his Thanksgiving Proclamation.

The date of Thanksgiving was probably set by Lincoln to try and correlate with the anchoring of the Mayflower at Cape Cod, which took place on November 21st, 1620 (by our modern Gregorian calendar - it was November 11th to the Pilgrims who used the Julian calendar).

A pair of Democratic County officeholders have formally declared their intentions to seek re-election. Last Wednesday, Cook County Board President John Stroger officially announced that he will seek a fourth term.

Surrounded by political heavyweights Illinois House Speaker Michael Madigan, Cook County Commissioner John P. Daley, former Cook County Assessor Thomas Hynes, and a variety of Chicago aldermen, President John Stroger stated that he wants to continue to oversee the county's role as the primary healthcare provider for the poor and disadvantaged, and he is running for them. President Stroger also reminded listeners about his record on keeping the county's property tax levy flat even during an era of spiraling increases in services. He feels that his experience is valuable to Cook County residents.

President John Stroger has served on the Cook County Board since 1970 and was elected president in 1994. He will face opposition in the March Democratic primary.

Last Sunday, Cook County Democratic Treasurer Maria Pappas announced that she would seek a third term. Pappas stressed that her experience and dedication to the voters of Cook County are reflected in the accomplishments she has made since being elected treasurer in 1998.

"We administer the second largest property tax system in the United States," stated Pappas. "Our Web site attracted nearly 6.4 million visits and we've established e-mail and automated phone systems. Taxpayers are now able to pay tax bills on-line or at banks for their convenience. At the same time we have cut our staff nearly 41 percent, saving Cook County taxpayers \$5.8 million. I'm proud of my record," she concluded.

Recently Governor Rod Blagojevich signed the "All Kids" plan into law, making Illinois the only state in the nation to provide comprehensive health insurance for every child in the state at rates parents can afford. House Bill 806, sponsored by State Senate President Emil Jones and House Speaker Michael J. Madigan, gives thousands of working and middle-

income families in Illinois access to affordable and comprehensive health coverage for their children.

Of the 253,000 children in Illinois without health insurance, approximately half come from families who earn too much to qualify for public programs like KidCare, but still cannot afford private health insurance premiums. In fact, most come from families with annual incomes between \$40,000 and \$80,000. The All Kids program will make comprehensive health insurance available to all uninsured children, with parents' paying affordable monthly premiums and co-payments that are based on income.

Soon, thousands of children in Illinois who have been living without access to regular preventative health care will finally be able to get the health care they need when they need it - from seeing a doctor, to getting prescription medicines, to visiting a dentist, and getting eyeglasses. All Kids benefits will go into effect starting July 1st, 2006.

Cook County Board of Review Commissioner Maureen Murphy will conduct an assessment appeal seminar on Thursday, Dec. 1, at the Evergreen Park Village Hall, 9418 S. Kedzie. Registration begins at 6:15 p.m. and the seminar begins promptly at 6:30 p.m. The seminar will show homeowners how to determine whether they are being over assessed, where to go to gather evidence for an appeal and how to obtain and fill out a complaint form. Commissioner Murphy wishes to remind taxpayers to bring their Tax Bill, Assessment Notice or Property Tax Identification Number (PIN) to the seminar so that the complaint form can be completed and turned in that night.

This seminar is sponsored by Evergreen Park Mayor James Sexton and State Representative James Brosnahan. For more information call the Board of Review at (312) 603-3644.

State Senator Christine Radogno (R-Lemont) tells All Points that a new law, which was signed last week, is designed to limit the availability of certain over-the-counter cold medicines which are purchased by out-of-town methamphetamine makers.

The new law will require pharmacies to keep cold medicines such as Sudafed and Tylenol Cold Severe Congestion behind pharmacy counters. It calls for anyone who wishes to purchase the medication to show photo identification and provide a signature documenting the date and the amount purchased. In addition, no more than two packages of medicine containing pseudoephedrine may be purchased at one time.

Senator Radogno noted that the legislation was modeled after an Oklahoma law that reduced methamphetamine labs by 80% within six months of its enactment. The new restrictions target individuals who manufacture the highly addictive drug, which is produced by using large quantities of the pills and household ingredients. The key ingredient, pseudoephedrine, is found in some versions of Sudafed and other medications. The new law will take effect Jan. 15, 2006.

All Secretary of State offices and facilities will be closed Thursday, Nov. 24th and Friday, Nov. 25th, for Thanksgiving, according to Secretary of State Jesse White.

Driver Services facilities outside of Cook County and also the Chicago West, Midlothian, Ford City, Diversey Express and Niles facilities, which are normally open Tuesday through Saturday, will resume business hours Saturday, Nov. 26th. All offices normally open Monday through Friday will reopen Monday, Nov. 28th.

Link Surplus Fire Equipment With Fire Departments Devastated By Hurricane

When Hurricane Katrina struck the Gulf Coast in late August, it destroyed or damaged nearly everything in its path, including many fire stations, fire trucks and other critical firefighting equipment. Realizing the hardship fire departments in the hurricane-ravaged states faced, the Office of the State Fire Marshal (OSFM) quickly began exploring ways to help fire departments in Louisiana and Mississippi that had lost virtually everything.

On Sept. 1st, OSFM issued a bulletin to all fire departments and fire protection districts in the state asking them to consider donating surplus equipment to departments in the Gulf Coast states. Fire departments from across the state quickly responded with offers of equipment ranging from turnout gear to fire trucks. OSFM compiled the offers into a list and forwarded it to the U.S. Dept. of Homeland Security, which sent the list to Louisiana and Mississippi. Fire departments wanting to receive donated equipment then contacted the donor departments directly.

"We already maintain a fire equipment exchange program for Illinois departments that helps link surplus equipment with departments in need. So it seemed like a natural extension of that to try to help link up Illinois surplus fire equipment with departments in desperate need in Louisiana and Mississippi," said State Fire Marshal Dave DeFrates. "We knew the Illinois fire services would be eager to help their fellow firefighters in need."

On Nov. 28th, a fire truck from the Hazel Crest Fire Dept. will head to Bogalusa, Louisiana, which also was hard-hit by Hurricane Katrina. OSFM and the Illinois Commerce Commission worked with the Canadian National Railroad to arrange free transportation of the truck to Louisiana.

OSFM started the Fire and Administrative Equipment Exchange Program in October 2003 to help connect surplus fire equipment with Illinois fire departments in need. Donating departments post surplus equipment ready for donation on the OSFM's web site at www.state.il.us/osfm. Departments can then check the site for needed equipment and contact the donor directly for more information. Since its inception, more than 50 fire departments have donated approximately 3,000 pieces of equipment to more than 40 fire departments.

New Law Further Restricts The Sale Of Meth Precursors

Attorney General Lisa Madigan recently announced that Senate Bill 273, the Methamphetamine Precursor Control Act (MPCA), has been signed into law and will help ensure that Illinois' restrictions on the sale of ingredients used to make methamphetamine are as tough as or tougher than those of surrounding states.

Madigan also announced that her office's MethNet Web site has been redesigned to provide easier access for Illinoisans to information about methamphetamine production, abuse, treatment and prevention. Madigan's new MethNet site features detailed information for retailers, consumers and law enforcement about the MPCA and what the latest changes mean to them.

Effective Jan. 15th, 2006, the MPCA makes pseudoephedrine (PSE) and ephedrine "schedule V controlled substances" — meaning they must be kept behind pharmacy counters. It requires that all single and multi-active ingredient products, tablets, liquids and gel caps be placed behind the pharmacy counter. Although customers wishing to purchase such products do not need a prescription, they must display a photo ID and sign a log.

"Signing of this legislation into law means that Illinois will never be a weak link in a chain of states working to put meth makers out of business," Madigan said. "It brings law enforcement and retailers together, in a united front, to make it harder for criminals to complete their shopping lists."

Madigan said her office redesigned its MethNet Web site to provide law enforcement authorities, retailers, consumers, farmers, community coalitions, journalists and others with information on methamphetamine in Illinois. MethNet provides basic information on meth production and abuse, laws and legislation relating to meth, and strategies for slowing the spread of meth — including law enforcement, treatment, prevention and child protection.

October Rainfall Data

Preliminary data for October shows that rainfall averaged 1.26 inches, 1.61 inches below normal.

"This below normal rainfall in October failed to relieve drought conditions across central and northern Illinois," said State Climatologist Jim Angel of the Illinois State Water Survey (ISWS), a division of the Illinois Dept. of Natural Resources (IDNR).

Rainfall since March averaged 19.69 inches statewide, 9.53 inches below normal. It was Illinois' fourth driest March-October since 1895 and the driest March-October on record in northeastern Illinois, which had only 15.79 inches, 12.65 inches below normal. Tuscola had the highest one-day precipitation total with 2.50 inches on Oct. 21st, and Windsor had the highest monthly total with 3.52 inches.

October temperatures averaged 55.5 degrees F statewide, 0.8 degrees above normal. October was the fifth consecutive month of temperatures above normal and the tenth warmest June-October on record. Extremes ranged from 92 degrees F at Hutsonville on Oct. 5th to 20 degrees F at Mt. Carroll on Oct. 28th.

"The National Weather Service's November outlook calls for an increased chance of temperatures above normal, but is noncommittal about precipitation. Their winter prediction also is noncommittal about precipitation and temperatures for Illinois. Last winter both temperatures and precipitation were above normal in Illinois by 3.3 degrees and 2.24 inches, respectively," says Angel.

SCORE Workshop

Attend a half-day work-shop on Thursday, Dec. 1st from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., offered by SCORE, Counselors to America's Small Business. Learn about buying a business or franchise and obtaining sources for loans. Patrick Moriarty, FRANNET, The Franchise Connection, will explain franchise myths, realities and regulations. Other speakers and SCORE presenters include experts in franchise law, acquisitions and finance. Attendees should be already in business or planning to start a business.

Register and pay the \$35 fee on line, www.scorechicago.org. Walk-in same day registration and pay at the door \$45. Space is limited. Call (312) 353-7724 any weekday morning with questions.

SCORE, a resource partner of the U.S. Small Business Administration, is located in the Citicorp Center, Suite 1250, 500 W. Madison St. in downtown Chicago. For more information, call (312) 353-7724 or visit the web site www.scorechicago.org.

Handling The Holidays: Suggestions For Less Stress

The reading for Nov. 27th in volume 39 of The Christophers' *Three Minutes A Day* book has some suggestions for dealing with the stress that comes to many of us during the holidays. Whether it is Thanksgiving, Christmas, Hanukkah or Kwanzaa, many of us get so caught up in trying to do too much or having expectations which are too high that we end up stressed out at some point.

One of the solutions for stress the reading suggests is to set aside time for prayer. For Thanksgiving, we can spend some quality prayer time thanking God and really thinking about each blessing in our lives. I get letters and notes from people who are hurting and who feel that their lives are empty, even hopeless. Each one reminds me that I must never take God's gifts for granted. Though I try to be thankful every day, Thanksgiving is a special time to ask God to bless others, whatever their needs.

Another suggestion for the holidays is to eliminate trying to be everywhere, especially if we are the kind that tries to "stop in" at two, three, or even more places, on the holiday. I talked to a young father who said he, his wife and two young children — three and five — used to visit her parents, his parents and his grandparents on Thanksgiving Day and Christmas Day. They would barely get to one stop before they'd be thinking about having to get to the next one. Without fail, sometime during the second visit, the children would have a meltdown and become tired and irritable. That led to everyone else reacting and the stress level went up for all around.

Last year, long before Thanksgiving, the couple decided that they would spread their visits out over a couple of days. They presented the plan to the parents and grandparents, promising that each year they would rotate the visit schedule so that there was balance. This new schedule lowered the stress level for all and allowed for real quality time with loved ones. The young man said that last year, under the new plan, was the best holiday season they ever enjoyed.

On the gift-giving holidays you can eliminate stress by shopping ahead. I worked with a lady who would have her Christmas shopping finished by Labor Day and her cards addressed and stamped by Thanksgiving. This is a lady who was the mother of five children and she and her husband had a very busy social life. Ask her how she did so much and stayed so calm she'd tell you "I plan and organize so that things don't get stressful!"

That *Three Minutes a Day* reading also reminds us that holidays are supposed to be happy times for being with family and friends. We can do this when we stop over-committing and trying to make our holiday an endurance test. We can enjoy ourselves more when we slow down, pace ourselves and say "No, I'm sorry, I can't be there" once in awhile. It will eliminate some of the disappointment that comes when our expectations of ourselves and others are too high.

Finally, tell your family and friends about your plans for a less stressful holiday. Chances are they've been thinking about it also and will welcome the discussion. Just talking about it could be the first step to having a truly happy holiday!

Christmastide Celebration

Trinity Christian College will host its annual Christmastide celebration on Saturday, Dec. 3rd in the Ozinga Chapel, 6601 W. College Dr. The event features two concerts by the wind, woodwind, flute and honors ensembles; brass quintet; and the Concert, Campus, Gospel and Honors Choirs. Performance times begin at 4 and 7:30 p.m. General admission tickets are \$10.

For more information, contact Pam Hittie at the college, (708) 239-4918.

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LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

COOK COUNTY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM
HOME INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM
EMERGENCY SHELTER GRANTS PROGRAM

PERFORMANCE HEARING

DATE: Wednesday, December 7, 2005

TIME: 6:00 p.m.

PLACE: Cook County Board Room
118 North Clark Street
County Building - Room 567
Chicago, IL 60602

PURPOSE: The Cook County Community Development Advisory Council will hold a Performance Hearing to review the progress and performance of program activities for the 2004 Community Development Block Grant Program, HOME Investment Partnerships Program and Emergency Shelter Grants Program for the 2004 Program Year (October 1, 2004 through September 30, 2005).

These programs do not include the City of Chicago.

Cook County Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report

The Cook County CAPER will be available for public review on December 2, 2005. Cook County will accept comments on the report from December 2 through December 16, 2005. The report can be viewed at the Cook County Department of Planning and Development, 69 West Washington, Suite 2900, Chicago, IL 60602 (312) 607-1000.

ENTERTAINMENT NEWS

Symphony Center Events

Symphony Center welcomes the holiday season with festive performances throughout November and December. The celebration begins on Friday, Nov. 25th at 3 p.m. when the Vienna Boys Choir presents a program of holiday favorites and popular folk songs at Symphony Center. On Tuesday, Dec. 6th at 8 p.m. and Wednesday, Dec. 7th at 8 p.m. Chanticleer returns for "Chanticleer Christmas" at Chicago's beautiful Fourth Presbyterian Church. The celebration culminates with the Chicago Symphony Orchestra and Chorus performances of *Welcome Yule!*, a beloved holiday tradition for countless Chicago families, from Dec. 16th to 23rd.

The Vienna Boys Choir make their annual "Day After Thanksgiving" appearance with a concert of holiday favorites, secular music and popular folk songs on Friday, Nov. 25th at 3 p.m. at Symphony Center. Tickets are \$27-\$58.

On Tuesday, Dec. 6th at 8 p.m. and Wednesday, Dec. 7th at 8 p.m. Chanticleer returns to Fourth Presbyterian Church in Chicago. During its 23-year history, Chanticleer has developed a remarkable reputation for its interpretation of various types of music, from Renaissance to jazz, from gospel to adventurous new compositions. This Grammy Award-winning, 12-voice ensemble, one of the world's foremost a cappella groups, has earned international renown as "an orchestra of voices." The group returns to Fourth Presbyterian Church for the sixth consecutive year, for concerts that have become some of the most anticipated performances of Chicago's holiday season. Tickets are \$30-\$50. Fourth Presbyterian Church is located at 126 E. Chestnut St. in Chicago.

Depression Era Glass Show & Sale

The 6th spectacular year at the Midwest Conference Center at Concord Plaza, 401 West Lake Street, Northlake, will find the 20-30-40 Glass society members and dealers hosting this renowned show.

The show and sale opens on Saturday, March 11th at 10 a.m. and closes at 5 p.m. On Sunday, March 12th, opening time is 11 a.m. with closing time at 4 p.m. Admission is \$7 per person and includes free parking and free shuttle service to the front door.

The show will feature the work of glass artists from the 1920's all the way up to the present. Art glass artist Charles Lotton will be displaying all the beauty and rarities of his trade, plus his glass also will be offered for sale to the general public. This will be a rare opportunity to acquire a wonderful piece of American contemporary art glass from the maker himself, which will enhance in value through the years.

Dick Spencer, author and dealer, will present his recent release, "Glass Animals, Second Edition" while Tom Smith, also an author and dealer, will present his new release "Early Fenton Rarities 1907-1938."

An extensive library of glass and pottery reference books, belonging to the 20-30-40 Society, plus glass identification by knowledgeable members has been and continues to be a tremendous favorite of visitors. You are invited to stump the society's experts if you dare.

Mary Lou's Crystal Repair will again be available. So, you may drop off your old treasures that need help and continue seeking new ones.

Throughout the two days, door prizes will be awarded to those visitors who register, so don't forget to register. You may be a lucky winner.

For show information, contact Neil Unger (847) 394-2491; send an e-mail to Glassclub@aol.com; or visit the website at www.20-30-40society.org.

Carraig Pub Hosts Musicians

The Carraig Pub at Gaelic Park, 6119 W. 147th St. in Oak Forest, offers specials every day including sandwiches, ribs, steak, shrimp, bottles and pints. On weekends enjoy the energetic and free entertainment beginning at 10 p.m. On Fridays hear Bluestack on Dec. 2nd. The Katie Sullivan Band on Dec. 9th, Jerry Eadie on Dec. 16th, and Joe McShane on Dec. 23rd. 3 Men in Kilts will be on hand Saturday, Dec. 3rd and 10th. Mulligan's Stew on Dec. 17th, and Raymond Gavigan on Dec. 30th.

On New Year's Eve come in for a free party including hors d'oeuvres, party favors and a midnight champagne toast. Bernie Glim & Country Roads will give a special performance. Visit Gaelic Park's web site at www.chicagogaelicpark.org for more information and complete list of specials or call (708) 687-9323.

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Symphony Center's ever-popular *Welcome Yule!* concerts run for eight performances from Friday, Dec. 16th to Friday, Dec. 23rd. The Chicago Symphony Orchestra and the Chicago Symphony Chorus, under the direction of conductor and *Welcome Yule!* creator Duain Wolfe, will present a program that features favorite holiday songs alongside new musical productions. The Orchestra and Chorus will be joined for these performances by the colorfully costumed *Welcome Yule!* Dance Ensemble and the *Welcome Yule!* Children's Ensemble, all in a festively decorated Orchestra Hall. This year, the concert includes a visit from the Christmas "Groutch," a lovable Scrooge who needs a dose of holiday spirit, and new musical works from Gary Fry, the composer who created *Welcome Yule's* original Christmas in Chicago carol.

A beloved tradition for countless Chicago-area families, the *Sara Lee Welcome Yule!* concerts bring joy to all ages. Other highlights of this year's *Welcome Yule!* concerts include the always-popular audience sing-along of favorite carols, plus appearances by holiday characters - including the man in the red suit - that are sure to delight young concert-goers. Prior to the start of each concert and during intermission, local community and school choirs will be on hand to perform holiday carols throughout the lobby spaces of Symphony Center. Tickets are \$14-\$79.

Tickets can be purchased by calling PhoneCharge at (312) 294-3000 or (800) 223-7114, or by visiting the box office at 220 S. Michigan Ave.

Beverly Art Center December Films

The following films will be shown at the Beverly Arts Center, 2407 W. 111th St., Chicago, in December. Screenings are at 7:30 p.m., Wednesdays. No movie Dec. 28. Admission is \$7 or \$5 for BAC members. For tickets or information, call 773-445-3838 or go online to www.beverlyartcenter.org.

"Proof" will be shown Wednesday, Dec. 7, 7:30 p.m. It is Rated: PG-13.

A poignant drama based on David Auburn's Pulitzer Prize-winning play, Gwyneth Paltrow lights up the screen as Catherine, a young woman who has given up a seemingly bright future in order to take care of her ailing father (Anthony Hopkins), a formerly brilliant mathematician who went crazy. After he dies, Catherine's closed-off world is invaded by Hal (Jake Gyllenhaal), a young mathematician who worshipped her father, and Claire (Hope Davis), her successful sister who fears that Catherine is too much like their father. Set in and around Chicago, "Proof" has a compelling score and plenty of outstanding acting.

"Intimate Stories" on Wednesday, Dec. 14, 7:30 p.m. is not rated.

In the otherworldly expanses of Southern Patagonia, day-break reaches the charming village of Fitz Roy with a few surprises. A popular game show televised out of the provincial capital has selected one of Fitz Roy's own as the next contestant to appear on its live telecast. On the other side of town, the proprietor of Fitz Roy's popular grocery store has just discovered that his long-lost friend has surfaced, alive and well in the capital. And, finally, Fitz Roy's favorite traveling salesman is on the verge of reaching the capital where the woman of his dreams awaits. Nothing is going to stop them all from reaching the capital, but getting there is no small task. Captivatingly simple, filled with gentle humor, rich with humanity.

"The World" is featured Wednesday, Dec. 21, 7:30 p.m. and is not rated.

"The World" is writer-director Jia Zhang Ke's first "above ground" film. Jia tells the story of people who come to the Chinese capital searching for a better life -- but they don't always find it. The World Park, a real theme park made up of small recreations of major world cities and landmarks, including the Egyptian Pyramids, Big Ben, Stonehenge, the World Trade Center, and, especially, the Eiffel Tower, is the setting for the stories and dreams for a group of Chinese provincials. By filming "The World" in the actual park, Jia reveals that the problems of his characters relate to the whole world, not just to China. A cultural clash between traditions and today's high-tech, fast paced world.

Afrofolk Live: Winter 2005

The Old Town School of Folk Music presents Afrofolk Live, a free concert series showcasing the music and culture of the African Diaspora, every Wednesday through Dec. 21st from 8:30 to 10:30 p.m. at the Old Town School of Folk Music, 4544 N. Lincoln Ave., and on Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 17th and 18th, 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. at the South Shore Cultural Center, 7059 S. South Shore Drive.

For more information about Afrofolk Live call (773) 728-6000 or log on to www.afrofolk.com. Afrofolk Live is made possible by the generous support of the Morse Foundation, the Joyce Foundation, the McArthur Foundation, the National Endowment for the Arts and Old Town School Members and patrons.

CLASS REUNIONS

Our Lady of Holy Mount class of 1951 is looking for classmates. Call (630) 739-7390.

St. Clare de Montefalco School class of 1971 is seeking alumni. Contact class1971reunion@yahoo.com.

Farragut High School, classes of 1952-1954, are looking for classmates. Call Carolee (Fotka) Michalek at (815) 407-1934.

Lourdes High School class of 1978 is looking for classmates. Call (708) 258-9096.

Incarnation Alumni are looking for graduates for an Alumni Directory. Call the school at (708) 385-6250 or e-mail to alum@incarnationcatholic.com.

Bloom High School class of 1939 seeks alumni. Call (708) 756-2315.

St. Rita High School - Reunion of graduating classes of 1985, 1990, 1995 and 2000 on Friday, Dec. 2nd from 6:30 to 10 p.m. in St. Rita's Dining Hall, 7740 S. Western Ave. RSVP by calling (773) 925-5029.

Perfect Wedding Tryouts

The Palos Village Players will hold try-outs for "A Perfect Wedding," a farce by Robin Hawdon, at 8 p.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 29 and Thursday, Dec. 1 at All Saints Lutheran Church, 13350 LaGrange Road in Orland Park. Park and enter at the rear of the church.

The play, which is directed by Lori Nussle of Palos Park, begins in the honeymoon suite of an upcoming wedding, where the groom awakens to find a strange woman in his bed. The best man, bride, a chambermaid, the bride's mother and the hotel manager get involved in the melee. There are lots of ins and outs, mistaken identities and slamming doors.

The cast consists of four women and three men. Auditions will consist of readings from the script and previous experience is not necessary. Production dates are Feb. 24 through March 4. Call (708) 448-5830 for further information.

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ENTERTAINMENT NEWS

Holiday Shows At Moraine Valley Paintings Of Ireland

The weather outside might be frightful, but it's warm and inviting inside Moraine Valley's Fine and Performing Arts Center, 9000 W. College Parkway, Palos Hills, where a December program of music and theater entertainment will help usher in the holidays.

First up is the Jazz Ensemble's Winter Concert in the Dorothy Menker Theater at 7:30 p.m., Thursday, Dec. 1. Warm up your winter evening with a fiery program of hard-driving and big band jazz. The cost is \$11 for adults and \$9 for students and senior citizens.

Come back to the Dorothy Menker Theater at 7:30 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 3, to enjoy "Merry Christmas Music!" performed by the Moraine Chorale and Chamber Singers. Seasonal harmonies will fill the air during this concert of traditional carols and exciting new arrangements of holiday favorites. The cost is \$11 for adults and \$9 for students and senior citizens.

The Concert Band's inaugural performance will be Sunday, Dec. 4, at 3 p.m. Join them in the John and Angeline Oremus Theater as they celebrate the winter season with classic holiday selections, marches, Broadway show tunes and much more. Admission is free.

The newly formed Moraine Valley Percussion Ensemble will perform its premiere concert in the John and Angeline Oremus Theater at 7:30 p.m., Thursday, Dec. 8. Audience members will be astounded at the range of music a percussion-only ensemble can perform during an evening of Ragtime, world music, holiday selections and much more. Admission is free.

Rounding out the college's holiday presentations is the Theater For Young Audiences production of "One Magical Christmas Eve" at 11 a.m. and 1 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 10, in the Dorothy Menker Theater. An original play with strong elements of "A Christmas Carol" and "The Gift of the Magi," the joyous story affirms the need for neighbors and friends and the importance of keeping the spirit of giving alive all year. This performance is partially funded by a grant from the Illinois Arts Council. The cost is \$6 for children and \$8 for adults.

For more information or to purchase tickets to any of the above-listed events, call the Moraine Valley Box Office at (708) 974-5500. Phone orders are subject to a \$1 per order handling fee.

Reflections On Art

Planning is underway for the 35th annual auction benefiting the Beverly Arts Center, 2407 W. 111th St., Chicago. Reflections on Art is the theme for the event, which will feature works that include mirrors, mirrored objects of art, and artwork with a reflective inspiration that are imaginatively enhanced or wholly created by area artists, craftsmen and designers.

Local artists who have already committed to creating works for the auction are Cathy Shepherd, Lorraine Simpson, Billi Traynor, Donna Somerville, Laurie Ach, Dale Vanderbloemen, Mary Lenzini, Penny Golden, Abra Macellaio, Joe Leamanczyk, Amy Kintner, Tim McCarthy, Victoria Sobczak, Cynthia Fielding, and Malvina Hazard, all of Beverly/Morgan Park. Students from Sutherland and Kellogg elementary schools will also create a piece of art. Tom Hill, Beverly Arts Center ceramics instructor and winner of Best 3-Dimensional Work in the Plaza Art Competition, will donate a mirrored teapot.

Artists or designers who can contribute items to the event, which will be held at the Beverly Arts Center on Saturday, February 18, 2006, should call Cyd Voss at 773-445-4272 to confirm participation and details. Donations of mirrors for the purpose of being transformed into artwork are also needed. All donated works must be at the Beverly Arts Center by Jan. 2. Drop off at reception desk or call Voss to arrange pick up.

The Auction Committee is also accepting donations of art, antiques, collectibles, furniture, and service and entertainment packages. For more information, call the Beverly Arts Center, 773-445-3838 and leave a message for Audrey Minervino, Acquisitions Chair.

The Beverly Arts Center Auction features silent and live auctions, and is the Center's major fund raiser. The Center is a not-for-profit, regional facility that provides fine arts programming and education for children through adults. Donations to the auction are tax deductible to the extent allowed by law. For more information, visit www.beverlyartscenter.org or call 773-445-3838.



Chicago Gaelic Park announced the return of Irish Artist Mary McSweeney to exhibit her work at Gaelic Park, 6119 W. 147th St., Oak Forest, on Dec. 10th and 11th. McSweeney's realistic paintings are acknowledged on both sides of the Atlantic as being authentically "Irish to the core" and are also published as signed and numbered limited edition prints. McSweeney is returning for her 12th annual exhibition at Gaelic Park with new additions to the collection "Ha'Penny Bridge," "Baillybunion Golf Course" and "Kilmore Abbey."

This two-day exhibition at Chicago Gaelic Park is open to the public on Saturday, Dec. 10th, from 3 to 9 p.m. and Sunday, Dec. 11th from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. For more information on the artist visit her website at www.marymcsweeney.com.

Radio City Christmas Spectacular

Back by popular demand, The Radio City Christmas Spectacular starring the World Famous Radio City Rockettes will make its triumphant return to the Rosemont Theatre, 5400 N. River Road, for 52 dazzling performances Nov. 25 through Dec. 24.

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Tickets range in price from \$24.50 to \$56.50 and are currently on sale at the Rosemont Theatre box office and at all Ticketmaster outlets. For more information or to order tickets, visit the Rosemont Theatre box office, call Ticketmaster at (312) 559-1212 or visit ticketmaster.com. Groups of 20 or more call (847) 891-8916.



Squares Spread Sunshine

Oh what fun it was for the Swing'n Sugar Squares Square Dance Club of Evergreen Park, to entertain the residents of Evergreen Healthcare Center, 10124 S. Kedzie, by square dancing for them on Halloween.

Pictured are some of those dancers who performed: (first row) June Goerg of Wheaton, Barb and John O'Connell of Plainfield, and Lucy Ernst of Eimhurst; (second row) Al Narkiewicz of Palos Hills, Hank Leenstra of Chicago, Hazei Conroyd of Tinley Park, Bill Winkler of Palos Heights, Bill Gary of Oak Lawn and Helen Hamilton of Chicago.

Recently the Club was among the many square dancers from the greater Chicago area who performed in the Grand Ball Room at Navy Pier, with Calier Rick Allison, the Silver Fox, of Oak Lawn.

Swing'n Sugar Squares, sponsored by Evergreen Park Recreation Department, has been enjoying its fall schedule of square dancing. Lessons started in September on Tuesday nights at Central Junior High School, 94th and Spaulding, Evergreen Park. Square dances are held each Thursday evening at the school, with Rick Allison, club caller, plus some guest callers. A canned foods drive, held in October for the Evergreen Park Food Pantry, was very successful.

For information about this lively club call Marvin Smith at (708) 424-9775, or at its website www.squaredancechicago.com.

A Christmas Festival

On Sunday, Dec. 11th at 3 p.m. the Southwest Symphony Orchestra performs *A Christmas Festival* at St. Julie Billiard Church, 7399 W. 159th St. in Tinley Park. The SSO combines with the Music Ministry of St. Julie Billiard Adults Choir, Bell Choir and Children's Choir, directed by Deanne Tumpich, along with the Oak Lawn Park District Voices of the Valley, directed by Alice Maguire, for its annual Christmas Concert. Some of the afternoon's selections include *A Musicological Journey Through the 12 Days of Christmas*, selections from the *Messiah*, *Concerto for Two Trumpets* by Manfredini, and our annual Christmas sing-along.

Concert ticket prices start at \$16 for seniors, \$20 for adults, \$5 for students, children under 12 are free. Tickets may be purchased in advance or at the door. This is usually a sold-out performance so we recommend ordering in advance by calling (708) 802-0686.

December Celtic Suppers

On Sundays in December attend the popular Celtic Suppers at Gaelic Park, 6119 W. 147th St. in Oak Forest, where John Dillon will arrive on Dec. 4th beginning at 4 p.m. The Celtic Suppers are the perfect meeting place for large groups. For only \$15 a buffet including soup, salad and a main entrée is served. Children are welcome; under 12 years old admission is \$8. You can also look forward to performances by Pat Daly & the Sounds of Green on Dec. 11th and Velvet Green on Dec. 18th. There will be no Celtic Supper on Dec. 25th.

Call Gaelic Park at (708) 687-9323 to reserve tickets or visit www.chicagogaelpark.org for more information.

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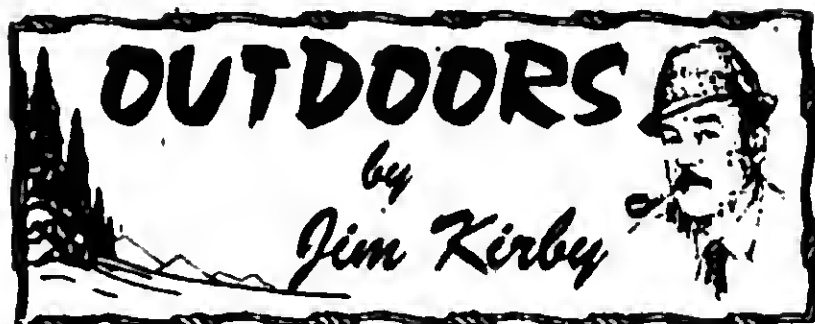
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SOUTHSIDE MUSKIE HAWKS: The Southside Muskie Hawks will have their 23rd Annual Seminar and Fundraiser this Sunday, Nov. 27th from noon to 5 p.m. at Marie's Ashton Place, 341 W. 75th St. in near-by Willowbrook, Illinois.

This is a great event featuring guest speakers, \$20,000 in raffle prizes that include fishing packages, guided fishing trips, fishing tackle, boating equipment, hunting equipment, and the "Grand Prize: Boat, Motor & Trailer Package," donated by Basa Marine in Bolingbrook, Illinois.

This is an opportunity to talk to Professional muskie guides on a one-on-one basis, pick their brains and get your questions answered. Tickets are only \$10 at the door, and food and beverages will be available at Marie's Ashton Place. For information, call (773) 617-9685 or (773) 581-8650.

■PALOS SPORTSMEN'S CLUB ANNUAL TURKEY SHOOT: The club is opened to the public for this special event. This is an opportunity to test your trapshooting skills against clay pigeon shooters of equal skill, and possibly take home a turkey. A great way for the family to enjoy a Sunday outing! The shooting hours are 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. The club is located at 24038 S. Harlem Ave., Frankfort, Illinois. Phone: (815) 469-4446.

NOTE: Make a day of it, take in the Palos Sportsmen's Club Turkey Shoot in the morning, and the Southside Muskie Hawks Fishing Club event in the afternoon!

■HUNTERS GETTING READY FOR DEER CAMPURGED TO LEAVE THE FIREWOOD AT HOME: State forest health officials want hunters to leave the firewood at home in favor of burning locally cut or purchased wood. Insects and diseases can damage or kill healthy trees and can hitch a ride on firewood, which could spread problems around the state.

Most people collect firewood from dead trees, and trees die from a variety of causes. Pests and diseases that kill trees often continue to live on the dead wood and could become the source of infestation in a new area.

Experts also advise against bringing firewood home from hunting trips. Especially if hunters have been traveling in areas that are known to have oak wilt or gypsy moth. And for those hunters who might be in search of Michigan deer, it's especially important to leave the firewood behind.

In Michigan, the emerald ash borer has killed millions of trees in the southeastern part of the state. It was recently found in the U.P. and now it is just a matter of time before it shows up in Wisconsin.

■HUNTERS IN WISCONSIN NEED TO WATCH FOR WOLVES AND ELK: People heading to hunt white-tailed deer in northern Wisconsin need to be aware that coyote hunting is closed in the north during the deer season to prevent the accidental shooting of wolves and that an elk herd continues to roam in the north central part of the state.

The coyote closed zone represents the Northern Deer Management Units and the Menominee Indian Reservation. The coyote closure extends through the firearm seasons that run through Dec. 7th.

There are currently about 113 elk in the Clam Lake elk herd. The elk are mostly located in northeastern Sawyer, southwestern Ashland and southeastern Bayfield Counties near the town of Clam Lake and there is also a small herd of elk located about 10 miles west of the village of Butternut.

Elk were released in the Clam Lake area in May of 1995. Since then, two cow elk were accidentally shot by deer hunters in 1995 and 2000. Elk calves, 5 to 6 months of age, are the same size as adult white-tailed deer. Distinguishing characteristics of elk: elk have dark brown necks, heads, and legs, have short tails and tan rump patches, and adults are 5 feet tall at the shoulder. Deer have long tails with their famous white underside, have a white throat patch and stand 3 to 3 1/2 feet tall. Male elk have large antlers that sweep back, buck deer have antlers that curve forward.

In addition to elk, hunters need to be aware that moose occasionally wander into the state from northern Minnesota and Michigan and a small population exists in northern Wisconsin. Although moose look very different than white-tailed deer, the antler of a yearling bull looks somewhat similar, normally, a large, horse-size, dark body, very long legs, and a large snout easily identifies a moose.

Even with very liberal antlerless deer seasons, hunters are reminded that not all large, brown four-legged animals are fair game. As with all hunting seasons, hunters are reminded to be absolutely sure of their target before pulling the trigger. Mistakes in identification can be very costly.

Hunters are asked to report sightings of wolves, elk and moose to the nearest DNR office. This helps determine the distribution of rare animals in the state.

Chicago Sports: Creating An American Team

The Chicago Public Library is proud to present a new exhibition entitled *Chicago Sports: Creating an American Team*, which traces the historical beginning and development of amateur sports in Chicago. This free exhibit is currently open to the public through August 2006 in the Special Collections Exhibit Hall on the 9th floor of the Harold Washington Library Center, 400 S. State St. Exhibition hours are Monday through Wednesday from 12 noon to 6 p.m.; Thursday through Saturday from 12 noon to 4 p.m.; closed on Sunday.

Largely drawn from artifacts, memorabilia, letters and photographs, this exhibit explores the growth of amateur sports in Chicago in eight themed sections: Parks, Ethnicity, Gender, Neighborhood Teams, Interscholastic Athletics, Race, Religion and Social Class. Each section represents a contributing factor to the vibrant athletic and sporting scene in Chicago.

As Chicago's population grew in the 19th century, the need for open park space and healthy forms of recreation for immigrant workers became important issues for industrial and city leaders. In 1882, the Pullman Palace Car Company started an athletic club as a means to socially control the leisure time of its workers. The various competitions offered by the company garnered widespread newspaper coverage and national publicity. Pullman's athletics programs soon became a model for industrial recreation programs throughout the United States.

By the turn of the century, the world of sport had become a unifying social force. Although many immigrants remained connected to their country's traditional forms of recreation through organized ethnic clubs, they were also learning American sports like baseball and football, as part of the assimilation process considered essential by social reformers. And as second-generation ethnic youths became increasingly more educated in public schools, they became more adapted to playing baseball, football and basketball.

By the onset of World War II, a pervasive interest in sports marked American society. Baseball, football and basketball were very popular and competition was recognized as a trademark of American culture. Some ethnic athletic clubs had evolved into professional sports teams in cities like Chicago, New York, Los Angeles, Boston, Philadelphia, Kansas City, Detroit and St. Louis. The intense rivalries that developed between these teams and their home cities spearheaded the growth of America's athletic culture.

For more information, call (312) 747-4300.

Moraine Valley Women's Basketball

Delwyn Jones, head coach of the Moraine Valley Cyclones women's basketball team, can't wait to see how the season will unfold for his team this year.

After co-winning the conference championship during the 2003-04 season, the lady Cyclones were stifled last year, posting a 10-22 record. This year, Jones expects his team will be able to recapture the magic from two years ago.

Leading the team this year will be co-captains sophomore Shannon Dugan (Mother McAuley) and freshman Laura Gaylord (Richards). Dugan, a 5'10" transfer from St. Xavier University, plays the small forward position. Her versatility on the court is matched by her good attitude and work ethic, her coach said. Dugan can drive to the basket with authority, commanding respect from the defense in the paint. Gaylord, who played her high school ball at Richards, is a fast, tenacious guard who brings aggressive play to both sides of the ball. At 5'7" she is an excellent scorer and very crafty under the hoop, Jones said.

Other contributors to the team this year are April Flowers, a 5'5" freshman guard from Eisenhower who played all four years of high school basketball. An outstanding defensive player, Flowers acts like a second coach on the floor and will be a double threat as her offensive confidence grows. Katie Golligly, a 5'11" forward from Mother McAuley, also has returned to Moraine Valley after playing for the Cyclones two years ago. Golligly is a flexible player with good defensive capabilities who can match up with point guards and centers extremely well. Kathleen Zulevic is a classic power forward from Mother McAuley, and at 6' can rebound better than most. Nadia Lopez, a returning 5'8" forward from George Washington, has stepped up her game considerably this year. She shows flashes in practice that lead her coach to believe she can be one of the best players on the team this year if she continues to work on her consistency. Rhiannon Howard, a first-year center from Lourdes, also will be a contributor. At 6'5" Howard excels at defending the middle, and her offensive rebounds help keep Moraine Valley in every game. Kelly McKinney, a 5'8" freshman guard from Oak Lawn, also shows a great amount of hustle on the court. Her style of play can be unorthodox, but it is effective in getting the job done for the Cyclones, according to Jones.

Rounding out the 2005-06 team are Joyce Harris, a 5'8" sophomore guard from Benjamin Mays; Schenia Jamison, a 5'5" freshman guard from Richards; Janice Crawford, a 5'7" freshman forward from Richards; Charvon Walker, a 6'2" freshman center from Thornton; Kim McGraw, a 5'7" freshman guard from Stagg; and Greta Bauzaite, a 6' freshman forward from Oak Lawn.

Sports Valve

By: Brad Allen

Happy Thanksgiving! The aroma of stuffing and spinach soufflé, etc., is wafting through the Sports Valve. That extra unusual smell you may be detecting was a last second dining choice I thought of this past Sunday - roast panther!

Professional Sports Valve: Yes, the Bears de-clawed the Panthers so badly that, by the end of the game, their vaunted QB, Jake Delhomme, looked as rattled as a lost girl scout in the middle of a dark forest full of angry, hungry Bears.

I've heard that if a Bear actually approaches you, here's the best way to survive:

Get on your knees.
Slowly bend over 'til your face touches the ground.
Put your arms over your head.
Remain motionless.

That's pretty much what Carolina's offensive line did all day long. Believe it or not, this ferocious Bears defense is yielding a per-game average of about one point less and thirty yards less than the legendary 1985 Bears.

So, on this Thanksgiving 2005, I give thanks for the Bears meteoric rise from 1-3 to 7-3.

In fact, none of the Chicago teams are playing like turkeys lately. I give thanks for the Bulls latest come-from-behind victory over the Lakers the other night as Duhon, Gordon and Hinrich decided to start raining 3's as our ex-coach's team saw his Lakers' 7 point lead evaporate. The win makes them 4-5 which, compared to last year's 0-9 start, is progress. Our big men, especially Sweetney, seem to be commanding a little more attention down low, which buys space for our perimeter players. Still, it will take a lot to spur the Bulls to victory when the circus trip rides through San Antonio this Friday.

Even the Blackhawks are giving us reason to give thanks in recent days. I know, some of you don't give a flying puck about hockey, but I do! It's the type of game that, if you ever tried to play it, you appreciate its difficulty. Lifting a cold, hard, heavy puck off slippery ice at 90+ MPH is just as hard as hitting a 90+ MPH fastball. Trying to fight on skates is even harder. I know! Anyway, the Hawks have actually managed to put together a nice streak even though, just like the Bulls, they have been exiled to the road by a bunch of clowns and elephants currently inhabiting the United Center.

I'm also thankful for Baseball's off-season. While the white Sox fight to hold their championship team together and keep the lighting from leaving the bottle, I as a Cub fan, have hope again. Sure! We're still a month away from Christmas, yet I'm already having visions of table setters Rafael Furcal and Juan Pierre dance through my head. The off-season is actually more important than the season. Last year, I knew that the Cubs were not eliminated in September; They eliminated themselves seven months before that with an idle off-season. Exit professional sports valve.

Amateur Sports Valve: The high school world is electric with the beginning of basketball season. Will Richards' guard Kodhammus Longbey keep following in the footsteps of his step-brother, NBA star, Dwayne Wade? Will Andrew's girls basketball team fulfill pre-season expectations and win the SW Suburban Red Conference? Keep track with our Prep Sports scores. One thing I do know is the long and short of it...

The tallest lady prep basketball player in the Chicagoland area is New Trier's 6'5" junior center, Amy Jaeschke. Her counterpart in boys basketball is Marian Central's senior center, Ryne Luecht who has reached an altitude of 7'1".

Conversely, the high school players with the ideal low center of gravity are as follows... Among the ladies, it's a tie. Both Alexis Knighten of Longwood and Arielle Santell of Schurz, stand in at 5'0" while, in boys basketball, Luther East's Doug Krop is flying under the radar at 5'6".

Sports Tip Valve: One good tip deserves another. Just like last week, this week's tip comes from Dr. Frank Vaught of Crestwood Chiropractic in Crestwood (708) 396-2500. Since this week's focus is on the curvature of the stomach, I'll direct this tip toward high school offensive linemen. You know who you are! You expect quite a lot out of that little jersey. It rides up to your ribs after every play and you gotta pull it back down each time. Off the field, you introduce yourself as a football star, but nobody recognizes you until you show people your belly button.

Now, you've blocked everybody out of the way to rake in your fifth helping of Thanksgiving dinner. However, remember that there is an amino acid called tryptophan, which seems to run wild in turkey, and it induces sleep. Back to Dr. Vaught's tip - Never sleep on your stomach! Gravity not only holds down buildings and oceans, it also pulls on your stomach and makes it even more curvular than it already is - if you sleep face down. So, unless you have aspirations of becoming a Sumo wrestler some day, stop snoring into the pillow at night. Sleep on your back. Exit valve!

Moraine Valley Soccer Team Plays International Tournament In Rotterdam

Moraine Valley's men's soccer team was able to kick up some Dutch dust in October.

Last January, the Moraine Valley Community College men's soccer team was invited to compete in the 2005 World Inter-University Championships, held in Rotterdam, Holland, from October 10-14. The tournament is organized by the International Student Football Federation (ISFF). As the first and only university or college from the United States to participate, the Moraine Valley team gladly accepted the invitation.

Bales, Skyway Conference Coach of the Year, also said that competing and playing only in the U.S. may give some American soccer programs an isolated view of how good their team may actually be.

"Our kids got to compete against some of the world's best at the university level, including some of their older players," Bales added. "Competitively speaking, it was about as challenging as we could make it. Being exposed to so many different styles and soccer cultures gives every student and team involved a better ability to adapt to changes and to discover different ways of beating opponents."

While there, the Moraine Valley group was able to meet and talk with players from all parts of the world—from Abakah, Siberia to Zaragoza, Spain—allowing the individuals and the teams to compare and discuss their lives both socially and athletically.

Saunders Leads No. 16 SXU Over Trinity Christian

Led by senior forward Jabari Saunders (Joliet/Joliet Township West) with game-highs of 24 points, 13 rebounds and 5 assists, the No. 16 ranked Saint Xavier University men's basketball team pulled out a thrilling 76-73 overtime road win over Trinity Christian College (Ill.) in non-conference action Wednesday in Palos Heights. With the victory, the Cougars improve to 2-1 this season, while the Trojans drop to 1-2 overall.

In addition to Saunders, freshman guard Jason Genova (Chicago/St. Patrick) also played well for SXU turning in 16 points and 4 rebounds, while junior guard James Hoffmann (Orland Park/Sandburg) finished with 10 points and 4 rebounds off the bench. Senior forward Lawrence Weller led Trinity Christian with 22 points and 12 rebounds.

The game stayed close throughout with neither establishing a comfortable lead. With 16 seconds remaining in the second half, TCC stole the inbound pass and scored the game-tying bucket to send the game to overtime, 68-68. In the extra period, the teams continued to trade baskets. With 30 seconds remaining and SXU clinging to a 1-point lead, the Cougars got a huge blocked shot and recovered the defensive rebound, which led to an immediate foul. After hitting its 2 free-throw attempts, SXU was able to hold in the final seconds to seal the 3-point victory, 76-73.

The experience was fulfilling for the members of the team, who were captivated by the beauty of the city, the friendliness of the population they encountered, the wonderful foods and the level of competition that the tournament provided.

For more information, call Josh Reinhart, sports information contact, at (708) 974-5742, or e-mail reinhart@morainevalley.edu.

Moraine Valley Fall Sports Teams

The Moraine Valley fall sports teams had another great successful season. Two Skyway Conference titles, participation in a national championship, qualifying for a second national competition, five all-region runners, 11 all-conference players, two all-state players, and two Skyway Conference Coaches of the Year.

The men's soccer team won the Skyway Conference title, sporting a 7-0 conference record for the season before losing to College of Lake County in the quarter-finals of the NJCAA Division II Region IV tournament. Two players from the men's team (Alex Duncan) and Jason Luebs, were selected all-conference, and Coach Chuck Bales also was selected as conference Coach of the Year.

The women's tennis team placed third in the NJCAA Division II Region IV tournament to qualify for the national championships, which will take place in Tucson, Arizona in the spring. The team also tied for third place in the Skyway Conference. Georgia Les, Carla Gunderson and Keiko Inoue received all-state honors.

Women's volleyball also had an exceptional year with four players selected all-conference: Kelly McKinney, Jessica Synowiecki and Natalie Wittington, first team; and Megan Zagata, second team. In addition, Coach Gloria Coughlin was selected as the Skyway Conference Coach of the Year.

The Cyclone cross country runners contributed to the college's athletic accomplishments as well, boasting five all-conference and all-Region IV runners: Kevin Deegan, Eric Schmidt, Anthony Kmetz, Nicki Hogan and Stephanie Sorn. The men's team placed second in conference and second in Region IV. The team and Hogan and Sorn then competed in the NJCAA Division I Championships at the University of Kansas, Lawrence, with the men's team finishing 22nd. The men were ranked among the top 25 teams nationally throughout the season.

The women's soccer team, headed by coach Jim Knawa, also made it to the semi-finals of the Division II Region IV tournament before losing to College of Lake County 1-6.

Robert Morris College Cross Country Team

The Robert Morris College Cross Country team finished third in both the NAIA Region VII and Chicagoland Collegiate Athletic Conference (CCAC) to finish the teams 2005 season. Troy Kuzma (Bremen '05) in his first season with the Eagles finished in 40th place (29:22) to help the team's improved standing. Senior Co-Capt. Paul Zavala (Argo) will represent the Maroon and Gold at the NAIA National Championship to be held Nov. 19th at E.P. Tom Sawyer State Park, Louisville, Kentucky. Runners David Brooks (Thorntown), Kent McGee (Thornton) and Bob Klosak (Lemont) round out the 2005 RMC team.

SXU Sports News

SXU Volleyball Lands Four All-CCAC Selections

The Saint Xavier University volleyball team had four of its student-athletes named to the 2005 All-Chicagoland Collegiate Athletic Conference (CCAC) Volleyball Team when the conference office released the honor Wednesday in Joliet, IL. Senior Carrie Mockovak (Burbank/Queen of Peace) and junior Jessica Buchmeier (Steger/Bloom Trail) were both named to the All-CCAC First Team, while sophomore Traci Looby (Orland Hills/Andrew) and junior Paige Pedigo (Chicago Ridge/Queen of Peace) earned second team honors.

Mockovak led SXU in total blocks this season with 142 (44 solos), while also finishing third on the team in kills with 307. Buchmeier paced the Saint Xavier offense this season with a team-high 459 kills in addition to her team-high 457. Looby was the Cougars' primary setter in 2005 totaling 1,098 set assists and led the team in service aces as well with 61. Pedigo finished second on the team in kills with 323.

SXU finished the 2005 season with a 21-19 overall record and finished in third place in the CCAC regular standings with a 7-2 mark. The Cougars fell in the first round of the CCAC Tournament with a loss to Illinois Institute of Technology (IIT).

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BOYS FOOTBALL

Saturday, 11-19-05

Normal Community 34, Hubbard 6
Morgan Park 18, Simeon 14
Maine South 30, Hinsdale Central 6
Lincoln Way East 14, Wh.-Warren South 7
Prospect 37, Belvidere 12
Mount Carmel 27, Edwardsville 7
Morris 33, Crystal Lake South 13

BOYS BASKETBALL

Monday, 11-21-05

Bloom Township 70, Bowen 21
Homewood-Flossmoor 69, Leo 45
Hillcrest 65, Sandburg 58
Marian Catholic 67, Phillips 62
Richards 61, Shepard 48
St. Laurence 51, Curie 49
Stagg 75, Willowbrook 61
Crete-Monee 75, Oak Forest 64
Andrew 43, Oak Lawn 33
De LaSalle 54, Minooka 44
St. Ignatius 63, Seton Academy 34
St. Rita 70, Kennedy 55
Bolingbrook 78, Joliet Catholic 41
Lockport 54, Romeoville 23
Plainfield Central 65, Providence Catholic 50
Dyett 83, Evergreen Park 72
Senn 71, Tinley Park 66 (OT)
Morgan Park Academy 68, Cristo Rey 45
Luther South 43, ACT Charter 24
Hinsdale Central 61, Argo 44
Hoffman Estates 60, Rich South 39
Nazareth Academy 37, Lemont 27
Chicago Int'l-Longwood 64, Rich East 57

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Tuesday 11-15-05

Thorntown 56, Joliet Township 46
Marian Catholic 59, Lincoln Way East 37
Reavis 66, Eisenhower 63 (2 OT's)
Richards 52, Thornridge 44
Oak Lawn 42, Queen of Peace 35
Chicago Christian 33, Shepard 30
Mount Assisi 55, Maria 43
Evergreen Park 39, Bloom Township 26
Lemont 46, Hinsdale South 36

Marist 72, Timothy Christian 34
Glenbard South 43, Argo 33

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Wednesday 11-16-05

Homewood-Flossmoor 59, Thornridge 38
Wheaton-St. Francis 60, Providence Catholic 55
Ag Science 45, Juarez 24
St. Francis de Sales 27, Seton Academy 24
Walther Lutheran 44, Bremen 40

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Thursday 11-17-05

Richards 42, St. Joseph 36
Kankakee 71, Eisenhower 54
Joliet Catholic Academy 71, Rich South 55
Morgan Park Academy 47, Illinois Lutheran 10
Mother McAuley 61, Shepard 42
Tinley Park 39, Reavis 27
Beecher 39, Mount Assisi 35
Thorntown 47, Oak Lawn 34
Andrew 68, Rich Central 45
Marist 71, Minooka 42
Rolling Meadows 51, Argo 34
Luther South 39, ACT Charter 8
Sandburg 54, Batavia 35
Lemont 35, Lockport 33
Crete-Monee 56, Stagg 52

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Saturday 11-19-05

Thorntown 53, Andrew 51
Oak Lawn 58, Rich Central 54
Marist 80, Argo 23
Lindblom 42, Luther South 40
Bartlett 61, Sandburg 56
Oak Forest 49, Reavis 30
Bradley 50, Bloom Township 45
Hillcrest 64, Joliet Catholic Academy 55
Chicago Christian 61, Rich South 49
Homewood-Flossmoor 60, Illiana Christian 36
Joliet Catholic Academy 82, Rich South 64
Richards 53, Evergreen Park 44
Kankakee 45, Thornton 37
Lincoln Way East 54, St. Joseph 52
Richards 45, Kankakee 42 (OT)

Evergreen Park 38, Thornton 29
St. Joseph 55, Eisenhower 27
Lincoln Way East 68, T.F. South 45
Stagg 49, Romeoville 27
Crete-Monee 48, Lemont 47
Oswego 55, Lockport 50
Tinley Park 57, T.F. North 44
Mount Assisi 43, Peotone 36
St. Ignatius 57, Gordon Tech 44

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Monday 11-21-05

Hillcrest 72, Chicago Christian 66
Bishop McNamara 58, Homewood-Flossmoor 25
Marist 83, Glenbard South 41
Minooka 43, Argo 31
Lockport 51, Romeoville 42
Lemont 37, Stagg 26
Oak Forest 64, Bloom Township 53
Bradley 50, Reavis 39
Morgan Pk Acad. 66, Chicago Int'l-Longwood 23
Beecher 46, Luther South 10
Bremen 40, Seton Academy 27
Tinley Park 49, Mount Assisi 35
T.F. North 56, Peotone 27
Providence Catholic 50, West Aurora 47

BOYS BOWLING

Tuesday, 11-15-05

Sandburg 1,927, Argo 1,620
Lincoln Way East 2,993, Minooka 2,849
Lincoln Way Central 2,762, Plainfield North 2,193

BOYS BOWLING

Thursday, 11-17-05

Sandburg 1,962, Andrew 1,954
Tinley Park 1,886, Bremen 1,835

GIRLS BOWLING

Monday, 11-21-05

Stagg 1,511, Oak Lawn 1,322
Evergreen Park 1,559 Hinsdale Central 1,399

GIRLS SWIMMING

Saturday, 11-19-05

Naperville 131, Nequa Valley 130

Dolphin Born At Brookfield Zoo

It's a girl! Tapeko, a 23-year-old Atlantic bottlenose dolphin at Brookfield Zoo's Seven Seas exhibit, gave birth to a female calf in the late afternoon on Nov. 3, following just over three hours of active labor. Tapeko showed signs earlier in the day that she would soon deliver her calf—in the morning she refused food, which is a typical indicator of impending labor. The approximately 30- to 35-pound, 3-foot-long calf appears healthy and strong.

Following the birth, staff observed several positive behaviors, including the calf resting in the "slip stream" of Tapeko's dorsal fin. The slip stream is the hydrodynamic wake made by the mother as she swims. The calf stays close to the mom's body, using her energy to glide through the water. In addition, the calf began nursing regularly soon after her birth.

For approximately two weeks, volunteers and staff will conduct observations of mother and calf around the clock, using Etho Trak, an electronic behavior monitoring program. This program was developed by a team of Brookfield Zoo computer programmers and biologists and is now used by other zoos around the country. Observers will be recording the slip-streaming behavior and nursing bouts. After the two weeks, observations will continue to collect data on the development and behavior of the calf, including its growth spurts and increased nursing efficiency, when it starts to eat fish, and when it becomes weaned and independent from Tapeko as well as the social dynamics of the family group.

Tapeko's pregnancy was confirmed this past January and had been closely monitored by the zoo's veterinary staff,

who conducted routine ultrasound exams throughout the 12-month gestation period. Due to the mutual trust and respect between trainers and animals, Tapeko voluntarily cooperated during these exams, thus allowing staff to provide her with the best possible care. DNA testing performed by staff in the zoo's Conservation Genetics Laboratory confirmed the father is Hastings. The calf is his first.

Like all mammals, dolphins have hair, but the few around the rostrum they are born with fall out for good after only a few months. Calves are born with a darker pigmentation in their skin than the adults. This top layer sloughs off shortly after birth. They also have several vertical, light-colored lines on their sides, a result of fetal folding. These lines disappear within six months.

Currently, visitors can see Tapeko and her calf in the Seven Seas underwater viewing gallery between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. daily. Dolphin presentations resumed on Saturday, Nov. 19. For now, the zoo's dolphins are residing in two groups. The first consists of all males—Lucky, 31; Hastings, 30; Kai, 11; and DJ, 9. The second group, which staff refer to as the "family group," includes Tapeko, her daughters Kaylee, 12, and Noelani, 2; and her grandson Micco, 4. Staff are managing the two groups in an effort to create a natural social environment for the calf and mother.

To support Brookfield Zoo's renowned dolphin research and Share the Care programs, call (708) 485-0263, ext. 341, or visit the zoo's Web site at www.BrookfieldZoo.org, where you can also find online dolphin activities. Additional information on the calf can also be found on the zoo's Web site.

Governor Signs All Kids Plan

Surrounded by elementary students and parents, lawmakers, health care providers and children's advocates at Nathan Hale School in Chicago, Governor Rod R. Blagojevich signed the landmark All Kids plan into law on Nov. 15th, making Illinois the only state in the nation to provide affordable, comprehensive health insurance for every child in the state. House Bill 806 won final legislative approval from the General Assembly in late October.

Parents can also sign up to receive All Kids enrollment information by going online to www.allkidscovered.com. Children enrolled in All Kids will begin enjoying benefits when the plan goes into effect on July 1, 2006.

The Governor's All Kids program offers children access to comprehensive health care, including doctor's visits, hospital stays, prescription drugs, vision care, dental care and medical devices like eyeglasses and asthma inhalers.

Participants in the new program will pay monthly premiums and co-payments for doctors' visits and prescriptions, but unlike private insurance that is too expensive for so many families, the rates for All Kids coverage will be based on a family's

income. The state is able to offer All Kids insurance coverage at much lower than market rates for middle-income families by leveraging the significant negotiating and buying power it already has through Medicaid.

The state will cover the difference between what parents contribute in monthly premiums and the actual cost of providing health care for each child, expected to be \$45 million in the first year, with savings generated by implementing a primary care case management model (PCCM) for participants in the state's FamilyCare and All Kids health care programs. Participants will choose a single primary physician who will manage their care by ensuring they get immunizations and other preventive health care services and avoid unnecessary emergency room visits and hospitalizations. Patients with chronic conditions like asthma or diabetes will have a single care manager to make sure they are getting the treatments and ongoing care they need to avoid acute care. Primary care physicians will make referrals to specialists for additional care or tests as needed.

More information about all Kids is available online at www.allkidscovered.com.

VFW Auxiliary Games Day

Hometown-Murray VFW Ladies Auxiliary Post #9773 is hosting a 'Games Day' on Sunday, Nov. 27, from 1 to 5 p.m. Play cards or bunco or bring your own game of choice. The fee of \$7 includes a deli luncheon, home made salads, and dessert table. Free draft beer and soft drinks, door prizes, raffle table, and special White Sox World Series souvenir raffle will also be available.

Tickets in advance or at the door. Gentlemen always welcome. For more information or tickets call (708) 422-9800. Proceeds will benefit veteran and community programs.

POLICE CALLS

On Nov. 17th, Braulio Lezman, 23 of Summit was arrested for driving under the influence after a traffic accident.

On Nov. 19th, Donald Cabay, 48, was arrested for driving under the influence. He was found asleep at the wheel by police at 95th and Pulaski.

On Nov. 20th, Frank Cation, 52, was arrested for possession at the Marathon Gas Station at 9300 S. Cicero.

On Nov. 20th, Police responded to a call at the Home Depot Store. The complainant reported the theft of her purse from her locker. The purse contained credit cards, driver's license, social security card, cell phone and \$100 cash.

On Nov. 21st, Police responded to a criminal damage to property call at 90th and Parkside where it was discovered that a private vehicle had a window smashed out.

On Nov. 21, Police responded to a call. Complainant said that someone shot out his car tires with a BB or air gun.

On Nov. 21, James S. Paine, 34, was arrested for criminal trespass to a residence. He was found outside of an apartment in the 9400 block of S. 51st Ave., at first it was reported that he was yelling outside of the apartment. When police answered the call, Paine was found in front of the open apartment door. When he was searched, police found lock picking tools in Paine's possession.

On Nov. 22nd, police responded to a call in the 102nd block of 52nd ave. A complainant reported that someone broke into his vehicle and took his book bag filled with gym clothes, a basketball, his jacket and some change.

On Nov. 22nd, Craig Williams of Chicago was arrested for criminal trespass to a vehicle. He was seen driving erratically in the parking lot of the Brunswick Zone Bowling Alley. When he turned out of the parking lot and onto 103rd street, he was stopped and arrested.

Seniors Meeting

The Worth Township Seniors' next general meeting will be on Friday, Dec. 2nd. This day is the Christmas Luncheon. The time is noon. Admission is by ticket only.

This meeting is held in the gym of the Worth Township Center, 11601 S. Pulaski in Alsip. For more information, call (708) 371-2900, ext. 28.

Advent Workshops

The Advent Workshop at Pilgrim Faith United Church of Christ, 9411 S. 51st Ave., will begin at 3 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 4th. All ages can make Christmas ornaments and crafts of their choosing, including the ever-popular gingerbread houses. The afternoon will end with a Christmas carol sing-along. A concession stand will be open during the craft time.

The church is handicapped accessible. Visitors are welcome.

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Needy Family Program

The Oak Lawn Chamber of Commerce and Oak Lawn Family Service are sponsoring a Holiday Needy Family Program this year.

The program is designed to help local residents and their families, currently experiencing financial hardship due to illness, unemployment, etc. by providing food, clothing, gift certificates and gifts. Your contribution will provide a bit of holiday happiness to many individuals and families. The following is a list of suggested donations:

Gift Certificates to Boston Market, Burger King, Dominick's, Home Depot, Jewel, K-Mart, Kohl's, McDonald's, Wal-Mart, Walgreens, movie theatres, local restaurants, as well as gas station cards.

Toys such as Barbie and other dolls, Legos, toy trucks and cars, videos (DVD & VHS), board games, stuffed animals, books, footballs, basketballs, soccer balls, superhero figures, crayons, markers and coloring books.

Food, toiletries and miscellaneous items, i.e. diapers, baby formula, baby food, shampoo, soap, toilet paper, toothpaste/toothbrushes, feminine hygiene products, deodorant, first aid supplies, laundry detergent, powdered milk, canned food, sheets, blankets, pillows and bath towels.

New and gently used items are welcome. However, please do not wrap gifts or make cash donations. The deadline for accepting donations is Friday, Dec. 16th. All items will be delivered to families between Dec. 19th and Dec. 21st.

Contributions may be delivered between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. to Oak Lawn Chamber of Commerce at 5314 W. 95th St., phone (708) 424-8300, or from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Oak Lawn Family Service at 9401 S. 53rd Court, phone (708) 423-3361.

Family Bank Scholarship Applications

Applications are now being accepted for a \$1,500 Family Bank and Trust Co. student scholarship at St. Laurence High School in Burbank.

The annual scholarship is based on academic standing and financial need, according to Marvin A. Siensa, chairman of the board and chief executive officer of the Palos Hills bank. "Once again we are extremely pleased to provide support to St. Laurence's high quality educational program," he said.

To be eligible, the student must be a resident of Burbank, Hickory Hills, Palos Hills, Palos Heights, Palos Park, Justice, Worth or Oak Lawn. The scholarship is available for the 2005-06 academic year.

For further information and an application, contact Charleen Crean, director of financial aid for St. Laurence High School, at (708) 458-6900, ext. 217.



Students Purchase Laptop For Ailing Classmate

Members of the Queen of Peace High School Class of 2006 were thrilled to see classmate Leticia Razo of Oak Lawn arrive for their junior prom. They were even more ecstatic to see her for the first two weeks of class in August. Since then, though, "Leti" has not been well enough to return due to leukemia.

The senior class wanted to do "something" for their friend and classmate, noted senior class council President Isabel Dimas of Chicago, and they knew that Razo had expressed an interest in keeping up with her homework, though she could not write as easily as she once had. Their hope was that through some kind of fundraiser, they could earn enough money to purchase a laptop for Razo, allowing her to keep up with assignments and graduate with her classmates.

After many ideas were considered, it was decided upon and approved to hold a pajama day; students who brought in \$2 could wear their pajamas to school instead of the regular uniform. On the pajama day, which was also the date of Razo's 18th birthday, the Peace Community wore necklaces created by the senior class with a picture of her on one side and a prayer written by her Christian Living class on the other side. The campaign was so successful, the senior class council raised over \$2,000. The day of the fundraiser, twenty-five students in the senior class visited Leti at her home with flowers, a blanket they made, a giant birthday card, and a homemade cherry pie.

After working out technical needs with Razo's family and with the help of Queen of Peace's Technology Department, the council has purchased the laptop and will be delivering it to her home.

Members of the senior class council at Queen of Peace High School show the laptop they purchased for their classmate, Leticia Razo.

Theresa Nugent And Andrea Morrone Earn GLVC Honors

Lewis University junior outside hitter Theresa Nugent (Oak Lawn/Queen of Peace H.S.) has been named to the All-Great Lakes Valley Conference volleyball second team for a second consecutive season, while Flyer sophomore setter, Andrea Morrone (Palos Park/Stagg H.S.) made the league's honorable-mention list.

Nugent led the Flyers and ranked ninth in the GLVC in kills per game (3.47) this season, and she also led the team in total kills (368), attack percentage among hitters (.242) and attack attempts (991). She averaged 1.97 digs and 0.61 blocks.

Nugent tallied 20 or more kills four times this year, including a career-high 23 against Hillsdale (career-high 60 attempts) and Indianapolis. She registered a career-best nine total blocks against Northern Kentucky, tying her career high for block solos (three) and block assists (six) in that match.

Morrone led Lewis and ranked 10th in the conference in service aces per game (0.39). She also led the Flyers in attack percentage (.257), was second on the squad in digs per game (3.81) and committed just six reception errors.

Morrone, who earned the second GLVC Player of the Week award of her career August 29th, posted career highs of 57 assists against Indianapolis, 28 digs against Southern Indiana, eight service aces against Indianapolis and seven total blocks against Central Oklahoma. She recorded 20 or more digs seven times, including a stretch when she reached that mark in three straight and four of five matches.

Lewis was 17-13 this year, winning at least 16 matches for a 6th consecutive season.

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Santa Claus is coming to town and the village of Oak Lawn is holding a party to celebrate! The Oak Lawn Special Events Commission is hosting the celebration on Saturday, Nov. 26th, from 3 to 5 p.m. on the Village Green. The activities begin with a mini-parade from the Police Department to the Gazebo beginning at 3 p.m.

Santa Claus will arrive with the parade and will be available for pictures and to hear children's requests. Don't forget to bring your camera!

The Hospitality Tent will feature face painters and Christmas caroling compliments of the Covington Choir. Cookies and cocoa will be served. The village Christmas tree will be lighted between 4:30 and 5 p.m.

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Thoughts On Health & Nutrition

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TOP TEN WAYS TO STAVE OFF WEIGHT GAIN ON THANKSGIVING DAY

It's Thanksgiving Day, you are reading one of the fourteen Southwest Messenger Newspapers, and the aroma of turkey and all its trimmings are around you. Soon you will "dive in" to one of your biggest dinners of the year. How can you cut the calories while still enjoying the splendors of the day?

Making a plan earlier in the week would have helped, but that is too late now. So you must improvise and take immediate action. Here are ten ways to help you out:

1. If it is still morning, go to the health club NOW (if it's open) or watch the parades while you are on the treadmill.

2. Walk or run the dog for a half hour.

3. At half-time of the football game, take a brisk walk. This is a perfect time to re-acquaint yourself with family or friends (or regain your composure with some quiet time).

4. If you are the chef, refer to one of my previous columns--which should be posted on your refrigerator--and cut portions and substitute lower calorie and fat products.

5. If this is not possible, and you are at "Aunt Mabel's," cut portions by a third.

6. Drink lots of water and several non-caloric beverages before putting any calories in front of you.

7. Choose wine over hard liquor, or request your mixed drink be made with your "favorite recipe" (while eliminating any discussion of your body fat) which includes a low cal beverage or juice as opposed to sugary mixes. You may want to "take over" as bartender to get what you are asking for.

8. Brush your teeth before going to the dinner table.

9. Write everything down that you have eaten after you get home and settled, and add up the calories. This may upset you enough to eat less over the weekend.

10. Double your time at aerobics tomorrow.

These are all tried and true suggestions from holidays past.

Good luck and have a blessed Thanksgiving!!

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Urge Longer Medicare D Selection Period

Amid confusion and frustration surrounding the new federal prescription drug benefit, Gov. Rod R. Blagojevich sent a letter to the Director of the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Dr. Mark McClellan, urging him to back a proposal that would extend the enrollment period for the Medicare Part D program by six months. Nearly 1.6 million Medicare beneficiaries in Illinois will have to choose a new plan from among 42 different Medicare prescription drug plans.

Recently, the federal government sent wrong information to about 30,000 senior citizens who participate in the state's Senior Care program telling them they would not need to choose a Medicare Part D plan because they would be automatically enrolled. However, Senior Care members are, in fact, required to sign up for additional assistance with the Social Security Administration in order to continue receiving the state's wrap-around coverage. Now tens of thousands of seniors are at risk of losing out on the new benefit because they don't understand that they need to sign up.

In addition, many people with Medicare who have employer coverage still have yet to hear from their employer on how Medicare prescription drug coverage will impact their current coverage. Even though the deadline for issuing the notice of creditable coverage was Nov. 15th, 2005, many seniors do not recall receiving this document and now must call their health benefits administrator to find out if their plan will continue.

The Medicare Informed Choice Act would extend the deadline for enrolling in the new drug benefit program to the end of 2006, instead of May 15th, and would allow beneficiaries to make a one-time change in plan enrollment during 2006. Under current rules, beneficiaries will have to pay a penalty if they enroll after May 15th, and are prohibited from switching plans until 2007. In addition, the legislation protects retirees from being dropped by their former employer's plan during the first year of the new program's implementation.

Auxiliary Plans Events

The Little Company of Mary Hospital Auxiliary and Foundation has planned several events by their members in coming months. On Dec. 12th & 13th, members will hold the South Bend Chocolate Sale at Little Company of Mary Hospital, 2800 W. 95th St. in Evergreen Park.

On April 6, 2006, the auxiliary will host Reflections Fashion Show at Giorgio's Banquets in Orland Park. And on February 4, 2006, the Auxiliary will host the Crystal Heart Ball at the Field Museum featuring, "Pompeii: Stories from an Eruption"

For more information about these upcoming events, call Anne Cullen, special events coordinator, at Little Company of Mary Hospital, (708) 229-5447.

Northwestern Hospital Appoints Director Of Breast Cancer

Nora Hansen, MD, a national leader in the field of breast cancer research and treatment, has been appointed the new director of the Lynn Sage Comprehensive Breast Center of Northwestern Memorial Hospital. Dr. Hansen, who will also be an associate professor of surgery at Northwestern's Feinberg School of Medicine, will have a crucial role in the development and growth of the Center, increasing the clinical research program, and transitioning the Center into Northwestern's new Prentice Women's Hospital.

Dr. Hansen's primary clinical focus is the management of both benign and malignant breast disease. She will be active in direct patient care, research and administration, with the goal of making the patient experience at the Lynn Sage Center as smooth as possible. She spent the last eight years at the John Wayne Cancer Institute in California, where she was associate director of the Joyce Eisenberg Keefe Breast Center.

Dr. Hansen said she was attracted by Northwestern's reputation as well as its commitment to its breast program, women's health and cancer care.

At the John Wayne Cancer Institute, Dr. Hansen was involved in several clinical trials including ones that focused on evaluating new techniques to reduce the extent of surgery, such as sentinel node biopsy and radiofrequency ablation of breast tumors. A less invasive but highly effective technique to search for cancer cells, the sentinel node biopsy is used to determine the stage of the patient's cancer by detecting if it has spread to nearby lymph nodes - without using radical surgery. The technique has become the standard of care for breast cancer patients and was pioneered at the breast center at John Wayne.

At the Lynn Sage Center, Dr. Hansen will support ongoing research into the causes and treatments of breast cancer and hopes to open up clinical trials to more patients. She is also a proponent of "translational research" where techniques or treatments picked up in the lab are used in the clinic. She says it "bridges the gap" between clinicians and the researchers.

Dr. Hansen also supports a focus on breast conservation. "If we can preserve a woman's breast, her sense of self stays more intact," says Dr. Hansen.

The multi-disciplinary approach at the Lynn Sage Center is also important, i.e. everyone involved in a patient's care - surgeon, radiologist, pathologist - communicates to develop the ideal course of treatment. "It really benefits the patients and provides them the best care possible," Dr. Hansen says. "That's why women should come to a breast center."

Dr. Hansen received her medical degree from New York Medical College in Valhalla, New York and went on to the University of Chicago, where she completed a general surgical residency program and a fellowship in surgical oncology. After completion of her training, Dr. Hansen spent a year on staff at Northwestern in the Dept. of Surgery before moving on to the John Wayne Cancer Institute in Santa Monica, Calif.

The Lynn Sage Comprehensive Breast Center of Northwestern Memorial Hospital affords women access to state-of-the-art clinical, diagnostic, rehabilitation and counseling services.

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF PROPOSED PROPERTY TAX LEVY FOR THE PRAIRIE TRAILS PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT

- I. A public hearing to approve a proposed property tax levy for the Prairie Trails Public Library District for 2005 will be held on December 1, 2005, at 7:00 p.m. at the Prairie Trails Public Library District, 8449 S. Moody, Burbank, Illinois.
- II. The corporate and special purpose property taxes extended or abated for 2004 were \$1,228,270. The proposed corporate and special purpose taxes to be levied for 2005 are \$1,289,684. This represents a 5% increase over the previous year.
- III. The property taxes extended for debt service and public building commission leases for 2004 were \$0. The estimated property taxes to be levied for debt service and public building commission leases for 2005 are \$0. This represents no change over the previous year.
- IV. The total property taxes extended or abated for 2005 were \$1,228,270. The estimated total property taxes to be levied for 2005 are \$1,289,684. This represents a 5% increase over the previous year.

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Tips For Getting Your Fireplace Ready

With cooler weather upon us, Hearth & Home Technologies, the nation's largest hearth manufacturer, urges homeowners to get their fireplace ready for the heating season. Through annual servicing of the fireplace by a professional and by taking a few proactive steps on their own, homeowners can ensure greater heating efficiency and safety, as well as prolong the life of the unit.

Many homeowners mistakenly believe their fireplace does not require any maintenance. The fact is all fireplace types from wood to gas to electric should undergo annual maintenance. For example, gas fireplaces need the fan, pilots and burners checked each year. And wood fireplaces require an inspection and chimney cleaning to remove creosote, which can build up and cause chimney fires. Homeowners should also check the chimney or vent before the season's first fire to see if birds or animals have built nests in it, or if leaves or other debris have accumulated. At a minimum, homeowners should also install a carbon-monoxide alarm in the same room as the fireplace and another one near the bedrooms.

Homeowners can handle much of the day-to-day maintenance. However, most tasks are better left to a professional. Here are some tips for getting the fireplace ready and keeping it in tip top shape this winter:

Wood Burning Fireplaces:

- Clean out the firebox at least every week when using the fireplace regularly, but leave an inch of ash in the bottom to act as insulation. Note: Never use a vacuum to clean out the firebox as coals can stay hot for several days after extinguishing a fire.
- Before removing ash, open the damper so that loose ash is drawn up the chimney rather than out into the room.
- Remove all ash during the months the fireplace is not in use.
- Burn only seasoned or hard wood in the fireplace. This will help minimize creosote buildup in the chimney. Burning small, controlled, hot fires rather than smoldering fires will also help keep creosote under control.

Gas Fireplaces

- Vacuum the firebox and heat exchanger regularly (only when the fireplace is cold, of course) to keep efficiency and air quality high.

- Consult a professional to clean the pilot assembly, purge trapped air from the gas supply line, and then test-fire the fireplace.
- Use only a soft brush to remove dust or spider webs from gas logs since they can be fragile. Make sure to position logs properly after cleaning to avoid sooting.
- Use glass cleaner made especially for gas fireplaces to clean the glass front - never use oven cleaner or abrasives.

Electric Fireplaces

- Clean the firebox and control compartment with a brush and vacuum.
- Never use glass cleaner to clean the back of the glass. Use only mild soap and water. Remove dust particles from glass by simply buffing lightly with a clean, dry cloth.
- Replace the light bulbs about every two or three years or when the flame and/or ember bed is dark on one side.
- Follow the manufacturer's instructions or consult a professional on cleaning the heater system to extend the fan's life.

Announce Landmark Immigrant Policy

Building on his commitment to integrate newcomers into the American mainstream, Gov. Rod R. Blagojevich recently signed the "New Americans Executive Order," a landmark initiative that will move Illinois towards better helping immigrants and their host communities by creating an office to coordinate policies and programs to help newcomers fully assimilate to the state, provide more and better services to the growing number of immigrants living in Illinois, and to study the impact of immigration policy on the state. The office will work with an advisory group comprised of national and state experts to analyze changes in federal immigration law and make specific recommendations on issues of citizenship, human services, healthcare and education, among others.

The new state policy, the first of its kind in the nation, will bring together key policymakers, state and local advocates for newcomers, funders, and many others to address how Illinois can better assist new Americans and the communities that receive them.

The state's new policy has won major support from leading foundations and national organizations focused on immigrant issues. In Chicago, a two-year, \$250,000 grant from the John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation is providing major support for this work. The Carnegie Corporation of New York also announced that it will be supporting this effort.

ABR Course Offered By RWSSC

The Illinois Association of REALTORS, in conjunction with the REALTOR Association of West/South Suburban Chicagoland, is offering a 3-day Accredited Buyer Representative (ABR) designation course beginning Monday, Dec. 5th at RWSSC's Oak Forest office, 14930 S. Cicero Ave.

The Accredited Buyer Representative (ABR) designation is the benchmark of excellence in buyer representation. This coveted designation is awarded to real estate practitioners by the Real Estate BUYER'S AGENT Council (REBAC) of the National Association of REALTORS who meet the specified educational and practical experience criteria.

The three-day course will be held from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Dec. 5th, 6th and 7th. The content of the course includes the theory and practice of agency, service delivery, marketing and promotion, negotiation and risk management and negotiating. Completing this 3-day course will also include 9 hours of state continuing education credit, 3 hours of CORE B and 6 hours of ELECTIVE credits!

The early bird rate of \$419 is available until Wednesday, Nov. 30th. The cost after Nov. 30th is \$474.

Applicants must be a member in good standing of the Real Estate Buyer's Agent Council and the National Association of REALTORS.

To register, visit www.RWSSC.com or call (630) 324-8400 for a registration form.

Deceptive Credit Card Practices

Attorney General Lisa Madigan has filed a lawsuit against a Florida-based company for allegedly using telephone solicitations to target consumers with poor credit histories and deceptively market its advance-fee credit cards.

According to consumer complaints received in the past three years by Madigan's Consumer Protection Division, the Better Business Bureau and the Federal Trade Commission (FTC), telemarketers hired by the company allegedly claimed during calls that consumers could restore their poor credit histories by obtaining and using the company's credit cards. While the telemarketers represented during calls that they would help consumers obtain a Visa or MasterCard for an advance fee of up to \$300, they allegedly failed to tell consumers that the credit cards could be used only to purchase products from the company's own catalog.

Madigan's lawsuit, filed on Nov. 10th in the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Illinois, names as a defendant National Assn. Credit Services, Inc., a Florida corporation doing business as Liberty Group Services. The company is not registered with the Illinois Secretary of State to transact business in Illinois. Madigan's Consumer Protection Division has received seven complaints against Liberty Group Services from consumers in Cook and Kane Counties.

The lawsuit charges Liberty Group Services with multiple violations of the FTC's Telemarketing Sales Rule, the Illinois Consumer Fraud and Deceptive Business Practices Act and the Illinois Credit Services Organization Act.

According to Madigan's lawsuit, Liberty Group Services charged consumers \$150 to \$300 for credit cards with limits ranging from \$2,500 to \$5,000. However, once the credit cards arrived, consumers realized the cards were not Visa or MasterCard credit cards and that the cards could only be used to purchase products from the company's own catalog.

In addition, consumers were allegedly told by telemarketers that they would receive gift certificates worth \$300, but later found out that before the gift certificates could be redeemed, the consumer had to pay a 42 percent down payment on the purchase. Finally, the company allegedly failed to disclose to consumers that if no purchases were made from the catalog for a three-month period, the company would charge the consumer a \$33 inactivity fee.

Madigan's lawsuit alleges that when consumers attempted to contact the defendant for refunds, the defendant refused to issue refunds.

The defendant also failed to register as a Credit Services Organization with the Secretary of State's office, failed to obtain the \$100,000 surety bond legally required if credit services companies are paid a fee in advance of full performance of services and failed to provide consumers with written disclosure statements or contracts.

Madigan's lawsuit asks the court to prohibit the defendant from offering for sale and selling credit cards or credit card services in Illinois and from further violating Illinois' consumer protection laws. The lawsuit also seeks a civil penalty of \$50,000 and additional penalties of \$50,000 for each violation found to have been committed with the intent to defraud. Additionally, the suit seeks \$10,000 per violation committed against a person 65 or older. Finally, Madigan's lawsuit asks the court to order the defendant to pay restitution to consumers.

'Umbrella For Peace'

Internationally known artist and sculptor Matt Lamb celebrated a message of love and peace at Moraine Valley on Nov. 5th as he brought his "Umbrella for Peace" project to the college campus in Palos Hills.

"Umbrellas for Peace" is a global art project that brings the ideas of love and peace to all people worldwide with the help of millions of children painting and decorating umbrellas. Children, ages 7 to 12, painted their own umbrellas and joined in a parade around the Moraine Valley Fine and Performing Arts Center.

Matt Lamb has worked tirelessly with children. Children and teenagers who have participated in this initiative have painted colorful umbrellas, freeing their creativity and spreading the message of world peace and love. On Sept. 11th, 2002, to commemorate the first anniversary of the 9-11 tragedy, "The Lamb Umbrellas for Peace" display, was exhibited at the Chicago Daley Center, and was followed by a parade with Chicago children that went through the downtown area. "The Lamb Umbrellas for Peace" exhibit/ activity is now making its

Young Lawyers Fundraiser

The Young Lawyers Division (YLD) of the Illinois State Bar Assn. (ISBA) will host its 8th Annual Holiday Party at Joe's Sports Bar, 940 W. Weed St. in Chicago, on Friday, Dec. 2nd from 6 to 10 p.m.

Tickets are \$35 and include an open bar and light buffet. Proceeds from the event will benefit the Illinois Bar Foundation /YLD Children's Assistance Program which, in part, provides children's books, toys and games for courthouse waiting rooms for children throughout Illinois.

Over the past seven years, the Young Lawyers Division holiday party has raised over \$100,000.

For tickets or more information, contact Gregg A. Garofalo at (312) 753-6000, or gregg@garofalolaw.com.

Museum Of Science And Industry

The following are Museum of Science and Industry 2005 temporary exhibits which will be extended into 2006:

"The Living Heart: Cardiovascular Images By Alexander Tsiaras" will be continuing through March 5, 2006.

This exhibit features the work of Alexander Tsiaras, an award-winning photojournalist and technologist, whose breakthrough visualizations of the human heart and vascular system are based on actual digital scans from MRI's, CT's and ultrasounds. Guests will experience more than 75 beautiful and scientifically faithful 3-D pictures and animations that offer information on cardiovascular health, disease and strategies for a heart-healthy life. This exhibit is included in general admission.

"Imagination To Illustration: The Art of Chris Van Allsburg" will be continuing through April 30, 2006.

View the detailed and stunningly vibrant illustrations of famed children's author and illustrator, Chris Van Allsburg. More than 20 of his works will be on display, including those from the blockbuster holiday hit, "Polar Express", as well as Jumanji, and his newest space adventure, Zathura, which opens in theaters on Dec. 21st. This exhibit is also included in general admission.



Thanksgiving Parade

Giant helium balloons and high-steppin' marching bands promise to be crowd favorites during the 72nd Annual State Street Thanksgiving Parade. Stepping off at 8:30 a.m., Thursday, Nov. 24, the parade will march north along the city's historic State Street from Congress Parkway to Randolph Street. More than 350,000 spectators are expected to line the route. For more information, call (312) 781-5681 or log onto www.chicagofestivals.org.

Veterans And Soldiers News

By Lori Taylor

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Navy Chief Petty Officer Robert A. Hammond, son of Carol and John Hammond of Midlothian, conducted strikes on a known Improvised Explosive Device (IED) production facility northeast of Baghdad during a scheduled deployment in support of the Global War on Terrorism while assigned to the aircraft carrier USS Theodore Roosevelt, home-ported in Norfolk, Virginia. Hammond is a 1990 graduate of Bremen High School in Midlothian and joined the Navy in July 1990.

Navy Seaman Recruit Erik A. Fiedler, son of Geraldine and James Fiedler of Chicago, recently completed U.S. Navy basic training at Recruit Training Command, Great Lakes. Fiedler is a 2003 graduate of Oak Lawn Community High School in Oak Lawn.

This week I received a letter from the Illinois USO...The Home Away From Home for our U.S. military. They said, take a moment to remember the brave men and women who are defending our freedom, and added:

As you welcome guests for a wonderful Thanksgiving dinner...A National Guardsman from Illinois will kiss her children good-bye at a USO supported Deployment Ceremony.

As you beautify your home with lights and decorations...A Coast Guardsman, in the middle of a 45-day tour protecting the Great Lakes will stop by for a warm cup of coffee at the USO Navy Pier.

As you shop for the perfect gift for everyone on your list...A young Sailor and his wife will wonder how they will afford a car seat for their new baby...and receive one from the USO Operation Car Seat Program

As you load the family in the car for a trip to visit Grandma...A Marine, on his way home from Iraq, will get stuck at the Airport as a snowstorm passes over Chicago and be welcomed by Volunteers at the O'Hare or Midway USO Centers.

As you celebrate the dawning of a new year...A family will cheer with pride as their daughter graduates from Recruit Training Command, Great Lakes...and then receive discounted and free tickets to area attractions as she enjoys liberty with her family.

The troops always count on the USO, and the USO counts on contributions from grateful Americans to carry out the services listed above. Many of you have probably benefited by the USO services. I know both of my sons were treated with thoughtful kindness when they were stranded and couldn't get home.

The address on the donation envelope I received is USO of Illinois, Inc., Navy Pier, 700 East Grand Avenue, #105, Chicago, IL 60611. Here are a few phone numbers: USO Navy Pier (312) 923-7070; USO Naval Station Great Lakes (847) 688-5591; USO O'Hare (773) 686-7396; and USO Midway (773) 582-5852.

The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs has decided not to review the cases of 72,000 veterans who are receiving disability payments for post-traumatic stress disorder. It is less than six months since a review found that some veterans' files had insufficient documentation. According to Secretary R. James Nicholson, the problems with these files appear to be administrative in nature, such as missing documents, and not fraud. Since there is no evidence of fraud, said Nicholson, they are not going to put the veterans through the anxiety of a widespread review of their disability claims. Joe Davis, a spokesman for the Veterans of Foreign Wars, called the move "a win for veterans everywhere."

Reportedly the VA planned to go back and review the cases of veterans who were already approved for 100 percent VA disability for post-traumatic stress disorder. Illinois Democratic Senators Barack Obama and Dick Durbin were pleased with the announcement as they have worked many months opposing the proposed review. Durbin said the decision is a victory for Illinois veterans. Obama said, "Since the day I heard about this wrong-headed, costly and unnecessary review, I have worked with Sen. Durbin and others in Congress to keep it from happening." Obama also said, "I'm encouraged that just before Veterans Day, the day when we call on all citizens to remember the sacrifices of those who fought to protect our freedom, the VA has decided to suspend it."

Adopting From China

Thousands of people successfully adopt healthy, beautiful children from China each year. If you are interested in learning more about adopting from China, attend Great Wall's free informative workshop on Monday, Nov. 28th at Brookfield Public Library, 3605 Grand Blvd., from 7 to 9 p.m. Attendees will receive a coupon for \$25 off the application fee.

China's eligibility requirements and the home study process will be discussed...and families who have recently adopted will be on hand to answer questions. Space is limited, so for reservations or additional meetings, call toll-free 1(888)GWFAMILY, locally (708) 485-2337, or visit online at GWCA.org.

Thoughts On Health & Nutrition

Prevent Meth Ingredient Sales In Illinois

Taking another major step to protect Illinois communities from a dangerous and highly addictive drug, Gov. Rod R. Blagojevich recently signed a new law further restricting the availability of the main ingredient used to make Methamphetamine, or meth. Senate Bill 273, initiated by Attorney General Lisa Madigan, places more controls on the sale of products like pseudoephedrine and ephedrine, commonly used in cold medicines, which are the essential ingredients in meth.

SB 273, the Methamphetamine Precursor Control Act, was sponsored by Rep. John Bradley (D-Marion) and Sen. William Haine (D-Alton). The new law makes pseudoephedrine and ephedrine Schedule V controlled substances, thereby requiring that all products containing those substances must be kept behind pharmacy counters or, if a convenience package, in locked cabinets. Customers who wish to purchase those products must be at least 18 years old and show photo identification, as well as sign a log with their name, address, the date and time of the transaction, and a product description. The logs will remain confidential, but must be kept for at least two years, and must be made available to law enforcement upon request.

Additionally, no more than 7,500 milligrams of pseudoephedrine or ephedrine may be purchased in a 30-day period, and no more than 2 packages of medicines containing pseudoephedrine or ephedrine may be purchased at one time.

Retail stores that sell these products will be required to train their employees about these new restrictions. Violation of these controls by a worker is a Class A misdemeanor for the first offense, a Class 4 felony for a second offense, and a Class 1 felony for a third or subsequent offense. The store or pharmacy itself would be subject to a \$500 fine on the first offense, a \$1,000 fine on the second offense within 3 years at the same location, and a \$5,000 fine for the third offense within 3 years at the same location. Customers who violate the act, including purchasing more than 2 packages at a time or more than 7500 milligrams in a month, are subject to a Class B misdemeanor for a first offense, a Class A misdemeanor on the second offense, and a Class 4 felony for a third or subsequent offense.

Meth is a powerful stimulant that affects the central nervous system, and is derived from ephedrine or pseudoephedrine, commonly used in cold medicine. Statistics show that meth is a growing problem in Illinois. In 1997, the Illinois State Police seized 24 meth labs. By 2004, that number increased substantially to 959. The drug has quickly become the most dangerous and perplexing problem for law enforcement, particularly in Central and Southern Illinois.

Toy Shower

The Celebration of Giving, which encompasses both Catholic Charities' Toy Shower and its Sponsor-a-Family Program, is a month-long effort to collect Christmas gifts for many of the children and families served by Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Chicago. The goal is to create a memorable holiday for the nearly 12,000 children served through the Toy Shower and the more than 500 families assisted through Sponsor-a-Family, families that are unable to afford buying Christmas gifts for their children.

Through the Toy Shower, new, unwrapped toys in their original packaging will be collected now through Dec. 12th for children newborn to 18 years old at any one of the nine drop-off locations. To get involved, contact Erin Kavanagh at (312) 655-7912.

In a similar manner, Sponsor-a-Family reaches out to families who are most in need, responding to their basic wishes for items such as clothing, household items, books or school supplies. To sponsor a family, contact Shannon McCowry at (312) 948-6797. The Sponsor-a-Family gift drop-off is from Dec. 3rd to 5th at the Catholic Charities Toy Room at 1033 W. Van Buren, 3rd floor, in Chicago.

For more information and drop-off locations, visit www.catholiccharities.net/celebration.

Human Rights Activist To Lecture At Lewis

Lewis University will host a lecture by Human Rights Activist Kathy Kelly on Thursday, Dec. 1st. Free and open to the public, Kelly's lecture entitled "Creative Nonviolence & the War in Iraq" will be held at 5 p.m. in Room A133 of the Academic Building located on the Lewis main campus on Route 53 in Romeoville.

Her lecture will offer a personal narrative punctuated with the events of the times. Kelly will share anecdotes about her Missouri missile silo experience, being at Ground Zero on 9/11, being in Haiti, working in a soup kitchen in Chicago, going to the Middle East, and spending time with women in prison.

Following Kelly's lecture, a panel discussion on civil disobedience will be presented by Lewis University students and an alumnus. Panelists include: sophomore Katrina Binaku of Downers Grove; freshman Michael Grzyb of Brookfield; senior Karl Kiessling of Carol Stream; senior Rachel Kovach of Naperville; sophomore Ashley LeGrand of Grafton, Wis.; senior Pamela Lira of Homer Glen; senior Tiffany Millar of New Lenox; junior Judy Mrgan of Chicago; senior Vanessa Nomura of Homer Glen; freshman Steven Purri of Lockport; senior Jessica Rauch of Tinley Park; senior Carolyn Valois of Tinley Park; and alumnus Steve Weierman of Lockport, a 2002 Lewis graduate. A question and answer session will follow the panel discussion.

For more information on the lecture, call (815) 836-5861.

Moraine Valley Aids Hurricane Relief

When Hurricane Katrina devastated the Gulf, Moraine Valley pledged to help those whose lives were uprooted by the intense storm. During the following two months, faculty, staff and students generously responded by donating \$6,594, which will be disbursed to the American Red Cross and the Salvation Army.

Donation buckets were placed around campus, and cash and checks made out to both of the relief agencies immediately started pouring in. The Sallie Mae Fund helped to increase the college's donation to the Red Cross by matching all checks worth \$25 or more made out to that relief agency.

Various student organizations and college departments hosted fundraising events including bake sales, a charity basketball game and a pumpkin decorating contest. Old Dominion University, a partner in Moraine Valley's Center for Advanced Learning, also collected \$481.

"I'm proud to be a part of this very caring and giving community that is Moraine Valley," said Dr. Vernon O. Crawley, college president. "It seems everyone on this campus has given of themselves to help those most in need. I thank them all for their generosity."



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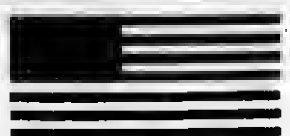
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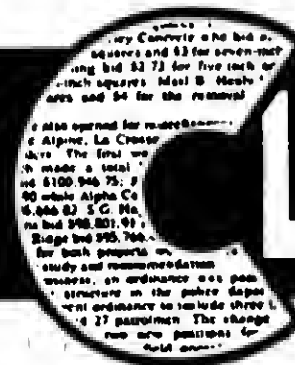
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REAL ESTATE**Houses For Sale**

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois, County Department — Chancery Division. Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Fremont Investment & Loan, or its successors or assigns, Plaintiff, vs. Mack A. Vopicka a/k/a Mack Vopicka, et al., Defendants. Case No. 05Ch-5264.

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on September 14, 2005, The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 a.m. on December 16, 2005, in its office at 33 N. Dearborn St., 10th Floor, Chicago, IL 60602-3100, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

Commonly known as: 9306 S. Sawyer Ave., Evergreen Park, IL 60805.

The real estate is improved with a brown brick single family two story with separate two car garage.

The judgment amount was \$191,225.32.

Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; the balance, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.

The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information.

For information: Visit our website at <http://service.ally-pierce.com>, between the hours of 3 and 5 pm only. PIERCE & ASSOCIATES, Plaintiff's Attorneys, Dne N. Dearborn St., Ste. 1300, Chicago, IL 60602, (312) 476-5500. Please refer to file number PA0502506.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois, County Department — Chancery Division. Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, as Trustee of Ameriquest Mortgage Securities, Inc., Asset Backed Pass-Through Certificates Series 2003-11 under the Pooling and Servicing Agreement dated as of 11/1/03, without recourse, Plaintiff, vs. Brenda J. Couch, et al., Defendants. No. 04Ch-19657.

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on March 17, 2005, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Friday, December 9, 2005, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 W. Madison St., Suite 718A, Chicago, IL, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described property:

Commonly known as: 8846 S. Pulaski Rd., Homewood, IL 60456.

The improvement on the property consists of a single family residence.

Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, by certified funds. No refunds.

The judgment amount was \$81,690.36.

The property will NOT be open for inspection.

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REAL ESTATE**Houses For Sale**

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois, County Department — Chancery Division. Wells Fargo Bank National Association, as Trustee for First Franklin Mortgage Loan Trust 2004-FH3 by: Saxon Mortgage Services, Inc., as its Attorney-in-Fact, Plaintiff, vs. Anthony Kidd, et al., Defendant. No. 05Ch-8036.

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on June 29, 2005, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Thursday, December 15, 2005, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 W. Madison St., Suite 718A, Chicago, IL, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described mortgaged real estate:

Commonly known as: 8101 S. Troy St., Chicago, IL 60652.

The improvement on the property consists of a single family residence.

Sale terms: Bidders must present, at the time of sale, a cashier's or certified check for 10% of the successful bid amount.

The balance of the successful bid shall be paid within 24 hours, by similar funds.

The property will NOT be open for inspection.

For information call Ms. Diane Thomas at Plaintiff's Attorney, Freedman, Anselmo, Lindberg & Rappe, LLC, 1807 W. Diehl Road, Naperville, IL 60563-1890. (877) 729-6734.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois, County Department — Chancery Division. Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. nominee for Homeq Servicing Corporation, Plaintiff, vs. Marc G. Hamilton, et al., Defendants. No. 04Ch-9845.

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on August 25, 2004, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Wednesday, December 21, 2005, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 W. Madison St., Suite 718A, Chicago, IL, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described mortgaged real estate:

Commonly known as: 15458 LeClaire Ave., Oak Forest, IL 60452.

The improvement on the property consists of a single family residence.

Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, by certified funds. No refunds.

The judgment amount was \$172,884.03.

The property will NOT be open for inspection.

For information call Mr. Ira T. Nevel at Plaintiff's Attorney, Law Offices of Ira T. Nevel, 175 N. Franklin St., Chicago, IL 60606. 312/357-1125.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois, County Department — Chancery Division. Regency Savings Bank, a United States Corporation, Plaintiff, vs. Arthur Dishman, et al., Defendants. No. 05Ch-6711.

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on June 29, 2005, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Tuesday, December 6, 2005, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 W. Madison St., Suite 718A, Chicago, IL, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following mortgaged real estate:

Commonly known as: 3453 W. 85th Pl., Chicago, IL 60652.

The improvement on the property consists of a single family residence consisting of a living room, dining room, kitchen, three bedrooms and two and one-half bathrooms along with an attached two car garage.

Sale terms: Bidders must present, at the time of sale, a cashier's or certified check for 10% of the successful bid amount.

The balance of the successful bid shall be paid within 24 hours, by similar funds.

The property will NOT be open for inspection.

For information Call: Mr. Francis J. Pendergast III at Plaintiff's Attorney, Law Offices of Crowley & Lamb, P.C., 350 North LaSalle Street, Chicago, IL 60610. (312) 670-6900.

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REAL ESTATE**Houses For Sale**

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois, County Department — Chancery Division. Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, as Trustee for Long Beach Mortgage Loan Trust 2002-4, Plaintiff, vs. Jean A. Johnstone, et al., Defendant. Case No. 04Ch-19267.

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of the above Court entered in the above entitled cause on April 20, 2005, The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 a.m. on December 9, 2005 in its office at 33 N. Dearborn St., Suite 1015, Chicago, IL 60602-3100, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

Commonly known as: 9230 S. Richmond St., Evergreen Park, IL.

The real estate is improved with a single family residence.

The judgment amount was \$192,357.34.

Sale Terms: The bid amount shall be paid in cash immediately by the highest and best bidder at the conclusion of the sale.

The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to plaintiff. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.

The property will NOT be open for inspection. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information.

For information contact Plaintiff's Attorney: Heaven, Scott, Beyers & Mihlar, 111 E. Main St., Suite 200, O'Carroll, IL 62525, (217) 422-1719 ext. 23.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois, County Department — Chancery Division. JP Morgan Chase Bank, as Trustee, on behalf of the Holders of the Truman Capital Mortgage Loan Trust 2004-2 Asset-Backed Certificates, Series 2004-2, Plaintiff, vs. Laurie Schoenecker, et al., Defendants. No. 05Ch-7541.

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on June 28, 2005, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Monday, December 12, 2005, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 W. Madison St., Suite 718A, Chicago, IL, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described mortgaged real estate:

Commonly known as: 10516 S. Kolmar, Oak Lawn, IL 60453.

The improvement on the property consists of a single family residence.

Sale terms: Bidders must present, at the time of sale, a cashier's or certified check for 10% of the successful bid amount.

The balance of the successful bid shall be paid within 24 hours, by similar funds.

The property will NOT be open for inspection.

For information call Mr. David C. Kluever at Plaintiff's Attorney, Kluever & Platt, L.L.C., 65 E. Wacker Place, Chicago, IL 60601. (312) 236-0077.

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Lipinski Calls For Long Range Solutions To Help Small Businesses

Congressman Dan Lipinski called on Congress on Nov. 16th to address broad challenges in health care costs, energy prices, and trade policy which are continuing to hamper small businesses in America. Congressman Lipinski spoke at a press conference held by Democratic members of the House Small Business Committee to release the latest measure of the Small Business Index (SBI), which reveals serious weaknesses in business conditions.

The SBI — now at an eight-year low after dropping two more points since June — incorporates 17 key economic measures, including health care costs, energy costs, unemployment, and the trade deficit.

"In order to have a vibrant economy we need our small businesses to grow and create new jobs," Congressman Lipinski said. "But this report shows the difficulties small businesses face in the current climate of high health care and energy costs, as well as unfair foreign trade practices. Congress must look for long-term solutions to these issues in order to produce a strong and vibrant small business economy."

Noting that one bright spot in the SBI report was the uptick in manufacturing orders, Congressman Lipinski nonetheless expressed concern about the future. "This manufacturing report is good news, but it may be an aberration. At a recent roundtable discussion I held in my district, small manufacturers expressed considerable apprehension about staying competitive and maintaining jobs because of the current business climate. We have lost hundreds of thousands of manufacturing jobs in recent years and the U.S. trade deficit is on track to reach a record level for 2005."

Price increases for petroleum and natural gas are putting a strain on businesses, just as they are hurting families. "Natural gas prices are expected to jump by 50 percent this winter, increasing costs for all small businesses, from the mom-and-pop grocery store needing to heat its building, to the energy-intensive small manufacturer facing skyrocketing production costs," Rep. Lipinski said.

"We need to produce a real energy plan, not a quick fix and giveaways to the oil industry," said Congressman Lipinski. "Our country needs to start investing in alternative and renewable sources of energy, increase energy efficiency, and move toward becoming more energy independent."

The high cost of health care is another issue facing businesses. Small business owners want to provide health care for their employees, Congressman Lipinski said, but with five straight years of substantial cost increases, they are finding it more and more difficult.

The Small Business Index for the Third Quarter of 2005 stands at 69.99, well below its all-time high of 108.89 reached in March 2000.

Mayor Bennett Chairs Regional Planning Board

The Regional Planning Board (RPB) has elected its first slate of officers to lead the organization, which was created by the State of Illinois to integrate planning for land use and transportation in the Chicago region. The RPB's service area covers Cook, DuPage, Kane, Kendall, Lake, McHenry and Will counties.

By unanimous vote, the board selected its executive committee, with Palos Hills Mayor Gerald Bennett as its chair. Also elected was a pair of vice chairs: City of Chicago Deputy Chief of Staff, Rita Athas and New Lenox Mayor Michael Smith. In addition, the RPB's executive committee includes at-large members Elliott Hartstein (Mayor of Buffalo Grove), Al Larson, (Mayor of Schaumburg) and Nigel Telman (partner in the Sidley Austin Brown Wood law firm).

Passed unanimously in the General Assembly, the Regional Planning Act was signed into law on August 8th by Governor Blagojevich. It calls for creation of the RPB, which is to oversee consolidation of two existing organizations: the Chicago Area Transportation Study (CATS) and the Northeastern Illinois Planning Commission (NIPC). CATS was created in 1955 as the federally designated metropolitan planning organization (MPO) for the region and NIPC was created by the General Assembly in 1957 to conduct comprehensive land-use planning and generate official forecasts of population and employment growth.

The RPB will coordinate regional transportation and land-use planning while identifying and promoting regional priorities. By combining CATS and NIPC into a single planning agency, the RPB will help northeastern Illinois protect natural resources and minimize traffic congestion as the seven-county region plans for the 21st Century and beyond.

Among its first tasks is to hire an executive director who will oversee its daily operations. The executive committee will begin that search process and define by-laws that will govern the board's operations. The organization will also address personnel and operational issues of merging the CATS and NIPC staffs.

In October, the RPB began a 36-month transition period that will lead to the board's becoming fully operational. In September 2006, the RPB will report to the Illinois General Assembly with recommendations on a permanent structure and funding for the board. A four-fifths majority vote is required for any action by the board. The executive committee officers will serve until September 2006, after which new elections will be held. The RPB's members are: **City of Chicago Appointments:** Rita Athas, deputy chief of staff, City of Chicago; Frank Beal, executive director, Metropolis 2020; Raul Raymundo, executive director, Resurrection Project; Andre Rice, president, Muller and Monroe Asset Management; and Nigel Telman, partner, Sidley Austin Brown & Wood law firm. **Cook County Appointments:** Gerald Bennett, mayor, Palos Hills, (Southwest Cook); Anthony Calderone, mayor, Forest Park (West Central Cook); Zenovia Evans, mayor, Riverdale (South Cook); Calvin Jordan, highway commissioner, Rich Township (Cook); Al Larson, mayor, Schaumburg (Northwest Cook). **Collar County Appointments:** Elliott Hartstein, mayor, Buffalo Grove (Lake); Dan Shea, McHenry County board member (McHenry); Michael Smith, mayor, New Lenox (Will); Rae Rupp Srch, former mayor, Villa Park (DuPage); and Joint appointment pending (Kane/Kendall). **Agency Representatives (non-voting members):** Stephen Schlickman, executive director, Regional Transportation Authority (CATS) and Ed Paesel, executive director, South Suburban Mayors and Managers Association (NIPC).

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Southwest Area Obituaries

James J. Johnson

Services were held on Wednesday, Nov. 16th, at Hickey Memorial Chapel, Midlothian, for U.S. Navy Veteran, and member of Midlothian VFW 2580 as well as Milton Mager American Legion Post 691. James J. Johnson, 58.

He is survived by his sisters, Karen (David) Dobesh and Janet Kay; and his brother, Gary (Beverly) Johnson.

Helen Ann Gorski

Mass was said on Saturday, Nov. 19th, at St. Fabian Church, Bridgeview, for Helen Ann Gorski, 85, wife of the late Eugene F. Gorski.

She is survived by her sons, Rev. Lawrence E. Gorski and Gregory P. Gorski; and sisters, Stephanie (Bruno) Sadzewicz and Florence Gaska.

John H. Hendon, Jr.

Mass was said on Wednesday, Nov. 23rd, at St. Damian Church, Oak Forest, for Vietnam Veteran, John H. Hendon, Jr., a member of Operating Engineers Union Local #399.

He is survived by his wife, Carole A.; and his mother, Helen.

Robert A. Jensen

Mass was said on Tuesday, Nov. 22nd, at St. Albert The Great Church, Burbank, for Robert A. Jensen, 58. He was a member of Operating Engineers Local, Chicago.

He is survived by his brother, John E. (Kathleen); and nieces and nephews.

Dennis J. Kane

Services were held on Wednesday, Nov. 23rd, at Kenny Brothers Funeral Home, Evergreen Park, for Veteran, Dennis J. Kane.

He is survived by his wife, Joyce; his children, Mark (Sharon) Anderson, Nancy

(David) Coffman, Lea (Art) Holl; seven grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

Alfred J. Martin, Sr.

Mass was said on Tuesday, Nov. 22nd, at St. Barnabas Church, Beverly, for WWII U.S. Army Corps Veteran, Alfred J. Martin, Sr., 92, husband of the late Julie M. "Jill" Martin.

He is survived by his children, Mary T. (David Repetty), Noreen "Noni", Alfred J., Jr., M.D., Fred (Sara Ellis), Bernadette "Bernie" (Bob Jensa) and Elizabeth Martin (Amer Halcem); 14 grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; his sister, Mary Marino; and his brother, George.

Charles F. Miller

Mass was said on Monday, Nov. 21st, at Our Lady of the Woods Church, Orland Park, for U.S. Navy Veteran, Charles F. Miller.

He is survived by his wife, Mary; his children, Cheryl (Ronald) Hardt, Craig F. (Barbara "Snow") Miller and Mark C. Miller; and five grandchildren.

Marilyn Moody

Mass was said on Monday, Nov. 21st, at Sacred Heart Church, Palos Hills, for Marilyn Moody.

She is survived by her sister, Marie "Mary" (Bob) Burke; and her brothers, Martin (Sandra), John (Jan) and Pat (Mary) Moody.

Frances M. Mosqueda

Mass was said on Tuesday, Nov. 22nd, at St. Damian Church, Oak Forest, for Frances M. Mosqueda.

She is survived by her husband, Jesus Mosqueda; her sons, Salvador (Marie), Fred (Karen) and Frank (Barbara Jean) Mosqueda; and seven grandchildren.

Marcella C. Radakowicz

Services were held on Tuesday, Nov. 22nd, at Christ Lutheran Church, Orland Park, for Marcella C. Radakowicz, wife of the late Frank.

She is survived by her sons, Kenneth and Kevin Radakowicz; and her brother, Richard (Bernice).

Francis P. McDonough

Mass was said on Tuesday, Nov. 22nd, at St. Linus Church, Oak Lawn, for Francis P. McDonough, 76.

He is survived by his wife, Marie; his daughter, Christine; sisters, Patricia Cronin, Anne Kingsbury, Cathrine Keefe, Eileen Whelan and Mary Ann Canavan; & brothers, Bernard and James.

Richard F. Nogal

Mass was said on Tuesday, Nov. 22nd, at St. Michael Church, Orland Park, for former Orland Park Trustee and former Acting Village President, Richard F. Nogal.

He is survived by his wife, Mary; his children, Richard J. (Kristine) Nogal, Garry R. (Deanna) Nogal and Alyce M. (Wade) Pozniombka; and three grandchildren.

Jeremiah T. O'Connor

Mass was said on Tuesday, Nov. 22nd, at St. Elizabeth Seton Church Orland Hills, for Service Veteran and retired Illinois State Police officer, Jeremiah T. O'Connor.

He is survived by his wife, Maureen; his son, James (Kelly) O'Connor; three grandchildren; and his brothers, John (Peg) and William (Kathy) O'Connor.

Agnes F. Okleshen

Mass was said on Monday, Nov. 21st, at Incarnation Church, Palos Heights, for Agnes F. Okleshen, wife of the late William F.

She is survived by her daughters, Barbara (William) Gulielmi and Rita (James) Berger; eight grandchildren; fifteen great-grandchildren; and sister, Stella Warrington.

Charles F. Coyle

Mass was said on Wednesday, Nov. 23rd, at St. Linus Church, for C & L Electrical Supply owner, Charles Coyle.

He is survived by his wife, Loretta; his children, Maureen (Kenneth) Budiseli, Denise (Lloyd) Carlson, Charles "Gerry" (Denise) Coyle, Mark Coyle, Kevin (Kathryn) Coyle and Gregory (Michelle) Coyle; and ten grandchildren.

Charles G. Fencil

Services were held on Wednesday, Nov. 23rd, at Brady-Gill Funeral Home, Tinley Park, for U.S. Army Air Force WWII Veteran, Charles G. "Chuck" Fencil, 79.

He is survived by his wife, Dorothy; his children, Sherry Carroll, Scott and Tracy (John) Harrington; and six grandchildren.

Rose Kovats

Services were held on Tuesday, Nov. 22nd, at Chapel Hill Gardens South Funeral Home, Oak Lawn, for Rose Kovats, 98, wife of the late Stephen.

She is survived by her children, William and Margaret Louise (Merle) Evenson; six grandchildren; and many great-grandchildren.

Dino A. Micheletto

Mass was said on Wednesday, Nov. 23rd, at St. Stephen Church, Tinley Park, for WWII U.S. Army Veteran, Dino A. Micheletto, 82.

He is survived by his wife, Norma; his sons, Dean (Carol), Gary and Rick; three grandchildren; and stepson John Stagliano.

Carroll DeYoung

Services were held on Tuesday, Nov. 22nd, at Lack & Sons Funeral Home, Hickory Hills, for longtime school districts 127 and 117 secretary, Carroll DeYoung, wife of the late Raymond.

She is survived by her children, Gregory (Sharon), Jeffrey (Angie), Bradley (Nancy) and Julie Witek; and eight grandchildren.

Edward And Marian Young Memorial Service

Edward and Marian Young of Midlothian, Memorial Service will be held on Sunday, Nov. 27th at 3 p.m. at St. Stephen Lutheran Church, 14700 Kildare in Midlothian (on 147th St. between Cicero and Pulaski on the south side of the street). Social hour and refreshments for the hour immediately following the service in the church hall.

Eddy passed away on Aug. 27, 2004 from complications from lung cancer and diabetes. Marian passed away suddenly on Aug. 9, 2005. Both funeral services and interments were held previously near their summer home near Milbank, South Dakota.

They were married on Oct. 2, 1955 in Wilmot, SD and moved to the Blue Island, IL area. They lived in Midlothian, IL for 43 years. Ed worked at and retired from the Midlothian Post Office in 1989. Marian worked at the White Castle and then the Jewel store in Blue Island. She retired in 1997. They had a summer place in South Dakota on the Big Stone Lake near Wilmot and a winter place in Tucson, AZ.

Survivors are one daughter, DeeAnn Spitzig and husband Paul, Grant Park, IL, and one son, Dale and wife Judy, Midlothian, IL; five grandchildren: Samantha and Emily Spitzig, and Eric, Jeremy and Sarah Young. Edward is survived by one sister, Georgetta Rediehs and husband, George, Burr Ridge, IL and one brother Gordon Young and wife, Doris, Atlanta, GA. Marian is survived by three sisters: Lorraine Jallen, Wasilla, Alaska, Virginia Coleman and husband, Pete, Orlando, FL, and Caroline Reil, Wilmot, SD, and one brother, LeRoy Gerdes, Great Falls, MT.

Please send no flowers. Memorials may be made to the American Heart Association in their memory.

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Funding Company Sued For False Advertising

Attorney General Lisa Madigan filed a lawsuit on Nov. 15th against a Maryland company that allegedly preyed on consumers with bad credit histories by advertising affordable payment plans for personal computers and plasma televisions but then charging far more in total payments than the actual retail price of the electronics. The company also allegedly refused to refund any payments or provide the product if a consumer defaulted or cancelled.

Madigan's Consumer Protection Division has received 15 complaints against the company from Illinois consumers in Champaign, Cook, DuPage and Rock Island Counties. In one case reported to Madigan's office, a consumer was allegedly charged \$2,773 when a comparable computer was available for \$949 from the manufacturer.

The lawsuit, filed in Sangamon County Circuit Court, charges BlueHippo Funding, LLC, a Maryland corporation, and Joseph Rensin, Chairman and CEO, with multiple violations of the Illinois Consumer Fraud and Deceptive Business Practices Act and the Illinois Retail Installment Sales Act.

BlueHippo allegedly solicited consumers by placing advertisements on the radio, television and Internet, including on cable television channel BET and Chicago radio station AM 1390. The advertisements proclaimed, "We don't make the products we finance - we just make them affordable" and "Computers \$35 per week."

Madigan's lawsuit claims that BlueHippo failed to disclose in its advertisements the actual sales price for the items, as well as the number, amount and due dates of payments. The omission of the number and amount of payments makes it difficult for consumers to comparison shop, Madigan said.

Consumers responded to the advertisements by calling a toll-free number. BlueHippo representatives then obtained a consumer's name, address, Social Security number, employment information and bank account information. Two to eight weeks after an order was placed, the consumer received a "Shipping Verification Form" in the mail. However, the form allegedly failed to meet the content and disclosure requirements of a retail installment contract as defined by the Illinois Retail Installment Sales Act.

Illinois Christian Singles

Illinois Christian Singles is a state sub-chapter of the largest and most successful nationwide Christian Singles group in America, the Christian Singles Information Exchange, which is on its 16th continuous year of business.

Now, instead of paying money for memberships, Illinois singles can earn up to 200 credits (equal to \$200) by doing volunteer work in their own community.

Single persons interested in joining Illinois Christian Singles must still meet the eligibility requirements, but money is no longer an issue. Both the limited and full membership can be earned entirely by doing public service work, receiving five credits for each hour of work.

Anything from picking up trash along a highway, to babysitting at church, to helping out in a not-for-profit hospital, school or library will work. Even doing volunteer work for a nonprofit Pro-Life group or a local soup kitchen can be converted into membership credits, which are accepted as equivalent to money.

Membership in Illinois Christian Singles ranges from \$25 for a limited membership to \$200 for a full membership, or \$525 for an unlimited membership. All memberships are paid once and are good until married. Furthermore, there is a substantial discount for teens and seniors.

Being able to join without having to pay any membership fees has already been welcomed by young and old alike, particularly by single moms, and by retired seniors living on fixed incomes.

To be eligible to join Illinois Christian Singles, one must be a person who:

1. is a marriage-minded single,
2. is at least 16 years old (no upper age limit),
3. is considered eligible for marriage in his or her own church and by civil laws (previously married members of religions denominations that require an annulment prior to remarriage, must have their annulment prior to joining),
4. believes in the basic Christian principles concerning marriage and family,
5. believes in a lifelong commitment to marriage,
6. believes in no sex outside of marriage,
7. shares a respect for all human beings from conception to natural death,
8. agrees to treat all other members in a courteous manner.

Illinois Christian Singles is dedicated to increasing the likelihood of successful marriages and decreasing the likelihood of divorce and troubled marriages in Illinois and America.

All memberships are guaranteed to work or your membership year is entirely free.

To contact Illinois Christian Singles, call 1(800) 869-2500 or visit the web site at www.christiansingles.org, then click on the "Illinois Christian Singles" link. Once on the Illinois page, go to "Volunteer Credit Method-C" and print the form to get started.

After the initial phone conversation, BlueHippo allegedly charged a set-up fee, a one-time payment, and then required 13 consecutive weekly payments to be debited from the consumer's bank accounts prior to shipping the merchandise. In the event that an electronics fund transfer failed because of insufficient funds in a customer's bank account, BlueHippo allegedly placed the customer in default of the contract and claimed that all previous payments were non-refundable. Madigan's lawsuit alleges that this practice amounts to a delinquency charge in excess of the amount allowed by Illinois law.

In addition, several customers who realized the actual cost and wanted to cancel their orders before they received delivery of the product were told they could not receive any money back because all payments were non-refundable.

In one complaint received by Madigan's office, a consumer allegedly paid \$391.98 in weekly payments and cancelled the order but still has not received a refund. Madigan's lawsuit alleges that because BlueHippo did not provide customers with a copy of the retail installment contract conforming to the requirements of the law, a customer who has not yet received the product has the right to cancel and receive a full refund of payments.

Madigan's lawsuit asks the court to prohibit the defendants from advertising, marketing, selling and financing personal computers and plasma televisions in Illinois. The lawsuit also seeks a civil penalty of \$50,000 and additional penalties of \$50,000 for each violation found to have been committed with the intent to defraud. Additionally, the suit seeks \$10,000 per violation committed against a person 65 or older. Finally, Madigan's lawsuit asks the court to order the defendants to pay restitution to consumers.

Deputy Presents Sheriff With Military Appreciation Medal



Cook County Sheriff Michael F. Sheahan (right) was presented with a National Guard Medal of Appreciation from Deputy Sheriff Jarrett Hunt, who recently returned from active duty.

The Cook County Sheriff's Office has more than 60 employees in the military reserves who have been activated since September, 2001. The medal was presented by the Army National Guard to thank the Sheriff for the support shown to these employees, and their families, during their various deployments.

Fundraiser For Y-ME

The My Charmed Life® (MCL) online shopping benefit for Y-ME Illinois ends Dec. 16. For each customer using promotional code "Y-ME" during check-out, MCL will donate a portion of the order total to Y-ME Illinois.

MCL has more than 1,400 .925 silver charms, including a pink enamel ribbon symbolizing breast cancer awareness, in its collection. Other My Charmed Life products include: bracelets, necklaces, handmade lamp-work glass beads, charm purses, and officially licensed Greek charms.

MCL donated more than 2,000 pink enamel ribbons, sterling silver charms to the 25th annual Y-ME Fashion Show and Luncheon. The event raised money for Y-ME Illinois programs.

My Charmed Life®, a division of LGZ, Inc., is a three-year-old, Chicago-based online boutique of quality sterling silver charms, and jewelry. MCL recently added select 14-karat gold charms to its collection. In addition to charms, the company specializes in sterling silver cake pulls for weddings, bridal showers, and other special events. To view the entire My Charmed Life collection, visit www.mycharmedlife.com.

Celebration For All Ages

A 15-foot poinsettia tree will be on display as part of a celebration at Trinity Christian College on Saturday, Dec. 10 from 1 to 4 p.m. The annual "Tea Around the Tree" event will feature Christmas treats, music from the season, cookie decorating, face painting, and Christmas storytelling in the Grand Lobby of the Ozinga Chapel, 6601 W. College Dr. in Palos Heights. It will also serve as an open house for members of the community to view the college during the holiday season. All are welcome; admission is free.

For more information, contact Pam Hittie, Trinity Christian College, (708) 293-4918.

Courts Consider 'Best Interests Of Child'

Child custody is one of the biggest challenges divorcing parents face. In addition to dealing with their own anguish over the dissolution of the marriage, parents must cope with the impact on their children and the even greater challenge dealing with parenting issues, including custody.

Understanding how the legal system and courts work can help ease the pain for all involved, according to the presidents of the Illinois Judges Assn. (IJA) and the Illinois State Bar Assn. (ISBA).

Judge James M. Wexsten of Mount Vernon, a judge in the 2nd Judicial Circuit and president of the IJA, has spent his entire career helping abused and neglected children. He is the founder of the steering committee which established the Southern Thirty Adolescent Center, an emergency shelter for abused and neglected children, and is a past president and past member of the board of directors of Prevent Child Abuse Illinois.

ISBA President Robert K. Downs, a Chicago attorney who has practiced family law for 25 years with his wife and law partner Barbara, estimates he has represented more than 4,000 families in divorce and child custody matters.

Both agree that the primary consideration for all involved should be based on the "best interests of the child," but Downs says that "trying to get there can be a very difficult task."

While a judge's job is to apply and interpret the law, the attorney's role is to represent the client to the best of his or her ability.

During his years in private practice, Downs has observed that divorcing parents frequently try to "win" custody by proving they are the best parent. "The real secret to success in custody cases is to approach the case from the child's point of view; that is, which parent will best address the child's needs," he states.

Judge Wexsten and Downs note other factors with regards to custody and visitation:

- Only judges, not juries, handle divorce and family disputes. Furthermore, the judge is not an advisor but a decision-maker who often helps resolve custody matters through settlement conferences and mediation.
- In certain instances, the judge may appoint a licensed attorney as a type of guardian in the courtroom to represent the child's interests.
- Joint custody doesn't necessarily mean that the children physically spend equal time with each parent. Joint custody refers more often to sharing parenting responsibility and participation, not just parenting time.
- Unrestricted visitation is the rule, not the exception. Only when the child would be put at risk by a non-custodial parent's behavior would visitation be restricted or supervised.
- The non-custodial parent sometimes spends alternate weekends and a mid-week evening, split holidays and vacation time with the children. Extracurricular activities of the children cannot be a reason to prevent visitation but certainly should be given consideration by the parents.

Downs says that the ISBA and IJA are taking steps to elevate the court's role in family law, as well as overall professionalism issues. There are multiple ISBA task forces in place, which are drafting new legislation in the areas of custody, parentage, child support, professionalism and other issues.



Topinka Was Guest Speaker

Illinois State Treasurer Judy Baar Topinka is pictured with Alderman Burton Natarus at the Streeterville Chamber of Commerce Annual October Fall Luncheon held at the Hancock Building in downtown Chicago. Topinka was a guest speaker at the event. She discussed the State Treasurer's Economic Program called STEP which provides Illinois companies with access to affordable capital to expand their operations and create or retain jobs in the state. "STEP was created to encourage and promote economic development and expansion of businesses in Illinois," said Topinka. The first step to see if one's company qualifies is to contact Topinka's office at (312) 814-1700 for further information.

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Moraine Valley's Own Bring Aid

They listened, rescued and healed. "They" are the Moraine Valley staff and adjunct faculty who voluntarily assisted with relief efforts in the hurricane-ravaged Gulf. Maureen Farrell, director of Academic Outreach, spent two weeks navigating miles of Louisiana roads, while Fire Science adjunct faculty members Andy Hufnagl and Dave Fuerst were stationed in hard-hit southwest Mississippi, and Dave Haywood traveled to New Orleans for two weeks of challenging, clean-up work.

In the days following Katrina's landfall, Farrell, a nurse of 31 years, decided she wanted to help, so she volunteered her services to the American Red Cross. After an intensive two-day training, she was sent to Louisiana for two weeks where she visited evacuation shelters across the state and checked on the health of the volunteers. "They worked 12-hour days, and some didn't take very good care of themselves because they were so focused on helping the evacuees," said Farrell, who took sick people to the hospital, tended to black widow spider bites and cared for a broken toe. "But their never-ending spirit and compassion were my inspiration."

In addition to monitoring the volunteers' health, she also walked around the facilities to see if the kitchens & bathrooms were clean, or if the electric wiring was covered. "Basically, I made sure the environments were livable," she said.

Traveling from city to city gave Farrell real insight as to how much damage the hurricanes inflicted. "Katrina brought the water problems, and Rita brought the wind damage. I saw everything from a house with no roof to a huge casino boat totally ripped to shreds. Absolutely nothing was left untouched by these powerful storms."

Alsip firefighters Andy Hufnagl and Dave Fuerst agreed that nobody could have prepared for a disaster of this size. "Blocks and blocks of houses were totally gone," said Hufnagl. "We stood at least six blocks in from the coast and saw the ocean because nothing was

left standing to block our view. Imagine everything you know being gone: stores, restaurants, jobs, houses. Even the street signs were wiped out. People gave us directions using landmarks like 'turn left at the huge barge in the road'."

The pair answered FEMA's national call for firefighters and spent almost all of September picking up the pieces Katrina left in Pearlington, Mississippi. Their priority was to pass out flyers with information on FEMA relief. After that, they were told to do whatever they could. "We asked people what they needed, and then tried to help them get it. We set up shelters, unloaded trucks and assisted the Red Cross, but more than anything else, we listened to the people's stories," Fuerst said.

Hufnagl and Fuerst said they were just doing what firefighters do, but added that they worked with some really amazing people. "The Red Cross volunteers were outstanding. They slept in the back of their trucks and worked nonstop. FEMA did everything they could possibly do as fast as they could, and the military was excellent."

Dave Haywood, the Blue Island fire chief and a member of the Illinois Incident Management Team, coordinated a different group of amazing people: a unified command of firefighters from Illinois, New York and New Orleans. During his two-week tenure in New Orleans' Algiers Parish, he searched for hazards, performed risk assessments and prioritized rescue activities from a command post. "Everyone down here worked long hours with no sleep to overcome extremely challenging obstacles," said Haywood. "But I'd get right back in my car and go back today if I got the phone call. One of the hardest things was working with the New Orleans firefighters. They stayed at the command post even when they were off-duty because their families were hundreds of miles away, they had no homes left and didn't even have a car to go anywhere."



Little Company Of Mary Annual House Walk

Little Company of Mary Hospital Auxiliary held its 11th annual Holiday House Walk on Saturday, Oct. 11th. The house walk featured five exquisitely decorated homes in the Evergreen Park and Oak Lawn areas. Visitors were blessed with a perfectly beautiful sunny fall day.

The event was chaired by Janet Boland and co-chaired by Marielyn Kill. It was a complete success with the help of numerous volunteers. They guided visitors through the homes that were marvelously decorated according to a theme by generous floral shops.

The event would not have raised almost \$10,000 if it wasn't for the generosity of the homeowners allowing the public into their homes. The committees would like to thank all those who advertised in the program book and helped underwrite the costs.

Little Company of Mary Hospital's Mother/Baby Service will receive the generous donation. "Congratulations and thank you are extended to all the volunteers, donors, homeowners, florists, advertisers, committee members and of course, house walkers that contributed to this year's success," said a spokesperson.

Oak Lawn Boy Celebrates Role In "All That I Need"

Actor, Kevin Suscavage, who was born in Oak Lawn, had always been interested in a broad spectrum of things. Upon graduating college with a math degree, he dabbled, looking to find his niche: math (of course), but also pottery, painting, ridiculous stand up comedy, philosophy, black and white photography, poetry readings, the stock market, computer programming, writing, gobbling like a turkey on street corners while video-taping people's reactions, and animal rights presentations.

Some skills he picked up along the way include memorizing the capital of every country in the world, reciting the alphabet backward in under five seconds, memorizing pi to many digits, and a love for speaking in front of people. Of all his endeavors, it seems that his greatest interest is that of speaking to an audience.

After teaching math classes at a local community college for a few years and taking a couple years off to drive around the Midwest in his old rusty, blue '85 Chevy, Suscavage moved to LA to pursue that greatest audience of all: the film/TV audience.

Finally, he got the small part of Rhino Boy in the film, "All That I Need" that hits theaters Dec. 2nd. "It's a small but important (role)," Suscavage says. "It's the first feature length 'eating popcorn' movie that I have a speaking role in. This is only the beginning."

Suscavage has three credits on IMDb and has had offers from other filmmakers - not to mention All That I Need is rumored as possibly another Blair Witch at the box office. The film opens on Dec. 2nd at Regal Theaters, Lincolnshire, IL (847) 229-9100. For more on the film, visit www.allthatineed.net. For more on Suscavage, visit www.geocities.com/kevinsuscavage.



Students Honor Grammar School Teachers

Twenty-four grade school teachers were honored at Queen of Peace High School's "You Make a Difference" ceremony, an annual event in which frosh students read essays they submitted to nominate their teachers for the "You Make a Difference" award. The 2005 honorees are:

Bottom row, left to right: Karyn Horn, St. Gerald, nominated by Kaitlyn Seldal (Oak Lawn); Patti Waddicar, St. Christina, nominated by Katie Gooday (Chicago); Michelle Bonanno, Liberty Junior High, nominated by Linda Shahn (Burbank); Barbara Callahan, St. Symphorosa, nominated by Samantha Schmidt (Chicago); Kerry Lynch, St. Daniel the Prophet, nominated by Jessica Maes (Chicago); Jean Casper, St. Patricia, nominated by Carla Uhlarik (Justice); Edna Drake, St. Helena of the Cross, nominated by Joy Jones (Chicago) and April Olsen, St. Agnes of Bohemia, nominated by Annette Carreon (Chicago).

Top row, left to right: Jane Doun, St. Bernadette, nominated by Rachel Glover (Evergreen Park); MaryPat Palumbo, Bridgeport Catholic Academy, nominated by Alyssa Madia (Chicago); Theresa Fiscella, St. Gerald, nominated by Meredith Rivera (Oak Lawn); Kenneth Bartold, St. Mary Star of the Sea, nominated by Katie Schwarz (Chicago); Charlotte Pratl, St. Catherine of Alexandria, nominated by Maureen Foley (Oak Lawn); Paul Smiley, St. Bruno, nominated by Dana Romito (Chicago); John Bobek, St. Daniel the Prophet, nominated by Sarah Velon (Chicago); Danielle Drayton, St. Sabina, nominated by Ariel Rogers (Chicago); Lillie Pass, St. Ethelreda, nominated by Stephanie Russell (Chicago); Diane Klimmek, St. Albert the Great, nominated by Michelle Bonilla (Burbank) and Laura Ferrell, St. Barbara, nominated by Leticia Rangel (Justice).

Not pictured: Ray Wettergren, Dore School, nominated by Candice Bilina (Chicago); Mary Ryan, St. Bede the Venerable, nominated by Lauren Leyendecker (Chicago); Kenneth Uchio, St. Daniel the Prophet, nominated by Patricia Puente (Chicago); Mary Kay Fitzgibbons, St. Jane de Chantal, nominated by Jaime Monreal (Chicago); and Chalese Conley Dunbar, Dawes School, nominated by Beatriz Salcedo (Chicago).

Mt. Zion's Nativity

Mt. Zion's Sunday School will present a live outdoor nativity scene on Friday, Dec. 16th and Saturday, Dec. 17th on the lawn of the church at 104th & Kostner in Oak Lawn. The story of Jesus' birth will be read and reenacted at 6:30, 7 and 7:30 p.m. Children will be able to pet the animals after each scene, and hot chocolate and cookies will be served. The event is free and open to everyone.

For more information, call (708) 423-6554 between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m.

The Center's Christmas Basketry

The Log Cabin Center for the Arts, 12700 Southwest, Highway in Palos Park, will offer a Christmas Basketry workshop on Thursday, Dec. 1st from 7 until 8:30 p.m.

Basketry instructor Jane Dwyer of Park Forest will teach each student to make beautiful heart-shaped ornaments and miniature reindeer of basket reeds.

According to Dwyer, these are not difficult projects, and can be successfully attempted by both beginning and experienced basket makers.

The workshop cost of \$12 includes all materials for several ornaments. Advance registration is required. For further information, call (708) 361-3650.

Rules Of The Road

The Worth Township Seniors will be offering a Rules of the Road review class on Dec. 7th at the Worth Township Center, 11601 S. Pulaski in Alsip, from 10 a.m. until noon.

Register by calling (708) 371-2900, ext. 28.

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Reelect Dougherty

1st Vice-President Bill Dougherty, who has been a member of the Fraternal Order of Police, Chicago Lodge #7 since 1988, was recently reelected for another 3-year term.

Bill was elected to that office in 2002 and became a field representative for the Lodge. He co-chairs the Grievance Committee and serves on the Disabled, Legislative, Picnic and Golf Committees. Prior to being elected, Bill served on the board as a Trustee and Watch Representative and was recently appointed as Chairman of the Grievance Committee for the Illinois State Lodge.



Brookfield Zoo's Holiday Magic

Celebrate the holiday season with family and friends at Brookfield Zoo's 24th annual Holiday Magic, presented by ComEd, an Exelon Company, featuring happy lights on new nights - Dec. 10th and 11th, 17th and 18th, 26th to 31st, and Jan. 1st from 4 to 9 p.m. Magical evenings will be filled with storytellers, ice carving demonstrations, craft activities, "Meet the Keeper" presentations, carolers, "Sing to the Animals," costumed characters, some of your favorite animals, a visit with Santa (through Dec. 18th only), magicians and other live entertainment, and a spectacular Zoo Year's Eve celebration on Dec. 31st.

During the festival, the zoo will be transformed into a winter wonderland illuminated with hundreds of thousands of twinkling lights. The first 1,000 visitors to enter the zoo each night will receive a free pair of 3D Holiday Specs to view the zoo's holiday lights in a new delightful way.

In the Holly Jolly Theater located on the east mall, award-winning children's entertainers performing at 7 p.m. include Scribblemonster (Dec. 10th), Justin Roberts (Dec. 18th), Dave Rudolf (Dec. 26th), Grammy winner Ella Jenkins (Dec. 27th), Joel Frankel (Dec. 28th), Kathleen Gibson (Dec. 29th) and Mr. Billy (Dec. 30th). Additional performers and storytellers scheduled to make appearances in the theater include Those Funny Little People (every night); Singing Men of Note (Dec. 10th); pop entertainer Ashley Garland and the McNulty Irish Dancers (Dec. 11th); WCCQ-FM radio personality Rich Renik, legendary Great Lakes folk singer Lee Murdock, and the Coal City High School Choir (Dec. 17th); WGN-TV anchor/traffic reporter Valerie Warner, WGN-TV reporter Ana Belaval, and the Glen Ellyn Children's Choir (Dec. 18th); CBS 2 night on Dec. 28th featuring traffic reporter Susan Carlson, meteorologists Ed Curran and Mary Kay Kleist, and entertainment reporter and film critic Bill Zwecker; Marquee Dance (Dec. 29th); WGN-TV anchor reporter Marcella Raymond and the Oak Forest Park District Dance (Dec. 30th).

On Zoo Year's Eve, Dec. 31st, Radio Disney, including Ashley Garland and G-Man, will crank up the festivities with music, games and prizes from 6 to 8 p.m. in the

Discovery Center. Join in ringing in the New Year during an early countdown celebration at 8 p.m. At the same time, an additional countdown celebration will take place for younger children in the Hamill Family Play Zoo, which is free during Holiday Magic, courtesy of LaSalle Bank.

Spread holiday cheer to the animals and join members of the Merry Maskers carolers each night in special "Sing to the Animals." Serenade the camels and Children's Zoo animals every night of Holiday Magic at 5 p.m. and 7 p.m. respectively. At 6 p.m. sing to the big cats on Dec. 11th, 18th, 27th, 29th and 31st, and to Payton and Haley, two of the zoo's polar bears, on Dec. 10th, 17th, 26th, 28th and 30th and Jan. 1st. Be sure to sign the gigantic "Happy Trails" card for the two bears, who are leaving Brookfield Zoo in early 2006 for the new Northeast Passage exhibit at Memphis Zoo.

Zoo guests can also visit some of their other favorite animals. Exhibits open during various evenings of Holiday Magic include Tropic World, The Fragile Kingdom, Australia House (new this year), The Swamp, Seven Seas Underwater Viewing Gallery, Baboon Island, Pachyderm House, Children's Zoo, Ixex Mountain and Hamill Family Play Zoo. (All indoor animal exhibits close a half-hour before the zoo closes with the exception of Tropic World, which closes at 7:30.)

Remember your visit to Brookfield Zoo at the Magical Animal Photo Memories tent, where you can get pictures taken in a portrait-like setting with Children's Zoo animals. Photo packages range in price from \$8.95 to \$14.95. The zoo's gift shops, including the new Woof-Field Zoo, will also be open for holiday shopping.

During Holiday Magic, park in the zoo's main parking lot (First Ave. and 31st St.). Admission is \$8 for adults and \$4 for children ages 3-11 and seniors 65 and over. Children 2 and under are free. Car parking is \$8; bus parking is \$10.75. A map insert detailing each night's schedule will be distributed to guests to help make the most of their visit. In addition, the event's schedule is posted on the zoo's Web site, www.BrookfieldZoo.org.

PADS Needs Volunteers

South Suburban PADS needs additional volunteers for its homeless shelters, which are open until mid-April in nine churches in Oak Lawn, Burbank, Chicago Ridge, Worth, Palos Hills and Oak Forest. There is a great need for volunteers on the late night and early morning shifts, from 10:45 p.m. to 3 a.m. and 2:45 a.m. to 7 a.m., but all shifts need additional volunteers.

PADS volunteers work one four or five-hour shift per month. There are four different shifts available between 6 p.m. and 7 a.m.

The shelters have only been open for a month and already they are filled to capacity. They provide emergency shelter for men, women and families. Those who want to volunteer or request additional information may call Linda Seyller at 857-1039.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

DECEMBER 2 - Friday - Worth Township Senior Citizens Org. Meeting, Worth Township Center, 11601 Pulaski Rd., (Christmas Lunch 12 noon)

DECEMBER 3 - Saturday - Breakfast with Santa, Oak Lawn Community Church, 9000 Ridgeland Ave., 9 to 11 a.m. (Santa should arrive about 10 a.m.)

DECEMBER 3 - Saturday - District 11 "Trustee Is In," Municipal Center, 9446 Raymond, 9 a.m. to noon.

DECEMBER 5 - Monday - Fire Department Club Meeting, VFW, 9514 S. 52nd Ave., 8 p.m.

DECEMBER 5 - Monday - Planning & Development Commission Meeting, 9446 S. Raymond, 8 p.m.

DECEMBER 5 to 9 - Santa will be at Worth Township, 11601 Pulaski Rd., 3:30 to 5:30 and 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. (He will return again Dec. 12 through 16)

DECEMBER 6 - Tuesday - Civil Service Commission, 9446 Raymond, 5:30 p.m.

DECEMBER 7 - Wednesday - Rules of the Road Review, Worth Township Center, 11601 Pulaski Rd., 10 a.m. to noon (Register at 371-2900, ext. 28)

DECEMBER 7 - Wednesday - Appeals Board, 9446 Raymond, 8 p.m.

DECEMBER 8 - Thursday - Fire & Police Commission Meeting, 9446 S. Raymond, Conference Room B, 6:30 p.m.

DECEMBER 8 - Thursday - Quality Control Meeting, 9446 S. Raymond, 7:30 p.m.

DECEMBER 8 - Thursday - Athletic Club Auxiliary Meeting, VFW Hall, 9514 S. 52nd Ave., 8 p.m.

Caring For Natural Christmas Trees

The day after Thanksgiving is a day many families reserve for picking out their Christmas tree. The Illinois Dept. of Natural Resources (IDNR) is offering some tips to help you choose and take care of this year's tree.

"Fresh trees can make a wonderful addition to any holiday celebration, but they can also become a fire hazard if they aren't properly cared for. By following a few simple steps, individuals can help ensure that an enjoyable celebration doesn't turn into a tragic one," said Director Brunsvoild.

IDNR recommends that consumers take the following steps in caring for a real Christmas tree:

Select a fresh tree by looking for one that is green and sheds very few needles when it's shaken. Trees that are grown in Illinois or nearby states may be a better choice rather than trees being transported from elsewhere. This will reduce the amount of time the tree has been exposed to the weather or other environmental hazards, which may have caused it to dry out.

Natural trees that will not be brought indoors right away should be stored in a cool place such as a porch or unheated garage. Once the tree is ready to be displayed and decorated, make a one-inch cut from the base of the trunk to allow the tree to more easily absorb water and resist drying.

Place the tree in a sturdy stand that holds at least a gallon of water and replenish the water frequently. A healthy

tree may use several quarts of water each day.

Check that Christmas tree lights are in proper working order before hanging them on the tree. It is important that consumers only use Underwriters Laboratory (UL)-approved lights.

Unplug all lights when no one is at home and when it's time to go to bed for the night.

Never use electrical cords that are frayed, or cords with cracked insulation or broken or empty sockets.

Never overload electrical circuits.

Keep natural trees away from fireplaces, wood stoves, furnace vents, space heaters and any appliances that generate heat and could cause a fire or accelerate drying.

"More than 400 residential fires each year involve Christmas trees. This season, I urge individuals to be mindful and take necessary precautions with Christmas trees and other holiday decorations in order to reduce the risk of fire," said Dave DeFraties, Chief of Staff for the Illinois State Fire Marshal.

Natural trees are a renewable, recyclable resource, unlike artificial trees, which are mostly made of petroleum and plastic that cannot be recycled. Once discarded, there are a number of uses for recycled trees including: chipping, beachfront erosion prevention, lake and river shoreline stabilization, fish habitat, and river delta sediment management.

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Hynes Says \$1 Billion To Healthcare Providers

State Comptroller Dan Hynes said the Comptroller's Office will receive \$1 billion in short-term borrowing funds Nov. 22nd and immediately will begin processing the backlog of Medicaid bills, sending payments to facilities that have been waiting months to be reimbursed for health-care-related services they have provided.

"Doctors, pharmacists, hospitals, nursing homes and others who provided critical healthcare services this summer and have not yet been reimbursed can expect to receive payment within a few days," Hynes said. "It is critical that Medicaid patients continue to receive the care and treatment they need and I want to thank the many healthcare service providers for their patience during the last few months."

As of Monday, Nov. 21st, \$2.8 billion in bills were awaiting payment, including \$1.25 billion in Medicaid bills. The payments being made during the next few days should reduce the state's total Medicaid bill backlog to less than \$250 million and provide much needed relief to a variety of vendors, who, in some cases, have been waiting to be reimbursed for services they provided in July and August. The state will receive about \$500 million from the federal government as reimbursement for Medicaid bill payments, allowing additional bills to be paid.

Annual Parade Of Toys

Members of Chicago Fire Fighters Union Local 2 and their family will deliver more than 4,000 gifts for children in Catholic Charities' care during their sixth annual Toy Shower Parade. The Parade will take place on Dec. 3rd between 10:30 and 10:45 a.m. at the IBEW (International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers) Local 134 Union Hall, 600 W. Washington Blvd.

The Catholic Charities' Toy Shower collects new, unwrapped toys for children. For more information about Catholic Charities' Toy Shower and Celebration of Giving, visit www.catholiccharities.net.

Mental Illness Support Group

A support group for relatives and friends of persons with serious mental illnesses (brain disorders) will meet at 7 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 8th in the Church of Christ, 206th & Crawford in Matteson.

At the meeting, sponsored by the south suburban affiliate of the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI), experienced volunteers guide the group, which meets on the second Thursday of each month throughout the year at the same time and location. For further information about the meeting call John Rowley at (708) 798-3862

Hynes proposed the borrowing as part of an effective management plan to maximize cash liquidity and flexibility throughout the fiscal year. As required by law, both the Governor and the Treasurer agreed to the borrowing plan. The state will begin repaying the loan in March and will repay the entire amount by June 2006.

Chicago Bulls Join Lift Up America

The Chicago Bulls announced it will team up with Lift Up America for a series of efforts during December to bring the gifts of sight, food and hope to the city's less fortunate. The Bulls join 24 other professional teams and colleges in assisting Lift Up America with its nationwide effort that will benefit more than 500 agencies. Lift Up America partners are Tyson Foods, LensCrafters, Pearle Vision, Ty and the Give the Gift of Sight Foundation.

On Monday, Dec. 5, the Bulls will host an eyeglass drive at the team's home game versus the Dallas Mavericks. Fans attending the contest are invited to donate old, no-longer used prescription eyeglasses and any sunglasses by dropping them off on their way into the arena for the game. The collected items will be distributed to individuals living in developing countries through the Give the Gift of Sight Foundation.

In conjunction with the eyeglass drive, LensCrafters and Pearle Vision will conduct free vision screenings and eye exams to pre-selected Chicago area families. Those individuals in need of prescription eyeglasses will receive a free pair courtesy of LensCrafters and Pearle Vision.

On Thursday, Dec. 8, Tyson will deliver a truck of frozen protein in the form of chicken and turkey to the United Center. The Bulls will then distribute the items to approximately 35 food agencies, soup kitchens and homeless shelters throughout the city that provide nourishment for the hungry residing in the Chicagoland area. Bulls players will be on hand at the arena to assist in distributing the food items to agency representatives.

Also on Dec. 8, the Bulls will distribute 12,000 Beanie Babies® donated by Ty to children throughout the area in time for the holidays. Children who reside in group homes, utilize homeless shelters and soup kitchens and frequent local Boys and Girls Clubs will receive the plush toys courtesy of Ty.

Settle With Laser Eye Surgery Provider

Following a statewide advertising campaign that allegedly misrepresented the actual cost of corrective laser eye surgery, Attorney General Lisa Madigan announced on Nov. 28th that a settlement has been reached with a Florida company that performs the surgeries to ensure that future advertisements reflect the actual cost of its procedures.

Madigan's office filed the lawsuit again Lasik Vision Institute, LLC, on Monday, Nov. 21st and filed the settlement agreement on Nov. 28th, both in Sangamon County Circuit Court. The lawsuit charged Lasik Vision Institute with violations of the Illinois Consumer Fraud and Deceptive Business Practices Act and the Illinois Administrative Rules on Retail Advertising.

In signing the settlement agreement, Lasik Vision Institute agreed that all future advertisements would be in full compliance with Illinois law. In addition, the company has agreed to pay a voluntary contribution of \$17,500 to the Attorney General Court Ordered and Voluntary Compliance Payment Project Fund for Consumer Enforcement and Education.

Madigan's lawsuit alleged that between June 2003 and June 2004, Lasik Vision Institute advertised surgeries for "as low as \$299" in newspapers statewide, including The Springfield State Journal-Register, the Chicago Sun-Times, the Peoria Journal Star and the Rockford Register Star. After June 2004, advertisements promoted "Lasik \$499 per eye." Madigan's lawsuit alleged that the advertisements did not adequately disclose the limitations on the advertised price nor did they disclose the range of prices of surgeries offered and the conditions for each. As a result, many consumers ended up paying more than the advertised price.

Madigan's lawsuit alleged that prospective patients were required to pay a \$100 non-refundable deposit before learning if the lower-cost procedure was appropriate for their vision needs. The Nidek laser procedure is a lower-cost option for corrective laser eye surgery; however, patients with certain prescriptions as well as pre-existing medical conditions, such as cataracts, diabetes and glaucoma, may not be eligible to undergo the surgery. Finally, Madigan's lawsuit alleged Lasik Vision Institute advertised that screening exams would be conducted by a doctor of ophthalmology when, in fact, the exams were conducted by doctors of optometry.

The consent decree does not constitute an admission of guilt by Lasik Vision Institute.



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Richard Nogal Passed Away

Former longtime Evergreen Park resident and past Orland Park Acting Mayor and Village Trustee, Richard F. Nogal, died suddenly of an apparent heart attack in the early morning of Saturday, November 19th. Mr. Nogal and his wife, Mary Jane, lived in Evergreen Park from 1960 to 1978 and were active in the Most Holy Redeemer Parish. Their family moved to Orland Park in 1978. Mr. Nogal began his public service to the village of Orland Park in 1981, when he was appointed to the Plan Commission. In 1983, he was appointed as a Village Trustee by former Mayor Doogan. Mr. Nogal subsequently won two terms as Village Trustee, serving from 1983 to 1993. In 1993, he served as Acting Mayor after the death Mayor Owens. Mr. Nogal was the second-place finisher to current Orland Park Mayor McLaughlin in the 1993 election. Mr. Nogal worked on a variety of village projects, including Centennial Park and Pool, bringing Chicago water and sewer to Orland Park and the new Village Administration Center.

Mr. Nogal was also active in numerous other civic and charitable organizations. He recently served as President of the Southwest Suburban Chapter of United Way. He also was President of the Orland Chapter of the Lions Club. He was a Director of Beverly Bank and Vice Chairman of St. Michael's Parish Ministry Council and a member of the Knights of Columbus.

Mr. Nogal worked for the same firm, YSD Industries, for fifty-three years. He was the Director of Sales Administration for the concern, which sold rail car doors and components. Mr. Nogal was a graduate of Weber High School and Sheil Institute.

Mr. Nogal was married to his wife, Mary Jane, for fifty years. He died on the day of the couple's fiftieth

wedding anniversary. Mr. Nogal had three children: Richard, Garry and Alyce. Three grandchildren also survive him: Ricky, Katie and Hailey, two brothers and a sister. He was a devoted family man and husband who loved to spend time with his grandchildren. He was an avid White Sox fan and thrilled to attend the opening game of the World Series.

His son and namesake, Richard, said that his father was a wonderful man who epitomized the role of "public servant." The younger Nogal said that his father gave of his time and talents for all the right reasons, never expecting anything in return, except the common good. Mr. Nogal's son and family vowed to carry on their father's legacy. Mr. Nogal's son, Richard, currently serves as Chairman of the Board of Directors of Palos Community Hospital, vice president of the Board of Education of Palos School District 118 and a commissioner for the Palos Fire Protection District.

Mr. Nogal's life was celebrated at a Mass of Resurrection on Tuesday, November 22, 2005, at St. Michael's Church in Orland Park. He was interred at the newly consecrated Good Shepard Cemetery in Orland Park.

A Memorial Fund has been established in memory of Richard J. Nogal. Contributions may be sent to:

Richard F. Nogal Memorial Fund
C/o A. J. Smith Federal Savings Bank
8000 W. 159th Street
Orland Park, IL 60462

For further information contact: Richard J. Nogal (son), 145 Prairie View Drive, Palos Park, IL 60464. (Home) 708-361-7946, (cell) 630-308-9656, or on e-mail: Rnogal@gsmh.com

Tree Recovery Effort

The National Arbor Day Foundation has announced a special new campaign to assist in tree recovery efforts for the areas that were devastated by Hurricane Katrina. Through the KATRINA TREE RECOVERY CAMPAIGN, the Arbor Day Foundation, in cooperation with the National Audubon Society, is offering people across America the opportunity to support replanting trees in coastal Mississippi and Louisiana and begin the reforestation of neighborhoods and cities across the region. For every \$10 donated to the KATRINA TREE RECOVERY CAMPAIGN, the Foundation will contribute 10 trees to be planted by Katrina victims.

The tree species to be planted include Baldcypress, Red Maple, Eastern Redcedar and Red Oak. Rosenow adds that not only will supporters have the satisfaction of donating these trees to people in need, but the Arbor Day Foundation will also provide to each donor of \$10 or more a free membership, including a subscription to the Foundation's bimonthly publication, *Arbor Day and The Tree Book* with information about tree planting and care.

To help hurricane victims replant these devastated areas, send your contribution to the KATRINA TREE RECOVERY CAMPAIGN, National Arbor Day Foundation, 100 Arbor Avenue, Nebraska City, NE 68410 or contribute online at arborday.org/katrina.

Letter To The Editor

I recently found that in 2003 the Illinois legislature passed into law a plan to screen ALL children, ages birth to 18, for mental health. At first glance, it seemed harmless, but after some consideration, I am outraged.

Who will determine "mental health"? The state? Or the professionals who see this as a gravy train to their profession? Will all kids be considered at risk? What about those kids who "fail" to measure up to these vague standards? Will they be put on medication? Or worse yet, labeled for the rest of their lives? Will unfortunate family situations, such as abuse, parent's alcohol and/or drug use, divorce, peer pressures, loss of a close family member or a pet, loss of a parent's job, family financial stresses, etc., even be considered?

Let's face it, many of the emotional and mental problems facing our kids today stem from a breakdown of the family.

The thing that infuriates me the most is that unless parents know about these screenings, they will not be able to stop them. Where are my rights as a parent to raise and protect my children?

I have called my elected officials who helped create this mess and I urge others to call their state representatives and senators and tell them to stop this intrusive mental health-screening plan.

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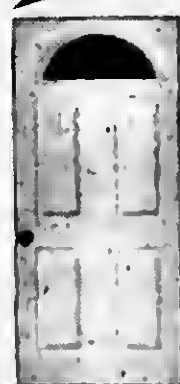
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Lipinski Opposes Irresponsible Budget Bill

Congressman Dan Lipinski on Nov. 18th voted against the Republican budget proposal that slashes Medicaid, drastically raises the costs of student loans, cuts health care for our poorest children and fails to provide enough money for veterans.

"This budget shortchanges those who need help the most. It is neither fair nor fiscally sound and it will be Illinois families, our veterans and seniors on Medicaid, our children and the working class in our communities who will feel the effects of this heartless budget," said Lipinski.

The 2006 budget reconciliation bill, which passed 217-215 in the early morning hours of today, cuts mandatory spending by \$50 billion. Unfortunately, all of the spending cuts, including such vital programs as student loans and health care, are not being used to reduce the deficit - instead they are being used to help pay for a second reconciliation bill containing \$70 billion in tax cuts. The net result of the \$50 billion in spending cuts and the \$70 billion in tax cuts will be an increase in the deficit of \$20 billion.

The budget package will pay for the \$70 billion in tax cuts targeted to the wealthy by cutting key services, including the following:

About three-quarters of the \$11.4 billion cut in Medicaid falls directly on enrollees. The nonpartisan Congressional Budget Office (CBO) has estimated that most of the Medicaid cuts are achieved by requiring Medicaid enrollees to pay substantially more for the health care they need - allowing states to significantly increase cost-sharing and impose premiums on certain enrollees.

Nearly \$8 billion of the \$14.3 billion student loan cut falls directly on students and parents. CBO has estimated that under this budget there are nearly \$8 billion in new charges to students and families that will raise the cost of student loans. The costs to the average student borrower will be increased by \$5,800.

This Budget will result in \$24.1 billion in reduced child support collections. CBO has estimated that the bill will lead to \$24.1 billion in reduced child support collections upon which hundreds of thousands of struggling single parents rely, pushing more children into poverty and letting deadbeat dads off the hook.

"Illinois's hospitals, nursing homes, and community health centers depend on Medicaid funding that will be slashed under the current budget," said Lipinski. "In Illinois there are 1,100,574 children, 279,046 elderly, 300,341 people who are blind or disabled, and 396,185 low-income adults who rely on Medicaid for health coverage they otherwise would not have. I am fearful of what will happen when these men and women are left broadened with these costs because of the budget cuts and are forced to forego needed medical care."

Federal Jobs For Veterans

After the Senate passed his Reservist Access to Veterans Preference amendment, U.S. Senator Dick Durbin (D-IL) said members of the National Guard and Reserve who have served in overseas military operations are a step closer to receiving the same consideration as other combat veterans when applying for federal jobs.

Current law allows veterans to receive higher priority consideration in hiring for federal jobs. Because the law is unequally applied in federal hiring, some agencies have denied veterans' preference to Reservists who have returned from qualifying active duty in Iraq or Afghanistan and reverted to their part-time reserve service.

By clarifying the law, veterans will be able to maintain their service in the Reserves or National Guard and still be eligible for consideration as a veteran when applying for federal employment. Durbin was inspired to take action after an Army Reserve soldier from Fairview, Illinois was denied veterans preference in applying for a job with the Department of Justice despite serving two qualifying tours overseas.

"Members of the National Guard or Reserve who honorably defend and serve America overseas should not be penalized because of bureaucratic roadblocks. Reservists should receive the same consideration as other combat veterans when applying for a federal job. I continue to work to help guarantee this measure until it becomes the law of the land," Durbin said.

Durbin's measure was unanimously approved by the Senate as an amendment to the Fiscal Year 2006 Defense Authorization bill. The amendment is endorsed by the Reserve Officers Association.

Family Policy

Councils Back

Alito Nomination

At its annual gathering, the leadership of the nation's Family Policy Councils movement recently called on the United States Senate to fulfill its constitutional responsibility to advise and consent on the nomination of Judge Samuel Alito by holding hearings by Thanksgiving and a final vote in early December.

The leaders, representing 26 of the 33 active state-based councils, agreed the judge's extensive public record should allow the Senate to fulfill its responsibility sooner rather than later. The group called on Senate Majority Leader Bill Frist to work diligently toward a thorough yet timely review and then vote on the nomination.

The leaders also called on the Senate to quickly set aside any efforts to engage in a filibuster.



All Points Southwest

By THOMAS E. GAVIN

Cook County Sheriff Michael F. Sheahan's recent announcement that he would not seek re-election next year sent shock waves throughout the Cook County Democratic Organization. The four terms that Sheahan has served as the county's chief law enforcement officer equals the longest tenure of any modern sheriff (Richard Elrod 1970-1986) in Cook County history.

Sheahan was elected in 1990, during a period in which the sheriff's department was plagued by controversy and scandal. Sheahan set about changing the way his predecessors conducted business. He initiated random drug testing of employees and moved to diversify his workforce by stepping up the recruitment of minorities and female officers. The perennial problems of overcrowding in County Jail have been addressed. (For example, in 1992, Cook County Jail was nearly 2,500 inmates over capacity on a daily basis. Today the jail is less than 400 over capacity!) New programs were initiated, including the Sheriff's Work Alternative Program (for DUI offenders and others committing minor crimes) and the military-style boot camp detention center for youth offenders. Police officers were taken from behind desks and put into patrol cars offering more protection (nearly 50% more) to suburban residents. A Gang Unit was also introduced to apprehend gang members as they attempted to expand their territories into suburban areas.

To evaluate his contributions thoroughly would require a significantly more lengthy volume. Suffice it to say Sheriff Michael F. Sheahan has served the citizens of Cook County with dedication, professionalism and class. He will leave his watch profoundly better than when he arrived, quite an achievement.

Subsequent to the bombshell Sheriff Michael Sheahan dropped in the laps of the Cook County Democratic Party on Monday, Nov. 21st during the Slating Session, a hiatus of one week was necessary to resolve the question of which Democrat would be slated for the ballot position of Cook County Sheriff. This past Monday (Nov. 28th) a number of potential candidates presented credentials. When the smoke cleared, former State Representative and present protégé of Sheriff Sheahan, Thomas Dart, was selected to represent the Regular Democratic Organization in the primary and general elections next year.

Tom Dart is no novice to the sheriff's office, having served as Sheahan's top assistant since 2003. His professional background as a lawyer, former legislator, and political strategist should provide Mr. Dart with significant insight into the office of Cook County Sheriff. We'll keep an eye on him.

Congressman Bobby L. Rush and SCORE Counselors to America's Small Business announced that they will wrap up their year-long partnership of providing business training workshops with a graduation ceremony and networking reception for more than 80 participants who are seeking to either grow or establish their businesses in the First Congressional District. The event will take place on Monday, Dec. 12th from 5:30 until 8 p.m. at the University of Illinois Extension, Cook Chicago South Unit (Illinois Room), 8751 S. Greenwood in Chicago.

The graduation and business networking reception will include graduates, various chambers of commerce, representatives from the U.S. Small Business Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, Minority Business Development Agency, Office of Illinois State Treasurer, small business development centers, procurement technical assistance centers, community and business organizations.

This event is free but requires pre-registration. For information, call (708) 385-9550 or email younus.suleman@mail.house.gov.

State Comptroller Dan Hynes tells us that the Comptroller's Office received \$1 billion in short-term borrowing funds so that they can begin processing the backlog of Medicaid bills, and immediately begin sending payments to facilities that have been waiting months to be reimbursed for healthcare-related services they have provided.

"Doctors, pharmacists, hospitals, nursing homes and others who provided critical healthcare services this sum-

mer and have not yet been reimbursed can expect to receive payment within a few days," Hynes said. "It is critical that Medicaid patients continue to receive the care and treatment they need and I want to thank the many healthcare service providers for their patience during the last few months."

As of Monday, Nov. 21st, \$2.8 billion in bills were awaiting payment, including \$1.25 billion in Medicaid bills. The payments being made during the next few days should reduce the state's total Medicaid bill backlog to less than \$250 million and provide much needed relief to a variety of vendors who, in some cases, have been waiting to be reimbursed for services they provided in July and August. The state will receive about \$500 million from the federal government as reimbursement for Medicaid bill payments, allowing additional bills to be paid.

Hynes proposed the borrowing as part of an effective management plan to maximize cash liquidity and flexibility throughout the fiscal year. As required by law, both the Governor and the Treasurer agreed to the borrowing plan. The state will begin repaying the loan in March and will repay the entire amount by June 2006.

Just a reminder...The 28th Anniversary of The Chicagoland Toys for Tots Motorcycle Parade will be held Sunday, Dec. 4th. Lineup begins at 6 a.m. at the Dan Ryan Woods (83rd & Western Ave.). Parade starting time is scheduled for 9:30 a.m. The traditional patriotic balloon release honoring our POWs and MIAs kicks off thousands of iron sleighs led by Santa and his elves on white Harley Davidson's behind a replica 1954 Santa Fe Train. The toy-bearing motorcyclists attending will ride northbound for 17 miles to the Fourth Marine Reserve Center (located at Foster & Troy Ave.) to deliver their toys. New for this year is an express, ride-thru drop-off area south of the woods (near the corner of 87th & Western) for those riders who wish to drop off their toys and leave. Remember...only street legal motorcycles, NO ATVs or QUADS allowed. There is no registration fee, but all riders are expected to bring at least one brand new toy unwrapped.

Last year over 40,000 motorcycle riders delivered over 75,000 brand new toys to assist the U.S. Marine Corps Toys for Tots program. For more information, call the Parade Hotline at (773) 866-TOYS or visit their web site: www.ChicagolandTFT.org.

Cook County State's Attorney Dick Devine's Annual Holiday Reception will be held Monday, Dec. 5th from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at Club Peterino, 50 W. Randolph St., Chicago. Special guests will include Honorary Event Chair, Illinois Attorney General Lisa Madigan. The evening always delivers an atmosphere of good cheer and camaraderie and is presented by the Citizens for Richard A. Devine committee. For information, call (773) 238-8766.

Looking to spread a bit of holiday cheer this year? Cook County Commissioner Joan Patricia Murphy has just the recipe for you. Commissioner Murphy has joined the ongoing efforts of CEDA, Project Share, the Department of Child and Family Services and Ingalls Hospital to provide new toys and gifts to help brighten the holidays of local families in need.

Commissioner Murphy's "Giving Tree" and "Santa's Stockings" collection drive is accepting donations of new toys, games, hats, gloves, scarves, socks and slippers. Children's books and videos are also appreciated. Donations must be dropped off by Monday, Dec. 19th at the Commissioner's office located at 5405 W. 127th St. in Crestwood. Office hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. For additional information, call Patrice Capuzzi at Commissioner Joan Patricia Murphy's office at (708) 389-2125.

Sheahan To Step Down As Sheriff

Cook County Sheriff Michael F. Sheahan announced Monday, Nov. 19th, he will not seek re-election next year after serving a record four terms as the county's chief law enforcement officer.

"After several weeks of consideration and discussions with my family and friends, I have decided to retire when my current term expires in December of 2006," Sheahan said. "It's been a honor to serve the people of Cook County and lead the men and women of the Sheriff's Office. I will miss the job dearly, but I will leave with the satisfaction of knowing the department is stronger and more respected than it has ever been."

Sheahan took office in December of 1990, at a time when the department was mired in controversy and scandal. More than a dozen Sheriff's officials from the previous administration were facing criminal charges for fixing the test scores of job applicants, including former under-sheriff James Dvorak, who was also accused by the U.S. Attorney of taking bribes from organized crime figures.

Sheahan set out to change the reputation of the department by launching a massive effort to reclaim hundreds of deputy sheriff badges, which were handed out to untrained civilians as political perks by previous sheriffs. He also instituted random drug testing of sworn employees and sought to diversify the department's workforce by recruiting more minority and female officers. Currently, more than half of the sheriff's sworn personnel are minorities and women make up 27% of the workforce, ranking the department third in the nation for hiring female officers.

Throughout his tenure, Sheahan has worked to control overcrowding at Cook County Jail by establishing new programs for nonviolent offenders, freeing up space in the jail for inmates charged with more serious crimes. He opened a military-style boot camp detention facility for young offenders and started the Sheriff's Work Alternate Program, which forces DUI offenders and other convicted of minor crimes to work off their sentences in community service labor crews.

Thanks to the alternative programs put in place by Sheahan and the construction of three new jail divisions, the facility's historic overcrowding has been brought under control for the first time in decades. In 1992, Cook County Jail was nearly 2,500 inmates over capacity on a daily basis. Currently, the jail has less than 400 inmates over capacity on a daily basis.

Sheahan also worked to tighten security at the jail, which had developed a reputation for being plagued by frequent escapes. During a two-year period in the late 1980's, the jail experienced an escape nearly once every six weeks. Sheahan re-deployed personnel at the jail, added more security fencing and instituted stronger disciplinary measures against employees whose negligence led to escapes. As a result, the jail has experienced only one escape in the past ten years.

Police protection in suburban Cook County received a boost under Sheahan. He led an effort to bring 911 emergency telephone service to more than 300,000 suburban homes and businesses that previously had to dial separate seven-digit numbers for police and fire protection. The number of Sheriff's Police officers assigned to patrol duties was increased by 46% and a Gang Unit was established to track and arrest gang members as they migrated from the city to the suburbs.

Sheahan also launched an assault on illegal video poker, organized crime's most lucrative enterprise in suburban Cook County. During the last 15 years, the Sheriff's Police Vice Unit has conducted gambling raids on more than 200 suburban taverns and restaurants and seized more than 3,000 video poker machines. The Chicago Crime Commission estimates each machine grossed an average of \$1,600 per week for organized crime and their related businesses.

Sheahan also utilized technology to improve the Sheriff's Office. He installed television cameras in Sheriff's Police squad cars to record traffic stops and established a computerized finger-printing network to help suburban police departments identify criminal suspects. And under Sheahan's direction, the Cook County Sheriff's Office became one of the first police agencies in the nation to post the names, addresses and mug shots of registered sex offenders on the Internet.

At the end of his term in December of 2006, Sheahan will have completed 16 years in office, joining Richard Elrod (1970-86), as the longest serving sheriff in Cook County history.

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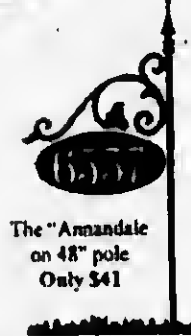
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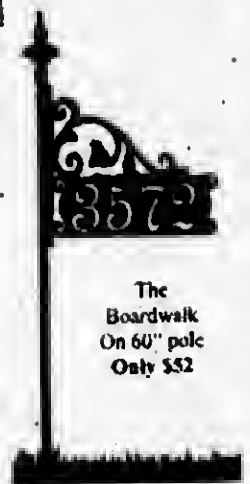
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ENTERTAINMENT NEWS

Ballet Chicago's "The Nutcracker"

Ballet Chicago, home of The School of Ballet Chicago and The Ballet Chicago Studio Company, continues its holiday tradition by presenting three performances of the charming Christmas tale, *The Nutcracker*. The performance will take place at the Athenaeum Theatre, 2936 N. Southport in Chicago, on Saturday, Dec. 17th at 2 and 7:30 p.m. and Sunday, Dec. 18th at 3 p.m.

Ballet Chicago's *The Nutcracker* has become a wonderful family tradition. This two-act ballet begins on Christmas Eve at the Stahlbaum residence where they are hosting their annual Christmas party. During the festivities, young Marie is captivated by the Nutcracker doll she received from her mysterious uncle, Herr Drosselmeyer. After the guests have departed, Marie falls asleep with her Nutcracker doll. Suddenly, the room is filled with large mice led by the evil Mouse King. The Nutcracker doll comes to life and leads the toy soldiers to victory over the Mouse King. Marie is then whisked away to the Land of Snow where snowflakes dance and then is transported to the Kingdom of the Sweets where the Sugarplum Fairy treats her to many breathtaking dances by the characters of the Candy Kingdom.

Choreographed by Artistic Director Daniel Duell and School Director Patricia Blair, this production also features the classic Sugarplum pas de deux choreographed by George Balanchine. *The Nutcracker* is sponsored by Target with seasonal support from The Illinois Arts Council and The Chicago Department of Cultural Affairs.

Ticket prices for *The Nutcracker* are adults \$18 and \$25, children \$12, and senior citizens \$15 and \$20. Tickets may be purchased by calling Ticketmaster at (312) 902-1500, online at www.ticketmaster.com or visiting the Athenaeum Theatre Box Office, 2936 N. Southport in Chicago's Lakeview neighborhood.

For more information, contact the Athenaeum Box Office at (773) 935-6860 or Ballet Chicago at (312) 251-8838.

Symphony Center Rings In The New Year

Symphony Center will celebrate New Year's Eve with a special performance featuring Chicago's own jazz legend Ramsey Lewis and the Ramsey Lewis Trio, with a special guest appearance by vocalist Bobbi Wilsyn, on Saturday, Dec. 31 at 10 p.m. The concert, which opens with a performance by the Johnny Frigo Quartet, will be followed by a balloon drop at midnight and a post-concert party with a champagne toast, dancing on two stages and complimentary drinks. Concert ticket prices range from \$50-\$110, and include the post-concert party.

After the concert, audience members are invited for the post-show party. The balloon drop at midnight will be followed by a complimentary champagne toast, and an open bar and dessert buffet. Concertgoers can also dance to the music of Burgess Gardner's Well-Oiled Jazz Machine on Armour Stage, and, in Symphony Center's Buntrock Hall, P-1 and Steve Butler will present their number one Steppin' single called the P1-Groove.

Special VIP party packages are also available. The VIP package is \$100 and features a sumptuous pre-concert cocktail buffet and open bar beginning at 7:30 p.m. Concert tickets must be purchased separately.

Tickets can be purchased by calling PhoneCharge at (312) 294-3000 or (800) 223-7114, or by visiting the Symphony Center Box Office at 220 S. Michigan Ave. Box Office and PhoneCharge hours are Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. For group rates, call (312) 294-3040. Artists, programs, and ticket prices are subject to change.

Enjoy A Holiday Evening With Rockapella

Do you hear what I hear? It's the signature sound of the all-human, all-vocal a cappella group Rockapella, which will be performing a holiday show at Moraine Valley's Dorothy Menker Theater, 9000 W. College Parkway in Palos Hills, at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 13th. Tickets are \$20 for adults and \$15 for students and seniors.

Famous for their five-year run as the house band on the popular PBS show "Where In The World Is Carmen Sandiego?" and as the voices behind the Folger's Coffee commercial (the best part of waking up), the quintet will perform original and popular heartwarming holiday songs with a sprinkling of year-round songs for good measure.

The myriad players who comprise Rockapella include a Broadway star, a former member of Boyz II Men and a vocal percussionist, whose amazing drum sounds complete the group's arsenal of "human music." They have recorded six albums for North America and 10 for Japan, where they have a huge following. Their holiday recordings have appeared on Billboard's Top Independent Albums & Holiday music charts.

This performance is partially funded by a grant from the Illinois Arts Council.

For more information or to order tickets, call the box office at (708) 974-5500. Phone orders are subject to a \$1 per order handling fee.

CLASS REUNIONS

St. Rita High School - Reunion of graduating classes of 1985, 1990, 1995 and 2000 on Friday, Dec. 2nd from 6:30 to 10 p.m. in St. Rita's Dining Hall, 7740 S. Western Ave. RSVP by calling (773) 925-5029.

St. Christopher Alumni Association - looking for all alumni. Visit their web site at www.st.chrisalumni.org.

St. Mary of Czestochowa School Alumni - Dec. 8th Mass at 8 a.m. with Blessing and Rededication in front of school - Brunch in School Hall. Call Mr. Theis at (708) 656-5010 or e-mail elem.stmaryczestochowa@archchicago.org.

Bowen High School class of 1974 is looking for classmates. Call (773) 768-3895 or (773) 721-8330.

St. Nicholas of Tolentine Grammar School class of 1956 is looking for graduates for a 50th anniversary celebration in June 2006. Call Joe Rice at (773) 229-2273.

Art For AIDS Orphans

The Acting on AIDS Chapter at Trinity Christian College will hold "Art for AIDS Orphans" - an art showing and silent auction - on Thursday, Dec. 8th from 6 to 9 p.m. in the Grand Lobby of the Ozinga Chapel, 6601 W. College Dr. in Palos Heights. The event will feature artwork completed by the college's art students and recent graduates, along with the work of some faculty, live music and hors d'oeuvres. All proceeds will go to benefit WorldVision's HOPE children. During the evening, there will also be an opportunity to view and order gifts for the holidays from WorldVision's gift catalog. Admission is free and open to the public.

For more information, contact Pam Hittie at the college, (708) 293-4918.

Lyric Opera Holiday Party

The Southwest Chapter of the Lyric Opera of Chicago will have its annual Holiday Party at Nikos, 7600 S. Harlem Ave. in Bridgeview, on Sunday, Dec. 4th at 4:30 p.m. Join us for dinner and a Silent Auction. Dinner includes soup, salad, entrée and dessert. A cash bar will be available. Entrée choices include: Beef ala Nikos, Chicken ala Nikos, and White Fish.

For reservations, call Lucille Tomisek at (708) 422-4679

"Especially For Kids" Series

The Center kicks off the holiday season with a classic tale that is perfect for the entire family. Theatre works/USA's production of A Christmas Carol comes to The Center for Performing Arts at Governors State University as part of its "Especially For Kids" series, Saturday, Dec. 3 with shows at 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. The production is sponsored by Charter One, who is also the exclusive sponsor of the 2005-2006 "Especially for Kids" series.

Tickets are \$9, \$10 and \$14 for adults and children. Space permitting, half price tickets are available two hours prior to the show for one hour only. For tickets call The Center box office at (708) 235-2222 or visit centertickets.net. The Center for Performing Arts at Governors State University is located at One University Parkway in University Park. Parking is free.

Lambs Farm Holiday Arts & Crafts Show

The 25th Annual Lambs Farm Holiday Arts & Crafts Show will be held Dec. 1 to 4 at the Donald E. Stephens Convention Center in Rosemont. Nearly 600 fine artists, craftsmen, and folk artists from around the country make this Chicagoland's largest show of its kind. The artists display and sell a wide variety of top quality items, such as fine art, blown glass, pottery, jewelry, clothing, holiday decorations, housewares, and much more. This event features only specially selected, highly skilled artists and craftsmen who will be on hand to answer questions and discuss their work.

The show benefits the programs of Lambs Farm to empower people with developmental disabilities. Lambs Farm will also host a booth featuring its delicious home-made jellies, sauces, cookies, breads, chocolates, and scented candles.

The show runs Thursday, Dec. 1, 11 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Friday, Dec. 2, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Saturday, Dec. 3, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.; and Sunday, Dec. 4, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Adult admission is \$8. Children 12 and under are free. Food is available on the show floor and in the on-site Expoteria Restaurant. Clowns will be on hand to provide special entertainment. Crafters interested in booth space may contact the event sponsor Art Plus, at (630) 325-8080.

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ENTERTAINMENT NEWS

Field Museum Holiday Celebration

Looking to spice up your holiday traditions? Come to The Field Museum's Children's Holiday Celebration and learn how people from around the world celebrate the "most wonderful time of the year."

The Children's Holiday Celebration will take place at The Field Museum on Thursday, Dec. 8 from 4 to 6:30 p.m. The event showcases a selection of performers and activities reflecting Chicago's diverse cultural heritage.

Event highlights include performances by the Stu Hirsch Orchestra, the Taiko Drummers from the Chicago Japanese American Historical Society and traditional dancers from the Filipino American Historical Society of Chicago. In addition, the Ballet Chicago Studio Company will perform a selection from "The Nutcracker" ballet, the Midwest Young Artists Choral will sing some seasonal favorites, and the Jesse White Tumblers will awe audiences with their acrobatic abilities.

The Mexican Fine Arts Museum and other cultural institutions in the Chicago area will provide hands-on craft activities, allowing families to bring a piece of the celebration home with them. Since the event's excitement is sure to build up young visitors' appetites, delicious snacks - including homemade cookies - will also be provided.

Best Christmas Pageant

The Village of Orland Park Recreation and Parks Department presents the Orland Park Theatre Troupe in Barbara Robinson's "The Best Christmas Pageant Ever", a holiday extravaganza for the whole family; directed by Frann Carnivele-Sidlow, Ashley Herbold, assistant director, and Irene Buikema, executive producer. Performances will be held on Friday, Dec. 16th at 8 p.m.; Saturday, Dec. 17th at 8 p.m. and Sunday Dec. 18th at 2 p.m.

The show will take place at the Civic Center, 14750 Ravinia Ave. Admission is \$12 for adults; \$10 for seniors; and \$8 for children. For more information, call the Recreation and Parks Department at (708) 403-PARK.

Actor John Boss

John B. Boss of Oak Lawn is doing very well as a suburban resident while making a rewarding life as actor, entrepreneur and publicist. Like so many other actors Boss has a mentor.

His former school principal, Dr. Gelsimino, recognized his pupil had more than just an ordinary singing voice after he heard John's version of "My Country 'Tis Of Thee."

Because of his singing talent, the principal actually created a role for John as a narrator in a musical production at the school so Boss could show off his talents.

"My first professional break came when I got a part in "Pippin" at the former Drury Lane East at McCormick Place," said Boss. The show was a production of South Suburban College. During his career the Oak Lawn resident toured Indiana for four years (he said at times the state felt like the size of California) as a children's puppeteer. "There were times when my partner and I, to save money, slept in the van near the school grounds where we were performing the next day. In the morning we would awake to the sound of the kids' voices. Those were the lean days and I guess we really paid our due," Boss laughed.

In 2003, Boss received the "Best Actor" in an Indiana musical for "Babes in Toyland." He also does commercials and is a voice for a well known Chevrolet company. Once he did a cereal with three wrestlers in a ring. The premise was that he supposedly thought he was there for an audition for a Shakespearean drama role. Boss said in one scene he was hurled to the floor by a wrestler. "Ah, show business," he said.

Currently, Boss is excited to be in the Tony-award musical "The Sound of Music" at Theater at the Center, 1040 Ridge Road in Munster, Indiana.

John's other credits include: numerous shows under the direction of Martin Kappel, Gary Glorioso, and Michael Weber, as well as Charlie Misovsky, with Pritchard Theatrical Productions. His most recent credits include supporting roles in Light Opera Works' productions of "Carnival" and "The Merry Widow." Regionally, Boss has been seen as Hysterium in "A Funny Thing Happened..." at Illinois Theater Center, Captain Von Trapp in "Sound of Music" with Winnetka Theatre, Julian Marsh in "42nd Street" at Pheasant Run, Applegate in "Damn Yankees" with KVT, Don Quixote in "Man of La Mancha" with Drama Group, and as Herr Drosselmeyer in "The Nutcracker" with Ballet Legere for the last three years.

"The Sound of Music" opened Nov. 11th and closes Dec. 18th. Boss has the role of Franz the butler and is understudy to the second lead.

For tickets, call (219) 836-3255.



Since no holiday event would be complete without a visit from everyone's favorite North Pole-dweller, the evening includes a visit from Santa Claus. The Field Museum's friendly mascot, The Field Mouse, will also give holiday greetings.

Tickets to the Children's Holiday Celebration cost \$7 for children, \$12 for adult Museum members and \$17 for adult non-members. Tickets will not be sold at the door, and reservations must be made by Dec. 5. Free parking will be available for the Children's Holiday Celebration in the Soldier Field North Garage. To reserve tickets, call (312) 665-7145.

The Field Museum is open daily, except for Christmas Day, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. The last admission is sold at 4 p.m. The Museum is located at 1400 S. Lake Shore Drive. For more information, call (312) 922-9410 or visit www.fieldmuseum.org.

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Guests visiting the Shedd Aquarium during the week of Dec. 10 through the 14th (Saturday through Wednesday) will gain admission to the aquarium galleries free of charge and discounted admission to the Wild Reef and Oceanarium. It is the perfect time to catch Shedd's temporary exhibit, Crabs!, before it closes for good on Jan. 1st.

Celebrate the end of Shedd's 75th anniversary by checking out all of the new attractions; the Grand Cayman blue iguana, the world's most endangered lizard; the simple elegance of Seahorses and Seadragons; and the oldest fish on display in the world, Granddad, an Australian lungfish who came to the Shedd for the World's Fair in 1933 and is still happily swimming away in the Australian Lungfish habitat.

During the discount/free week, the Shedd is offering a discounted admission package, which includes the Wild Reef and the Oceanarium for \$15 for adults and \$10 for seniors and children ages 3 to 11.

Guests wishing to only add the Oceanarium experience to their visit can do so for a discounted entrance fee of \$10 for adults and \$8 for seniors and children. This includes admission to Crabs! As part of the Shedd's year-round discount program, residents of Chicago receive a discount every day.

You can also ring in the New Year at the Shedd when, back by popular demand, King Neptune and his Royal Court appears at the Shedd from Dec. 16th through Jan. 1st. His Highness of the H2O and his royal subjects will keep visitors of all ages laughing and dancing in the aisles and thinking more about what they can do to protect Neptune's underwater kingdom.

The Shedd Aquarium is located at 1200 S. Lake Shore Dr. For more information on the Shedd or its programs, call (312) 939-2438 or visit www.shedd-aquarium.org

"Crabs"

The Shedd Aquarium's popular special exhibit, "Crabs!", will be closing on Sunday, Jan. 1st, 2006. The special exhibit highlights these ancient animals, that are like high tech machines, with adaptable parts and onboard tools. You can experience this unusual and intriguing animal that can live everywhere, from the harshest environment on the planet, hydrothermal ocean vents, to freshwater streams and ponds, as well as on land.

Get up close and personal with these fascinating creatures that boast 19 body segments, eyestalks like periscopes, a removable and renewable carapace and the ability to regenerate lost legs.

Exhibit hours are Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Saturday and Sunday, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. The Shedd is closed on Sunday, Dec. 25th. The Shedd is located at 1200 S. Lake Shore Drive.

For more information, call (312) 939-2438.

Family New Year's Eve Party

Ring in the Irish New Year at Gaelic Park, 6119 W. 147th St., Oak Forest, beginning at 4 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 31. Tickets for this event are \$27.50 for adults, \$10 for kids 12 and under and free for kids under three. Included in the fun filled package is a buffet dinner, music by John Dillon, sparkling juice and champagne toasts at 6 p.m., which is midnight in Ireland, and of course there will be plenty of party favors and surprises until 8 p.m.

For further information and to reserve tickets, call Gaelic Park at (708) 687-9323 or visit its website at www.chicagogaelpark.org.

New Year's Eve Gala

Celebrate the New Year with style by attending the New Year's Eve Gala at Gaelic Park, 6119 W. 147th St., Oak Forest, beginning at 7:30 p.m. in the Emerald Room on Saturday, Dec. 31. Tickets for this event are \$60 per person and include a premium four hour bar, hors d'oeuvres, five course dinner, a toast of champagne at the midnight hour, and plenty of party favors. Joining in the celebration will be Sean O'Donnell providing dinner music and Joe McShane and the Silverbridge Band as the evening's headliner.

For further information and to reserve tickets, call Gaelic Park at (708) 687-9323 or visit its website at www.chicagogaelpark.org.

Musical Luncheon

Gaelic Park located at 6119 W. 147th St. in Oak Forest hosts another popular Musical Luncheon on Wednesday, Dec. 7th beginning at noon with dancing music provided by Sean O'Donnell until 4 p.m. For the modest cost of \$12, the Musical Luncheon includes an afternoon of lively entertainment and a delicious sit-down lunch with soup, salad, entrée, dessert and coffee or tea.

Call Gaelic Park at (708) 687-9323 to reserve tickets or visit www.chicagogaelpark.org for more information.

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Proposed Property Tax Increase Village of Midlothian, Including Midlothian Library, Cook County, Illinois

I. A public hearing to approve a proposed property tax levy for the Village of Midlothian, Illinois (the "taxing district") for 2005 will be held on the 14th day of December, 2005, at 7:30 p.m. at the Council Chambers of the Village Hall, 14801 South Pulaski, Midlothian, Illinois.

Any person desiring to appear at the public hearing and present testimony to the taxing district may contact Michael Woike, Village Clerk, 14801 South Pulaski, Midlothian, Illinois (phone 708-389-0200).

II. The corporate and special purpose property taxes extended or abated for 2004 were \$773,834 (dollar amount of the final aggregate levy as extended, plus the amount abated by the taxing district prior to extension).

The proposed corporate and special purpose property taxes to be levied for 2005 are \$1,296,206 (dollar amount of the proposed aggregate levy). This represents a 67.5 percentage increase over the previous year.

III. The property taxes extended for debt service and public building commission leases for 2004 were \$167,762.

The estimated property taxes to be levied for debt service and public building commission leases for 2005 are \$159,378. This represents a 5 percentage decrease over the previous year.

IV. The total property taxes extended or abated for 2004 were \$941,596. The estimated total property taxes to be levied for 2005 are \$1,455,584. This represents a 54.5 percentage increase over the previous year. Any notice which includes any information not specified and required by this Article shall be an invalid notice.

All hearings shall be open to the public. The corporate authority of the taxing district must explain the reasons for the proposed increase and shall permit persons desiring to be heard an opportunity to present testimony within reasonable time limits as it determines.

Thoughts On Health & Nutrition

by
Lucinda K. Lysen, RD, RN, BSN

THE AFTERMATH OF THANKSGIVING

The holiday season has now begun! You are still digesting last weekend's food, including that big Thanksgiving bird. It was great, but now you are miserable. My "top ten" ways to stave off weight gain in last week's column was put by the wayside. New body fat is surfacing! Your pants are tighter.

As you may have stumbled across in your recent holiday reading, the average Thanksgiving Day meal is over 2000 calories, and well over 100 grams of fat. What do you do to begin the repairs and enjoy yourself through the holidays? Here are some simple pointers:

- You can start by eating lower fat meals for the next couple of days, to make up for the weekend-long feast.
- Plan for tomorrow night's party with a low caloric, low fat breakfast and lunch. Look back and assess your diet over the past few days. If you were on the "party circuit," look ahead. What are your party plans for the future? Make some decisions now!
- Do not panic or feel guilty if your diet seems out of hand. When you balance your intake over several days, you have time to regain the control.
- Make physical activity a regular habit. Beyond burning calories, exercise is essential for good health and well-being.
- Have a salad, light soup or fruit before leaving home or prior to your meal.
- Select only special or favorite foods at a holiday buffet—leave standard fare, like potato chips, nuts and rolls, for the other guests.
- Space the party beverages—have a glass of sparkling water after a glass of wine or cup of eggnog.
- Practice portion control. A smaller serving of the real thing can be very satisfying.

A lot of this is repetitious. But reinforcement is the key! And if you have very special dietary issues, consult your physician. He may refer you to a dietitian who can work more closely with you to get you through this "high calorie" time of the year.

Lucinda K. Lysen is a registered dietitian and registered nurse with consulting practices in Chicago, Illinois, and Stuart, Florida. She is Health & Medicine Editor for Southwest Messenger Press Newspapers. For further information regarding today's column or other nutrition-related issues, you may contact Ms. Lysen at Southwest Messenger Press, 3840 West 147th Street, Midlothian, Illinois, 60445 or at dietdown@aol.com.

St. Francis Lincoln Silver Award

The Lincoln Foundation for Performance Excellence announces St. Francis Hospital & Health Center, Blue Island as a recipient of the 2005 Lincoln Silver Award for Progress Towards Excellence for demonstrating sound and notable continuous improvement processes. St. Francis will be formally honored, along with 13 additional recipients, at a recognition-ceremony, hosted by Michael J. Birck, Chairman Tellabs, Inc., held at 5 p.m. on Dec. 8, at Tellabs.

Celebrating 100 years of service to the community in 2005, St. Francis Hospital & Health Center in Blue Island is a 410-bed, Catholic, voluntary, not-for-profit health care institution, owned and operated by SSM Health Care, one of the nation's largest Catholic health care systems. St. Francis provides primary, secondary, and tertiary levels of care. St. Francis also offers a comprehensive range of medical, surgical, pediatric, and obstetrical care, and serves as a major treatment site for cardiovascular care. The hospital's cardiac program has been nationally recognized six times, most recently in October as a 100 Top Cardiovascular Hospital by Evanston-based Solucient.

Continuous quality improvement has been embraced by staff as a way for their system to fulfill its mission. "St. Francis Hospital & Health Center in Blue Island is thrilled to be named a Lincoln Silver Award winner for our commitment to the continuous pursuit of excellence in all areas of our health care organization," states Colleen Kannaday, President. "I'd like to recognize the more than 1,500 dedicated employees, physicians, and volunteers at St. Francis who accompany me on our quality journey every day at St. Francis Hospital & Health Center in Blue Island, and who thoroughly embrace the pursuit of excellence in all they do. Continuous quality improvement is an integral part of our culture at St. Francis Hospital, and it's wonderful to be formally recognized for this."

"I'd like to add that this award is especially significant to St. Francis Hospital as we celebrate our 100th anniversary of service to the community in 2005. Lastly, I would like to congratulate the other Lincoln Award recipients. St. Francis Hospital is indeed proud to be in the company of so many who are truly committed to the pursuit of excellence."

Mercury Emissions From Power Plants Report

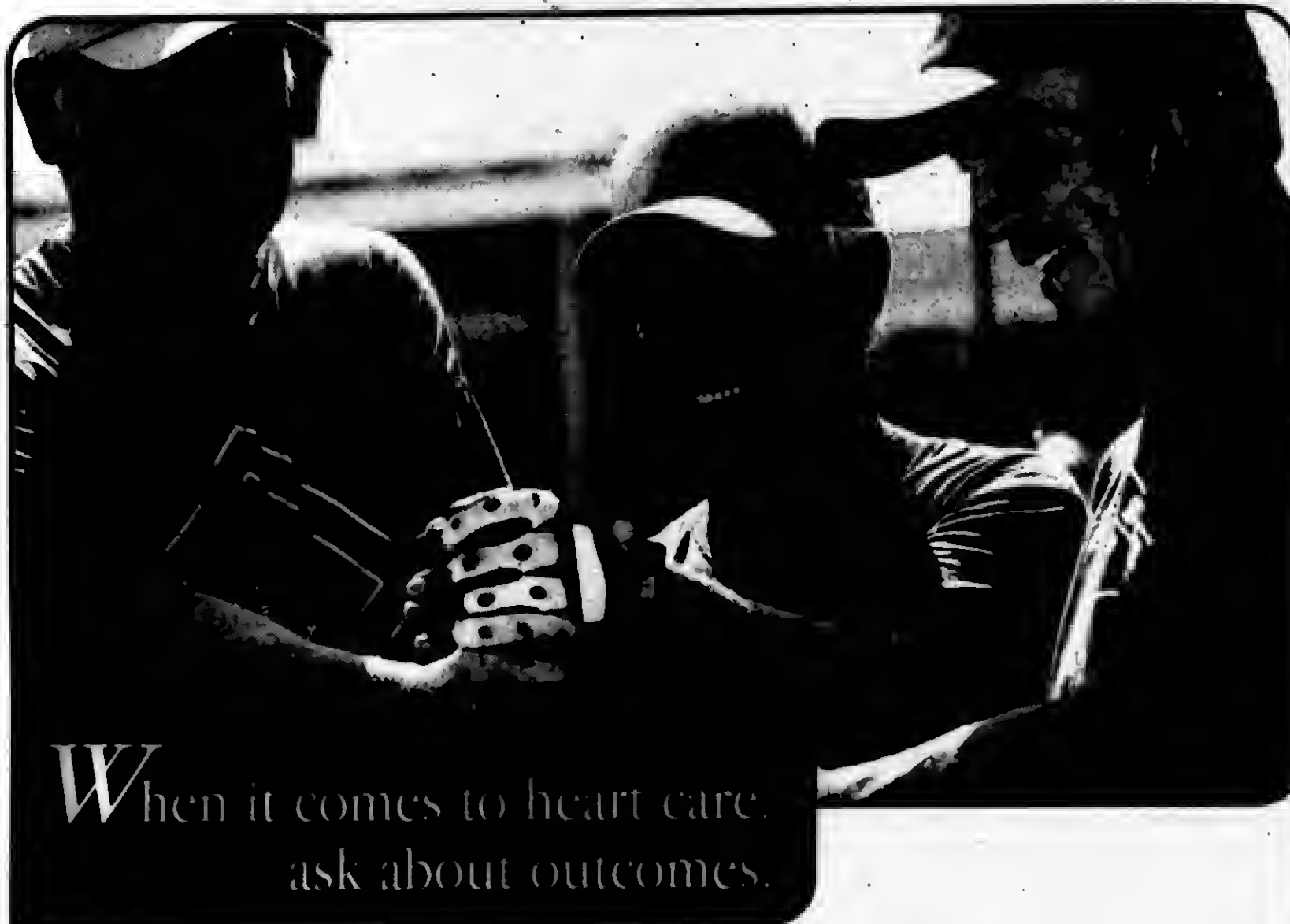
A trade association representing state and local air pollution control officials released a report and model rule for states to use to limit mercury from coal-burning power plants. The model rule was necessitated by the promulgation earlier this year of a federal mercury rule that allowed power plants to avoid modern mercury pollution controls until well after 2018.

Mercury is a potent neurotoxin that can affect the brain, heart and immune system. Developing fetuses and children are especially at risk; even low-level exposure to mercury can cause learning disabilities, developmental delays, lowered IQ, and problems with attention and memory. EPA scientists estimate that one in six women has enough mercury in her body to put her child at risk should she become pregnant.

Power plants are the largest industrial source of U.S. mercury emissions. People are exposed when the mercury washes into our lakes and streams and accumulates in fish, which end up on our dinner tables. EPA

data show that about one-third of the mercury deposited in the U.S. comes from U.S. power plants alone, and deposition can be much higher near individual plants, since local sources can account for 50-80 percent of mercury deposition at hot spots. In Illinois, mercury-related fish consumption advisories cover every body of water in the state.

Under the Clean Air Act, sources of hazardous air pollutants, including mercury, are required to install pollution control technology to reduce these toxic emissions by the maximum achievable amount. EPA acknowledged in 2001 that compliance with the law would require reducing power plant mercury emissions by about 90 percent by 2008. In March 2005, however, the EPA issued regulations that allow power plants to avoid the Clean Air Act's maximum achievable control technology (MACT) requirement, and sets much weaker and delayed pollution caps. At least 16 states, including Illinois, have taken legal action to challenge this weak mercury reduction program in court.



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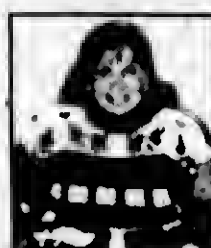
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Veterans And Soldiers News

By Lori Taylor

Ph: 708.388.2425

Air Force Airman 1st Class Michael F. Kwain has graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas. Kwain earned distinction as an honor graduate. He is the son of Mary Beth Kwain of Palos Heights. The airman graduated from Brother Rice High School in Chicago in 2000.

Navy Seaman Recruit Joseph E. Veesaert, son of Charlotte Tobin-Myers of Alsip and Joseph Veesaert, Sr. of Oak Lawn, recently completed U.S. Navy basic training at Recruit Training Command, Great Lakes. Veesaert is a 2003 graduate of Alan B. Shepard High School in Palos Heights.

Navy Petty Officer 3rd Class Fredrick M. Lacey, son of Jeanette Strono of Blue Island, departed on a scheduled deployment in support of the Global War on Terrorism while assigned to the amphibious transport dock USS Austin home-ported in Norfolk, Virginia. Lacey joined the Navy in August 2002.

Navy Seaman Apprentice Jonathan B. McKinney, son of Andre Bonner of Chicago, and his fellow shipmates returned to sea after their two-month long in-port period while assigned to the aircraft carrier USS Kitty Hawk forward deployed to Yokosuka, Japan. McKinney joined the Navy in September 2003.

United Spinal Association, a national veterans service and disability rights organization whose members are individuals with spinal cord disabilities requiring use of a wheelchair, offers a free pamphlet to interested persons titled Fire Safety for Wheelchair Users At Work and At Home. The pamphlet may be read or downloaded at www.unitedspinal.org. Single, free copies of it can be ordered at the same web address, or by telephone at 1-800-444-0120. Individuals or organizations interested in acquiring multiple copies of the pamphlet may call the above number for ordering instructions. The pamphlet is also available to the public in Spanish.

Members of Friends of Our Troops have been supporting the troops by writing letters for about four decades. Since Vietnam Mail Call was founded in 1965 many millions of pieces of mail have been sent to the troops both at home and abroad.

"Thank you for writing me. This is a quick note to let you know that I received your mail and that I appreciate your support." This was the message on a postcard a U.S. Marine wrote to the Friends of Our Troops office after receiving a package of fan mail to share with his buddies.

Writing has been underway all across the nation—by individuals and families, in schools and churches, with campus groups, scout troops, 4-H clubs and other youth groups, veterans groups and auxiliaries, etc., to prepare cards and letters for the Christmas 2005 Fan Mail for the Troops campaign.

Mail from all over the nation is now being received at Friends of Our Troops headquarters, where it will be thoroughly mixed, then prepared into well over 1,000 packages to be sent out. The fan mail goes to every branch of the military—Army, Navy, Marines, Air Force, and Coast Guard.

An overview of how the campaign functions has been posted in the online photo album, www.troopfanmail.net/album.htm. In addition, there are special pages for schools, colleges, churches, veterans groups, youth groups, Catholic, etc.

Your military friends and loved ones can be VIPs when they receive a big package of fan mail to share with their buddies. Send their name and complete military mailing address, along with your name, address, phone number and email address (if any). All military names/addresses are kept strictly confidential. It also helps to know how many are in the military unit, and until what date the military address will be valid.

Tens of thousands of veterans are now receiving their prescription drug refills from the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) with greater convenience, speed and security, thanks to a new service available to veterans over the Internet. More than 70,000 prescriptions have been refilled using the latest service added to VA's "MyHealtheVet," the personal online health record system designed for veterans in the VA health care system. The prescription refill service began on Aug. 31st.

The secure online prescription refill service has quickly emerged as one of the more popular features in the MyHealtheVet system, which connects with VA's widely respected electronic records system.

When a veteran orders a prescription refill, the request is routed through the VA computer system to be filled by one of the department's outpatient mail pharmacies. The refill is then sent directly to the veteran, eliminating the need for a trip to the pharmacy and a wait in line.

Since mid-October more than 100,000 veterans have signed up to use MyHealtheVet, which is located on VA's Web site at www.myhealth.va.gov.

I hope most of you have computers and access to the Internet. If not, ask a family member or friend to help you access the information you may need. I know it can be mind boggling when no phone number is listed for you to find the necessary information. Good luck. I hope this information is helpful.

Good-bye for now. God bless you and your family and God bless America.

Chicago Author Signs New Book

Chicago author and scholar Louise Knight will discuss and sign her new book, *Citizen: Jane Addams and the Struggle for Democracy* at the Chicago Public Library. The free program will be held on Tuesday, Dec. 6th, at 5:30 p.m. in the 7th Floor Chicago Authors Room at the Harold Washington Library Center, 400 S. State Street.

Jane Addams was the first American woman to receive the Nobel Peace Prize. In this biography, Knight writes about Ms. Addams' early development from the child of a wealthy family in rural northern Illinois, to an award-winning political activist and social philosopher.

Knight recounts how Ms. Addams broadened her horizons through reading, education and travel; and how after receiving an inheritance upon her father's death, she moved to Chicago in 1889 to co-found Hull House, Chicago's first settlement house which now enjoys a revered and international reputation as a neighborhood center for education and social gatherings.

Knight further describes how Jane Addams, tirelessly worked to bring about better working conditions in factories, expose political corruption and joined the campaign for women's rights and the right to vote. These experiences, according to Ms. Knight, solidified Ms. Addams philosophy for democracy and social activism.

For more information, call the Chicago Public Library's Press Office at (312) 747-4050.



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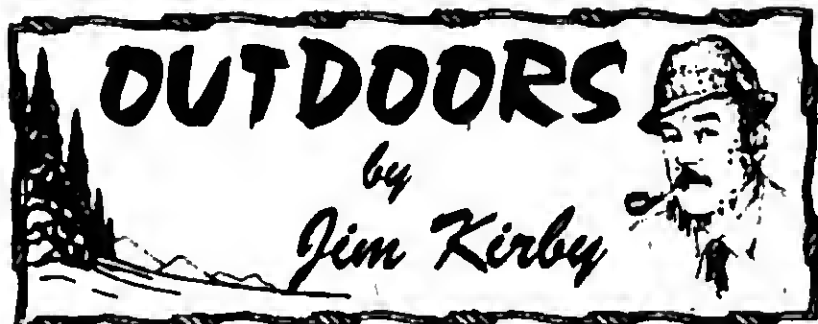
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WISCONSIN DEER HUNT: Not only is it a great tradition, a chance to renew friendships, enjoy the great outdoors, control a deer that is out of control, my family enjoys eating venison.

Here I was, for the fifty-fourth consecutive year, spending opening day of the Wisconsin gun deer season with my son-in-law Tom Noone, in a stretch of woods that brings back nothing but pleasant memories of past hunts.

This could be my last Wisconsin hunt. Surgery on the rotator-cuff in my left shoulder on July 19th has so far proved to be unsuccessful. The pain is gone, but lifting a gun or fishing rod is next to impossible. Five months of therapy will end on Dec. 19th at which time we will look into other possibilities for correcting the problem.

The first day of hunting, I had one deer pass within shooting range, but was unable to shoulder the rifle; the second day, a small buck stood long enough for me to brace the gun on a railing in my deer stand, and the fork-horn buck was mine. I was really looking for a "dry doe," one traveling without a fawn. My macho days of trying for that big buck are long gone; leave that for the guys and gals looking for a wall-hanger.



Kirby with what could be his last Wisconsin deer due to a shoulder problem.

Henry Rieckhoff, a proprietor of Mogasheen Resort on beautiful Lake Namakagon, came by and field dressed the deer; we took the mandatory photos, registered the deer and took it to be processed into tenderloins, butterfly chops, roasts and hamburger.

Henry got an eight point buck, his daughter Susan took a nice doe. Tom never got a clear shot, had to get home for a business meeting, so we cut the trip short and headed home. The deer we got processed is in Tom's freezer, to be shared by both families if I don't get my deer in Southern Illinois.

Henry and Susan had their deer and could concentrate on preparing Mogasheen Resort for the expected snowmobilers, ice fishermen, and cross country skiers. Mogasheen is a year-round resort situated in the heart of the Chequamegon National Forest near Cable, Wisconsin. For information: (715) 794-2113 or E-mail: mogres@cheqnet.net.

KANKAKEE RIVER UPDATE: "More and more Kankakee River fishermen just keep on fishin' when fall begins to turn into winter and until it's time for ice fishing. If the weather stays on the warmer side, the Kankakee River smallmouth bass will continue to feed for some time! I know they also feed when the cold arrives, but more are caught around Christmas into New Year when the waters are above freezing."

"Catches through the years by those who just keep on working the river for smallmouth bass are testimony those fish continue to feed! At one time, most people thought the bass went into total hibernation in the winter. Others swear they know they semi-hibernate as weather turns colder."

"We also hear that the smallmouth bass (and most of our river fish) feed more in the fall and early winter as they are storing up food and energy for winter when the availability of river food is at an all-season low."

"You can catch smallmouth bass at this time of the year with most of the same baits you offered to them during the summer months. Most fishermen do not use surface baits, although some smallies have been caught with top-water at some of the clear water cold weather fishing times." (Source: Ed Mullady's Sportsmen's Letter. To subscribe, phone or fax (815) 932-7285.)

PURINA INTRODUCES NEW SPORTING DOG WEB SITE: How often should I feed my hardworking dog? Does my dog require more calories when the weather gets colder? What items should a first aid kit for a sporting dog contain? Purina Pro Plan Dog Food has launched a new web site dedicated to the care and feeding of hardworking sporting dogs that answers all of the above and more.

Purina's web site, www.proplan.com/sportingdog, contains a wealth of information that will help working dogs reach their full potential. Updates are added to the site on an ongoing basis in order to provide additional information to sporting dog owners.

A sporting library section contains articles written by some of the country's top experts on such subjects as performance dog feeding, carbohydrate management and replacement, hydration strategies and pre-season conditioning. A Sporting Theater section contains video clips that cover everything from hydration and conditioning to hot weather care and traveling with your dog. Interviews and profiles of some of the top breeders and field trial competitors are included to help dog owners learn the tips and tactics that make them successful.

PREP SPORTS ROUND-UP

BOYS FOOTBALL Saturday, 11-26-05 (Title Games)

Class 8A
Lincoln Way East 30, Maine South 24 (2 OT's)
Class 7A
Prospect 20, Mount Carmel 14
Class 6A
Morris 14, Normal Community 9
Class 5A
Sacred Heart-Griffin 28, R.I. Alleman 21
Class 4A
Driscoll 42, Newton 7
Class 3A
Bureau Valley 34, Tolono Unity 7
Class 2A
Dakota 20, Aledo 15
Class 1A
Freeport Aquin 30, Cambridge 28

BOYS BASKETBALL Tuesday, 11-22-05

Andrew 63, Oak Forest 45
Oak Lawn 65, Crete-Monee 61 (3 OT's)
Richards 57, St. Francis de Sales 45
Reavis 60, T.F. South 43
Rich East 84, Tinley Park 53
Thornwood 54, Lincoln Way East 39
Eisenhower 55, Shepard 50
Leo 51, Bloom Township 41
Homewood Flossmoor 77, Bowen 30
T.F. North 68, Hubbard 56
Waubensie Valley 70, Argo 55
Latin 67, Lemont 63
Kenwood 64, Brother Rice 63
Luther South 61, Cristo Rey 51
Morgan Park Academy 58, Hancock 53
De LaSalle 74, Yorkville 46
Rich South 60, Corliss 57
Chicago Christian 74, Noble Street Charter 47
Thornridge 67, Rockford East 27
Lincoln Park 75, Kennedy 34
Marshall 78, Morgan Park 63
Marist 74, St. Laurence 51
Curie 58, Willowbrook 56

BOYS BASKETBALL Saturday, 11-26-05

Homewood-Flossmoor 63, Hillcrest 55 (OT)
Marian Catholic 58, Leo 48
Bloom Township 55, Phillips 41
Sandburg 74, Bowen 51
Thornton 53, Schaumburg 43
Lincoln Park 76, Marshall 75
St. Ignatius 51, St. Rita 46
Seton Academy 72, Harper 59
Morgan Park 52, Kennedy 40
Marist 67, Stagg 58
Willowbrook 63, St. Laurence 54
Rockford Boylan 63, Thornridge 53
Thornridge 63, Rockford Auburn 52
Downers Grove south 75, Argo 43
Evergreen Park 58, Academy of Scholastic of Achievement 56
De LaSalle 82, Oswego 63
Hancock 57, Cristo Rey 27
Luther South 58, Wilmington 48
Morgan Park Academy 61, ACT Charter 50
Lyons Township 72, Lincoln Way Central 43
Bremen 64, Riverside-Brookfield 45

GIRLS BASKETBALL Tuesday 11-22-05

Marshall 46, St. Ignatius 41
Marist 53, Rolling Meadows 26
Timothy Christian 38, Argo 19
Prospect 67, Queen of Peace 33
Morgan Park Academy 43, Luther South 20
Sandburg 45, Benet Academy 43
JCA 69, Plainfield South 47
Illiana Christian 66, Rich South 54
Tinley Park 54, Peotone 27
T.F. North 51, Mount Assisi 25
Conant 54, Providence Catholic 45

GIRLS BASKETBALL Saturday 11-26-05

Rich East 66, Thornridge 60
Lincoln Way Central 31, Morris 22
Marian Catholic 58, St. Ignatius 47
Mother McAuley 66, Washington 47
Providence Catholic 98, Wilmington 31
Shepard 62, Gordon Tech 47
West Chicago 45, Queen of Peace 32
Stagg 49, Oak Forest 48
T.F. South 51, Argo 45

BOYS BOWLING Tuesday, 11-22-05

Sandburg 3,021, Plainfield North 2,399
Lincoln Way East 2,026, Oak Forest 2,024
Stagg 1,791, Tinley Park 1,777

GIRLS BOWLING Tuesday, 11-22-05

Bremen 1,590, Richards 1,489
Evergreen Park 2,679, Peotone 2,142
Crete-Monee 1,520, Oak Forest 1,459
T.F. North 1,519, Tinley Park 1,455
Reavis 1,581, Lincoln Way East 1,332
GIRLS BOWLING
Saturday, 11-26-05
Plainfield C. 5,383, Minooka 5,128, Morris 4,995
Lockport 5,852, Freeport 5,703, Harlem 5,559

Sports Valve By: Brad Allen

Welcome again to the Sports Valve. Take a rest from the shopping for a moment or two and step inside. I just got done re-heating the last bit of Thanksgiving leftovers. Now, I'm preparing my Christmas wish list for our local sports teams.

Professional Sports Valve: Christmas wish #1 - Now that the Bears are a shoe-in for the post-season, I wish Lovie Smith would prioritize Bears fans' hopes above Kyle Orton's psyche. Give him a pat on the back for doing all he can do, but start working Rex Grossman back into the mix! 13 points won't win you many playoff games.

Christmas wish #2 - Loosen up the purse strings, Mr. Reinsdorf. Any hopes of a repeat vanish without Konercko. By the way, advantage Kenny Williams over Jim Hendry so far this offseason - again. With a limited budget a GM has to take chances and Williams' gambles have paid off. I'm betting that Thome, for instance, will at least double his lifetime Cellular Field home run total of 18 this season. As for the fuss over the departure of Rohan, come on! He's a good guy, but if you don't think that type of player grows on trees, be careful the next time you rake your lawn. Among the leaves, you're likely to see several decent fielding, .270-hitting outfielders with occasional power.

Christmas wish #3 - I wish Hendry would have a productive winter baseball meeting, which begins December 5th. To date, Hendry has shored up his bullpen with ex-White Sox pitchers to protect late inning leads that might never exist. Hitting and speed is needed. I'll settle for Furcal at short, Soriano at second, Pierre in center and either Mensch, Bradley or Giles in right. Get busy. Hey! It's not like I'm asking for Manny Ramirez and Damon Miller.

Christmas wish #4 - The Blackhawks have diplomatically arranged for the NHL Director of Officials to give Hawk players a clinic on penalty calling. I don't think such conscientiousness will assuage the wrath of the officials if that's what the Hawks are trying to do. And if you were to administer truth serum to this Director of Officials, it would be a very short seminar. He would stand up to speak and simply confess, "Hey, you guys aren't as skilled or as fast as other teams and, no matter what you do, we're going to keep the whistle in our mouths from the instant you step off the team bus before a game ... and we're going to blow on it until the pea flies out and hits you in the head while you're sitting in the box."

My wish is this ... The Hawks have a tough team if nothing else. Until they change their personnel, hit, hit and hit some more! They can't possibly be penalized any more than they already are, and intense hitting might just throw opponents off their game often enough to at least entertain a hope of making the playoffs.

Christmas wish #5 - I wish for the Bulls to keep up the good work. Skiles is getting everything he can out of that squad as evidenced by their recent stampede through Texas when they trampled San Antonio and Houston on back-to-back nights.

Amateur Sports Valve: Congratulations to the Lincoln Way East Griffins for winning the Class 8A Football State Championship in only their 5th year. Elsewhere, in ladies High School basketball, on an evening where seventeen teams throughout the area averaged just 47 points, the Providence Catholic Celtics rang up a resounding 98 points!

Sports Tip Valve: One word - Columbo! How did Columbo always nail his murder suspects? By getting them to underestimate him! That approach is incredibly applicable during sports competition. If you are a defensive end, for instance, make that blocker think he's manhandling you - at least, on plays when you are probably not going to be a factor anyway. Then, bring out the fake-and-spin at the right time.

In martial arts competition, if you deceive the opponent into thinking you have a limited arsenal, he will soon move in sloppily and be at your mercy.

In baseball, I've seen hitters swing and miss certain pitches and exaggerate how awkward and dumfounded they were supposedly made to look. However, it was merely an act designed to induce the pitcher to throw that same fat pitch in a more critical situation later on.

In hockey, how many times have you seen a goaltender show the shooter five-hole (space between the pads) simply to entice him into taking an easily savable shot?

There's just one thing I don't understand. Why strut like a peacock and talk trash like a smart aleck when all you have to do is feign stupidity to win.

Exit valve.

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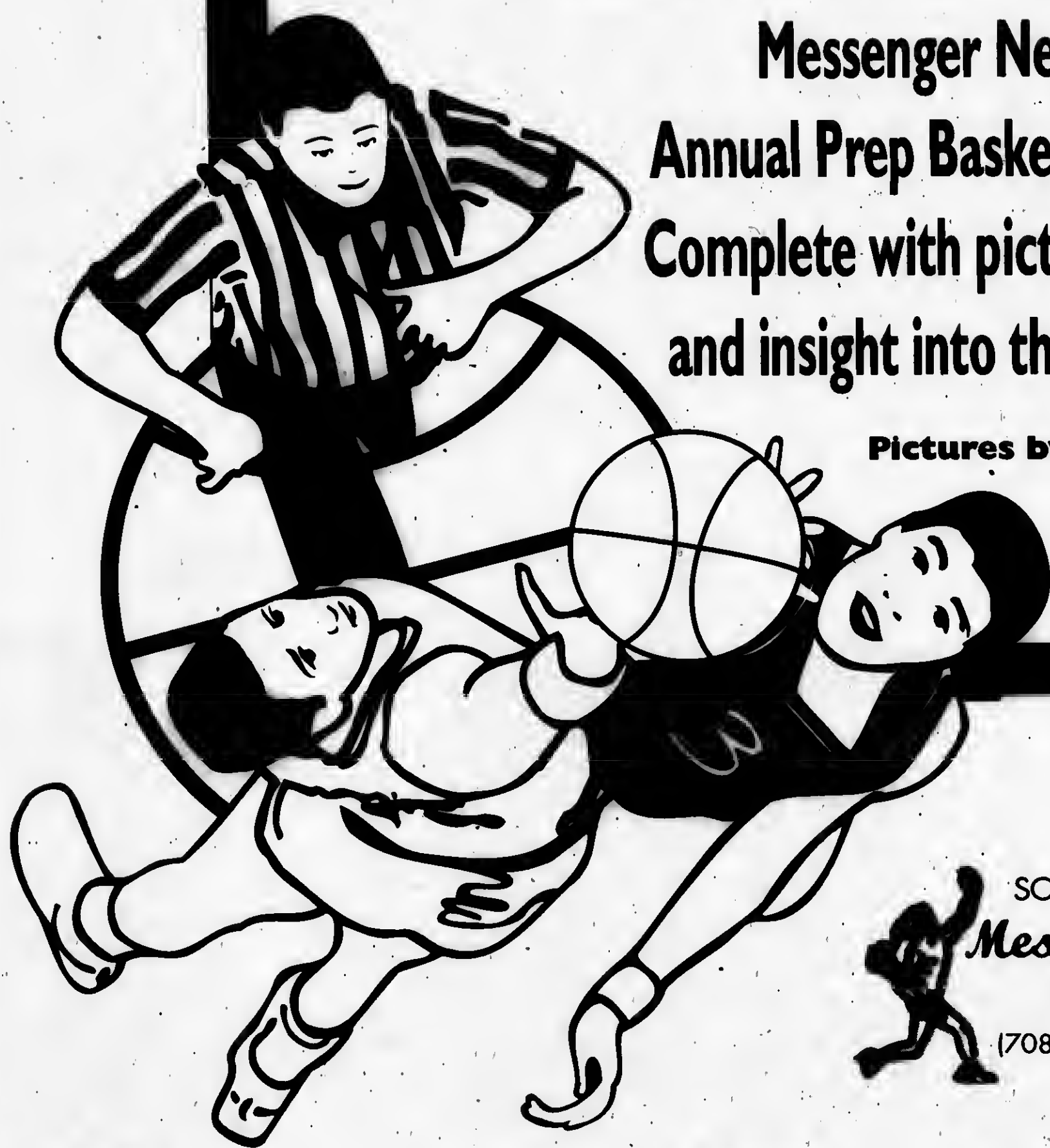
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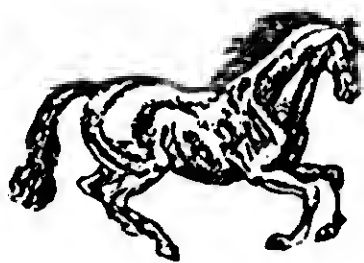
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The St. Rita High School Basketball Roster for the 2005-06 season includes: Chris Godwin, Ryan Mehalek, Georgio Rhodes, Tom Cronin, Roshawn Russell, Kendall Hayes, Tim O'Malley, Jay Clarke, Rocky Gray, Willie Tines, Chris Chojnowski, Kyle Smith, Rich Gabel, Ryan Rayhill, Bernard Cooper and Darron Johnston. Head Coach is John Bonk. Assistant Coaches are Jerry Browne and Bill Laird.

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ST. RITA REMAINING GAMES

December

- 2 DeLaSalle Home 5:45/7:30 p.m.
- 6 Marist Home 6/7:30 p.m.
- 9 Bishop McNamara
Away 5:45/7:30 p.m.
- 13 Mt. Carmel Home 5:45/7:30 p.m.
- 16 Brother Rice
Away 5:45/7:30 p.m.
- 22 Cathedral (PA) Home 7 p.m.
- 26-29 Varsity Bloomington TBA
- 26-29 St. Patrick TBA

January

- 6 Fenwick Home 5:45/7:30 p.m.
- 13 Guerin Prep Away 5:45/7:30 p.m.
- 20 St. Laurence
Home 5:45/7:30 p.m.
- 21 Marian Catholic
Home 6/7:30 p.m.
- 27 Loyola Away 5:45/7:30 p.m.
- 31 St. Ignatius Home 5:45/7:30 p.m.

February

- 3 Leo Away 5:45/7:30 p.m.
- 4 Lake Park Home 6/7:30 p.m.
- 10 Gordon Tech
Home 5:45/7:30 p.m.
- 17 North/South
Championship 7:30 p.m.
- 18 Lane Tech Home 6/7:30 p.m.
- 21 Eisenhower Away 6/7:30 p.m.



MARIST REDHAWKS



GENE NOLAN

MARIST



REDHAWKS



The Marist High School Basketball Roster for the 2005-06 season includes: John Piko, Chris Quinn, Ian Schaller, Kyle Clifford, Jon Slager, Sean Cullen, Mitchell Boule, Collin Sullivan, Jeremy Nash, Matt Gorski, Deric Branch, Matt Lynch, Will Wright, Tom Walsh, Pat Connolly, Jack Marks and Brandon Price. Head Coach is Gene Nolan. Assistant Coaches are Glenn Pacek and Rob Sarmiento.

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MARIST REMAINING GAMES

December

- 2 Marian Catholic Away 6/7:30 p.m.
- 3 Marian Catholic Home 10 a.m.
- 6 St. Rita Away 6/7:30 p.m.
- 8 St. Viator Home 6/7:30 p.m.
- 10 St. Viator Away 10/11:30 a.m.
- 17 Benet Away 10/11:30 a.m.
- 17 Leo @ Hillcrest Away TBA
- 20 Benet Home 6/7:30 p.m.
- 27 St. Laurence Away TBA
- 27 Hinsdale South Away 9:30/11 a.m.
- 27 Centralia Away TBA
- 28 St. Laurence Away TBA
- 28 Hinsdale South Away 9:30/11 a.m.
- 28 Centralia Away TBA
- 29 St. Laurence Away TBA
- 29 Hinsdale South Away 9:30/11 a.m.
- 29 Centralia Away TBA

January

- 6 Nazareth Away 6/7:30 p.m.
- 7 Nazareth Home 10 a.m.
- 9 Richards Home 5 p.m.
- 11 Richards Away 6/7:30 p.m.
- 14 Joliet Catholic Away 10/11:30 a.m.
- 14 Carmel Away 6/7:30 p.m.
- 16 Carmel Home 5 p.m.
- 17 Joliet Catholic Home 6/7:30 p.m.
- 21 St. Joe's Home 10 a.m.
- 23 Br. Rice Away 5/6:30 p.m.
- 24 Br. Rice Home 6/7:30 p.m.
- 27 Notre Dame Away 6/7:30 p.m.
- 27 Notre Dame Away 10/11:30 a.m.
- 30 Eisenhower Away 5:30 p.m.
- 31 Eisenhower Home 6/7:30 p.m.

February

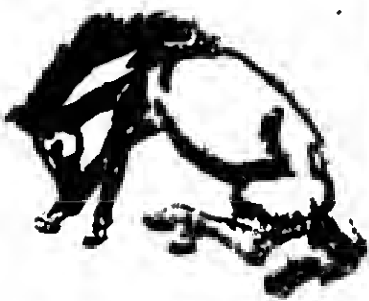
- 4 Marian Catholic Away 10/11:30 a.m.
- 4 St. Joe's Away 2:30 p.m.
- 4 St. Joe's Away 4:30 p.m.
- 6 St. Laurence Away 6 p.m.
- 10 St. Pat's Away 6/7:30 p.m.
- 11 St. Pat's Home 10 a.m.
- 13 Nazareth Away 5/6:30 p.m.
- 14 Marian Catholic Home 6/7:30 p.m.
- 15 Leo Away 4:30 p.m.
- 15 Leo Away 6 p.m.
- 15 Leo Away 7:30 p.m.
- 17 Benet Away 6/7:30 p.m.
- 18 Benet Home 10 a.m.
- 20 St. Rita Home 5 p.m.
- 21 Nazareth Home 6/7:30 p.m.
- 24 Joliet Catholic Away 6/7:30 p.m.
- 25 Joliet Catholic Home 10 a.m.

EVERGREEN PARK MUSTANGS



BRUCE SCADUTO

EVERGREEN PARK



MUSTANGS



The Evergreen Park High School Basketball Roster for the 2005-06 season includes: Marcellus Thomas, Scott Durco, James Johnson, D'Mario Shelton, Willie Walton, Darryl Walker, D'Ron Walker, Jesse Gonzalez, Buddy Otis, Ryle Wilkins, John Albarran, Steve Goldsbury, Tommy Morris, and Hector Garcia.



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EVERGREEN PARK REMAINING GAMES

December	
2	Reavis Away 7:30 pm
9	Richards Away 7:30 pm
16	Tinley Park Away 7:00 pm
19	Thornton Fractional South Away 7:30 pm
January	
10	Chicago Christian Home 7:30 pm
13	Eisenhower Home 7:30 pm
20	Oak Forest Away 7:30 pm
24	Oak Lawn Home 7:30 pm
27	Bremen Home 7:30 pm
31	Westmont Away 7:00 pm
February	
3	Tinley Park Home 7:30 pm
7	Hillcrest Away 7:30 pm
10	Eisenhower Away 7:30 pm
15	Hillcrest Home 7:30 pm
17	Oak Forest Home 7:30 pm
24	Bremen Away 7:30 pm



H.L. RICHARDS BULLDOGS



JOHN CHAPPETTO

RICHARDS



BULLDOGS



The Richards High School Basketball Roster for the 2005-06 season includes: Kodhamus Llongbey, Cortez Lewis, Brendan Styler, Darronte White, Cody Yelder, Joey Lerner, Charles Thomas, Mike Lymon, Tristan Therkiel, Brandon Williams, Samer Abdallah, Dan Spedale, Teray Whisby, and Desmond Johnson. Head Coach, John Chappetto. Assistant Coach Demitris McDaniel.

H.L. RICHARDS REMAINING GAMES

December

- 2 Hillcrest Away
- 6 Stagg Away 7:00 pm
- 9 Evergreen Park Home 7:30 pm
- 13 T.F. North Away 6:30 pm
- 16 Romeoville Away 7:30 pm
- 17 Hillcrest Invite Away TBA
- 27-29 Kankakee Tournament Away TBA

January

- 6 Reavis Home 7:30 pm
- 11 Marist Home 7:30 pm
- 13 Shepard Away 7:00 pm
- 17 Rich East Away 6:00 pm
- 20 Argo Away 7:30 pm
- 27 Oak Lawn Home 7:30 pm

February

- 3 Romeoville Home 7:30 pm
- 7 Reavis Away 7:30 pm
- 10 Shepard Home 7:30 pm
- 17 Argo Home 7:30 pm
- 22 Mt. Carmel Home 7:30 pm
- 24 Oak Lawn Away 7:30 pm



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OAK FOREST REMAINING GAMES

December

- 2 Romeoville Home 7:30 pm
- 6 Reavis Away 7:30 pm
- 9 Shepard Away 7:00 pm
- 13 Stagg Home 7:30 pm
- 16 Hillcrest Home 7:30 pm
- 26-29 Lincoln-Way East
Tournament Away TBA

January

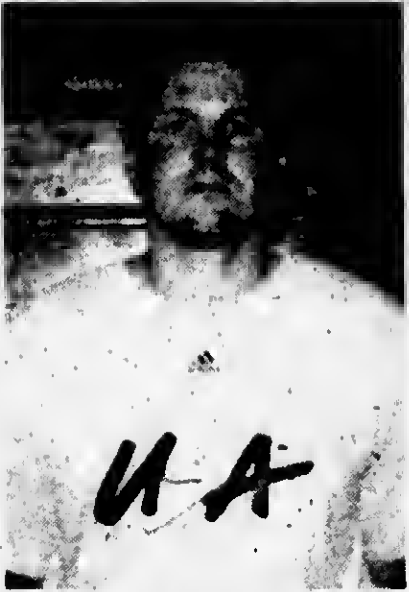
- 6 Eisenhower Away 7:30 pm
- 10 Bradley Away 7:00 pm
- 13 Bremen Home 7:30 pm
- 14 Bremen Pow Wow
(Lisle) Away 12:45 pm
- 17 T.F. South Home 7:30 pm
- 20 Evergreen Park Home 7:30 pm
- 27 Tinley Park Away 7:00 pm

February

- 3 Hillcrest Away 7:30 pm
- 7 Eisenhower Home 7:30 pm
- 10 Bremen Away 7:30 pm
- 14 Momence Home 7:30 pm
- 17 Evergreen Park Away 7:30 pm
- 24 Tinley Park Home 7:30 pm



BREMEN BRAVES



MIKE CURTA

BREMEN



BRAVES



The Bremen High School Basketball Roster for the 2005-06 season includes: Dwight Walls, Matt McCary, Andre Quarles, Ryan Miller, Tim Cazley, Quinton Huckahee, Marcus Hunt, Hinton Huckahee, Tony Velcich, Adam Osinski, Curtis Filppen, Amir Ross, Leon Davis, Deanthony Wilkens, Perry Singleton, Michael Buttrom, and Alphonso Tate. Head Coach is Mike Curta. Assistants are Brian Flaherty, Otis Lane, Clato Smalling, Matt Meany, and Mike Litton.

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BREMEN REMAINING GAMES

December

- 2 Argo Home 7:30 pm
- 6 Oak Park-River Forest
Away 7:30 pm
- 9 Oak Lawn Away 7:30 pm
- 13 Lemont Away 7:00 pm
- 16 Eisenhower Home 7:30 pm
- 19 Lincoln Way East
Away 7:30 pm
- 26-29 Rich South
Big Dipper Away TBA

January

- 6 Tinley Park Home 7:30 pm
- 13 Oak Forest Away 7:30 pm
- 14 Bremen Pow Wow
Home 7:30 pm
- 20 Hillcrest Home 7:30 pm
- 27 Evergreen Park Away 7:30 pm

February

- 3 Eisenhower Away 7:30 pm
- 7 Tinley Park Away 7:00 pm
- 10 Oak Forest Home 7:30 pm
- 11 Corliss Home 7:30 pm
- 14 Shepard Home 7:30 pm
- 17 Hillcrest Away 7:30 pm
- 24 Evergreen Park Home 7:30 pm



Mark Donahue Is Reelected



President Mark Donahue, who has been a member of the Fraternal Order of Police, Chicago Lodge #7, since 1981, was reelected for another 3-year term.

Mark became a Police Officer in 1977, was promoted to Detective in 1998, served in a host of capabilities with the F.O.P. which included Financial Secretary, Board of Trustees for both the Chicago Lodge and Illinois State Fraternal Order of Police. In April of 2002 he was elected president of Chicago Lodge #7.

Mark is married and has three children.

Pilgrim Church Advent Workshop

The Advent Workshop at Pilgrim Faith United Church of Christ, 9411 S. 51st Ave., will begin at 3 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 4th. All ages can make Christmas ornaments and crafts of their choosing, including the ever-popular gingerbread houses. The afternoon will end with a Christmas carol sing-along. A concession stand will be open during the craft time.

The church is handicapped accessible. Visitors are welcome.

Aglow Will Meet

The Oak Lawn Chapter of Aglow International will meet on Thursday, Dec. 8th at Mama Luigi's Restaurant, 7500 Harlem Avenue.

This meeting will be a celebration of Christmas and Jesus' Birthday, with good food, friends, fellowship and music. New Creations Band, a music ministry, dedicated to spreading the love of Jesus to all God's people is returning to entertain and minister. Led by this chapter's Vice President of Public Relations, Rev. Linda Du Puy, New Creations has ministered at St. Charles Boys Correctional Facility (prison), Oak Lawn Community Church, St. Germaine Church, The Senior's Club (an adult day care), Kiwanis, True Kindred (a fraternal organization) and Aglow picnics and meetings. Every month they lead praise and worship for Rejoice Ministry's rallies in Oak Brook.

Bring a friend to help you start off the Holiday Season with the right spirit. One of love, joy and praise to our Father for sending his son to us.

Dinner tickets are \$13.50 for a family style meal, available at 6:30 p.m. at the door. Dinner is served promptly at 7:00 p.m. Reservations are required by December 5th. For additional information and reservations call June at (708) 424-1656.

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Amahl & The Night Visitors

"Amahl and the Night Visitors" is the perfect family experience for the holidays. This classic musical finds the young boy, Amahl, letting his imagination take away the pain of his crippled legs. He tells his mother so many fantasies that when he sees the light of a brilliant star, she does not believe him.

Enter the Three Kings. They seek shelter as they continue to follow the same star. They bring with them much gold as a gift to the place the star directs them. The plot thickens as Amahl's mother is tempted at the thought of how much good all the gold could do for her and her crippled son, Amahl.

"Amahl" is the perfect family holiday experience. It is also the type of production that every actor wants to include on his resume. Auditions found hopeful actors coming from as far north as Skokie and south to Lansing. A college student drove in from Normal. Also represented were Orland Park, Oak Lawn, Blue Island, Country Club Hills and Oak Forest.

This classic musical opens Friday, Dec. 9th and Saturday, Dec. 10th with a 7:30 p.m. curtain. The Sunday, Dec. 11th matinee has a 3:00 p.m. curtain. The production

will be staged at the Performance Center of the Bethany Union Community Church located in the Beverly area, 1750 W. 103rd Street.

What also makes "Amahl" the perfect family event is the ticketing pricing. With an advance call to the Box Office: (708) 841-7396, the \$12 Door Price Ticket is available for \$10. Seniors and Students are \$9. Children to the age of 12 are only \$5. Cabaret seating will add to the comfort and enjoyment.

This is the first of the ArtCraft Theater Productions for the 2005-2006 season. The entire 5-show package includes comedy, Broadway musicals, 1940's Musical Nostalgia, a Salute to John Wayne, the Quiet Man and even a touch of Shakespeare. The 5-show subscription is only \$40.

And, in keeping with the philosophy of producer, Glenn Pniewski, that theater should be family affordable, Season Subscribers may "Adopt-A-Kid." This allows the Season Subscriber to bring a young person FREE to every production. For more information on the entire 5-show season call Dan Flynn at (708) 952-0487. If you enjoyed "Amahl," you will receive full credit on your "Amahl" ticket to apply to the remaining 4 productions.

Students Help With Hurricane Cleanup

Fifteen Millikin University students will spend part of the winter break helping with hurricane cleanup in Moss Point, Miss. The students will be volunteering from Jan. 1st to 7th through the collegiate national student organization BreakAway.

The students along with two Millikin faculty advisors will be helping victims of this year's disastrous hurricane season. The Millikin group will be serving under the United Methodist Committee on Relief while working in Mississippi. The Millikin students will be helping with house construction, debris cleanup, putting tarps on roofs, business recovery activities, counseling homeowners and documenting human interest stories.

Local students among the 15 making the trip include senior Deanna Drechsler of Oak Lawn, junior Christine LaPorte of Oak Forest, and senior Rachel Wanderer of

Lemont. Millikin faculty members making the trip include Mary Garrison of Bloomington, Assistant Professor of Social Work, and Dr. Larry Troy, Professor of Sociology.

Millikin's chapter of BreakAway travels during winter break to help others in need. BreakAway members are dedicated to lifelong active citizenship. In past years Millikin students have volunteered at the Anthony House Homeless Shelter in Zellwood, Fla. and worked at The Love Kitchen and Camp Grace in Pinetop/Lakeside, Ariz.

The Millikin BreakAway chapter is raising money to lessen the cost of their trip and to make a donation to the Mississippi Hurricane Recovery Fund. If you would like to make a contribution, contact Christine LaPorte at claporte@millikin.edu or mail your tax deductible gift to: Attn: BreakAway, c/o Christine LaPorte, Millikin University, 1184 W. Main St., Decatur, IL 62522.

Representative Addresses Criminal Justice Students

Illinois State Rep. Paul D. Froehlich spent some time with Northwestern Business College Criminal Justice students recently, when he visited the school's Chicago and Bridgeview campuses on Nov. 9th and 10th.

Froehlich was brought in as a guest speaker by NBC Assistant Professor Edward Hammer. "This was a great opportunity for NBC's Criminal Justice majors," Hammer stated. "The students were thrilled to hear Rep. Froehlich's interesting perspective, and learned a lot about new career options and employment opportunities."

Froehlich spoke candidly about issues such as corrections reform, and victim rights, and shared personal experiences that resulted from his years of work as a program manager in the Criminal Justice field. He also talked extensively about the rapid job growth taking place with-

in the area of Corrections, and urged students to target this division of the Criminal Justice field in their job search.

Illinois State Rep. Froehlich's advice was essential to NBC students ready to put their career-oriented training to use in the workforce, as well as students still working towards completion of their program. This visit was memorable for everyone in attendance, and NBC is happy to have hosted such an invaluable event.

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Deanne Drechsler Named Lincoln Laureate

Millikin University senior Deanne Drechsler of Oak Lawn was among 50 college students from Illinois honored as Lincoln Academy Student Laureates during a

ceremony in the Old State Capital in Springfield on Oct. 22nd.

This year marked the 30th year the Lincoln Academy of Illinois has honored students

from colleges and universities in Illinois. The students honored are selected for their overall excellence in curricular and extracurricular activities. Millikin University

President Douglas Zemke joined Drechsler at the ceremony.

Drechsler is an English (Secondary Teaching) major at Millikin.

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Chamber Kicks Off Holiday Season

The Oak Lawn Chamber of Commerce participated in the kickoff to the holiday season in Oak Lawn. Members of the board volunteered to assist at the festivities on the Village Green, planned by the Village of Oak Lawn for the Saturday of Thanksgiving weekend. Volunteers distributed complimentary candy canes to children enjoying the horse and carriage rides, which were sponsored by the Chamber and its member businesses, on Saturday, Nov. 26th. Other activities planned by the Village of Oak Lawn included visits with Santa and Mrs. Claus in the gazebo, viewing of the decorated fire truck, and carols and refreshments of cookies and hot chocolate inside the tent. Representing the Oak Lawn Chamber of Commerce at the holiday event are (left to right) Incoming president Leo Gutchewsky of Century 21 Accent - Homefinders, current president Jack Baker of Marquette Bank, past president Laura Shallow of Fifth Third Bank, executive director Jennifer Busk, and board member Peggy Burke of First American Bank.

The Chamber invites members and guests to attend their annual holiday luncheon, scheduled for Tuesday, Dec. 13th at the Oak Lawn Hilton. Reservations can be made by calling the Chamber office at (708) 424-8300. The installation of the new officers and directors will be held on Jan. 21st, 2006.

Janiszewski Is Accepted

Roosevelt University has accepted into its Roosevelt Scholars Program for the 2005-2006 academic year Christine Janiszewski, an Art History Major from Oak Lawn who attended Richards High School.

The Scholars Program provides merit based scholarship for four years of study at Roosevelt. Candidates are accepted into the program based on ACT or SAT Scores, high school/community college grade point average, personal essays and interviews.

Breakfast With Santa

The Oak Lawn Community Church, 9000 Ridgeland Ave., will hold its annual Breakfast with Santa on Saturday, Dec. 3, from 9 to 11 a.m. Santa should arrive about 10 a.m. On the menu is eggs, sausage, pancakes, potatoes, juice, toast, etc. all for a free will offering. There will also be beets, corn relish, jams, craft items along with an array of homemade cookies for purchase.

Invite your family and friends. For more information call the church office at (708) 599-4025.

McKinney Selected To Volleyball Academic All-District Team

Lewis University junior right-side hitter/setter Sarah McKinney (Oak Lawn/Oak Lawn H.S.) has been selected to the women's volleyball Academic All-District Five second team.

The Academic All-District teams are selected by district members of the College Sports Information Directors of America and sponsored by ESPN The Magazine.

A political science major, McKinney is one of 20 players voted to either the first, second or third Academic All-District team in District Five, which covers Illinois, Indiana, Wisconsin and Minnesota.

McKinney started 21 of the Flyers' first 23 matches this season before suffering an injury. She had a .204 hitting percentage, averaged 2.18 kills, 2.78 digs and 0.41 blocks per game and tallied 24 service aces.

McKinney has made the Lewis Deans' List every semester and is a two-time Academic All-Great Lakes Valley Conference selection and a two-time recipient of Lewis' Delahanty Award for academic excellence among student athletes.

To be eligible for Academic All-District consideration, a student athlete must have reached sophomore eligibility, have a cumulative grade-point average of 3.20 or higher and be a starter or important reserve with legitimate athletic credentials.

Present Alloy Arts Ensemble Concert

Trinity Evangelical Covenant Church, 9230 S. Pulaski in Oak Lawn, will present a concert by the Alloy Arts Ensemble on Sunday, Dec. 11th at 5 p.m. This brass quintet will perform a Christmas concert that will be a perfect way to get into the holiday spirit. The Ensemble's program will include holiday favorites, works by Chicago composers, Bach, Debussy and the Beatles.

Five Chicago musicians with the intention of providing high quality brass music founded the Alloy Arts Ensemble in early 2005. The members hold degrees and diplomas from some of the leading music conservatories of the United States and Europe. The ensemble members are Simon Menin and Andrea Vonk on trumpets, Keri Godon on French horn, Chelsea French on trombone and Sean Whitaker on tuba. A freewill offering will be taken. Childcare is available.

The Chi Tung Chinese Restaurant will cater the dinner. Reservations are necessary for the dinner. The cost of the dinner is \$5 per adult and \$2 for children.

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Queen Of Peace Name Honor Roll Students

Queen of Peace High School has announced its 1st quarter honor roll.

Twenty-eight Oak Lawn students made the "A" Honor Roll. They are Colleen M. Dansart, Nora Danielle Duffy, Felicia Sadat, Laura Eileen Stecich, Katherine Marie Szalko, Ashley Marie Urbanik, Alison Joy Yurko, Patricia Rose Cano, Kristen Elizabeth Lewis, Melissa Ann Murphy, Nicole Marie Paprocki, Samantha Rae Saracco, Meggan A. Stanton, Emily Rose Sundermeier, Carly Ann Walton, Caitlin Nicole Yurko, Jessica Nicole Carrillo, Brittany Nicole Gibson, Joanna Hajost, Emily Clalire Straple, Katie L. Thornton, Rebecca Ann Egan, Maureen Marie Foley, Luci Maureen Mikuta, Meredith Rivera, Taylor Morgan Steigerwald, Anna E. Tucker and Jaclyn Amanda Yurko.

Ten other Oak Lawn students made the "B" Honor Roll. They are Meghan E. Biernacki, Lauren E. Carlson, Jessica Ann Foulkes, Jacqueline A. Lally, Pauline Colette McGinnis, Lindsey Erin Shinnick, Elizabeth Anne Racine, Guadalupe Jimenez, Samantha Magen Sosnowski and Ariel Marie Zarate.

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The Shepard High School Basketball Roster for the 2005-06 season includes: Rich Fitzgerald, Marcus Gillespie, David Harrison, Ramon Ibarra, Reginald Lee, Dan McCarthy, Carl Montgomery, Eddie Pall, Kyle Rathbun, Jeremy Terry, Jimm Van Cura, Sam Vizza, Nat Wagner and Larry Wood.

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SHEPARD REMAINING GAMES

December

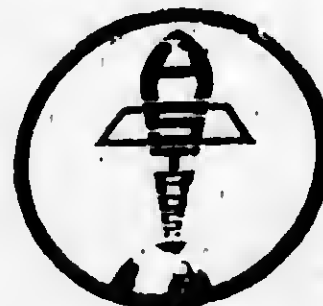
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- 6 Sandburg Home 7:00 pm
- 9 Oak Forest Home 7:00 pm
- 13 Andrew Away 7:30 pm
- 16 Reavis Home 7:00 pm
- 26-29 Big Dipper Away TBA

January

- 6 Argo Away 7:30 pm
- 10 Rich East Home 7:00 pm
- 13 Richards Home 7:00 pm
- 20 Oak Lawn Away 7:30 pm
- 24 Thornridge Away 6:30 pm
- 27 Romeoville Home 7:00 pm
- 31 TFS Away 7:00 pm

February

- 3 Reavis Away 7:30 pm
- 7 Argo Home 7:00 pm
- 10 Richards Away 7:30 pm
- 14 Bremen Away 7:30 pm
- 17 Oak Lawn Home 7:00 pm
- 24 Romeoville Away 7:30 pm

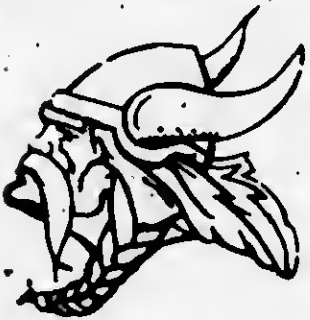


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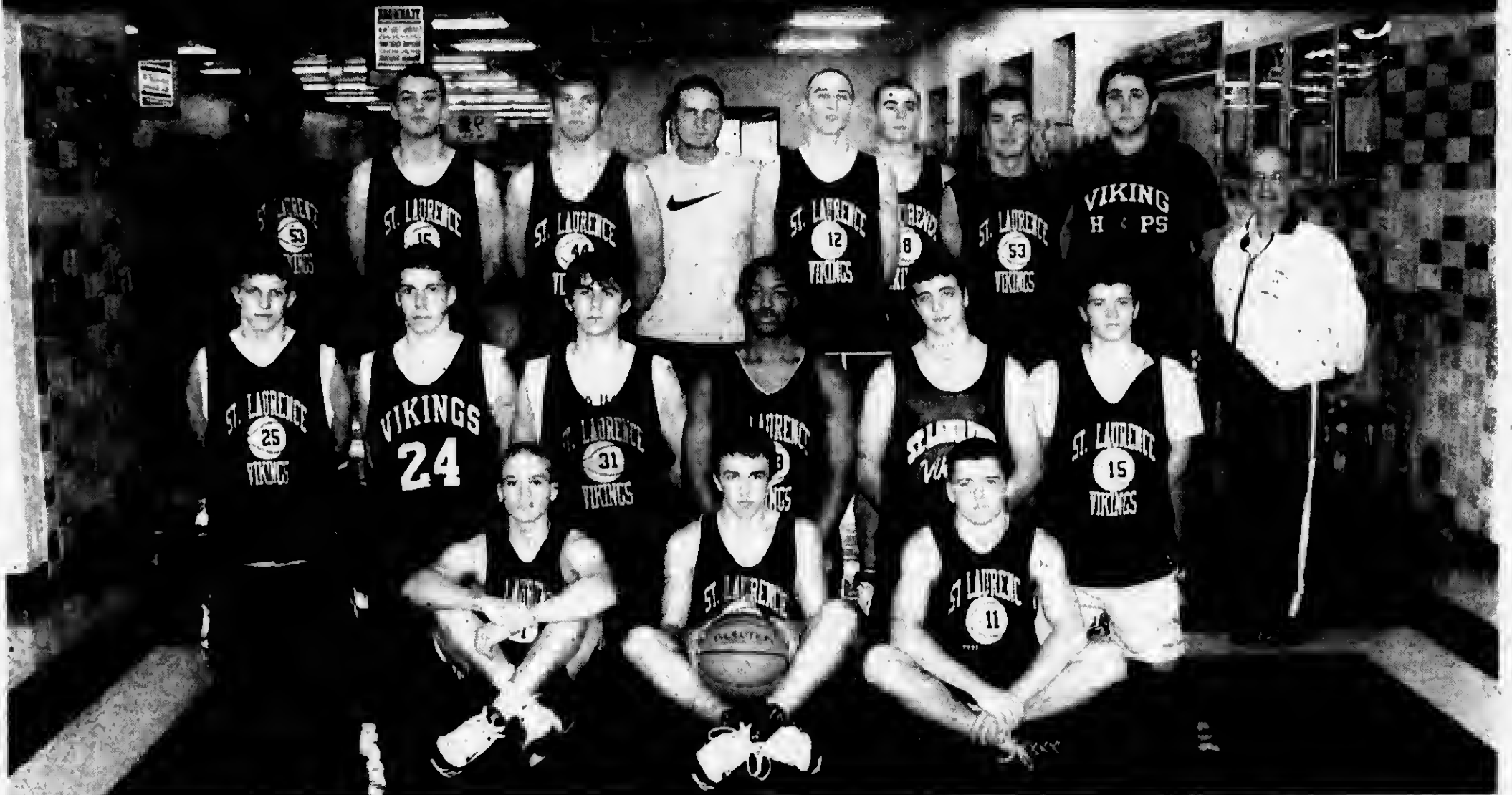
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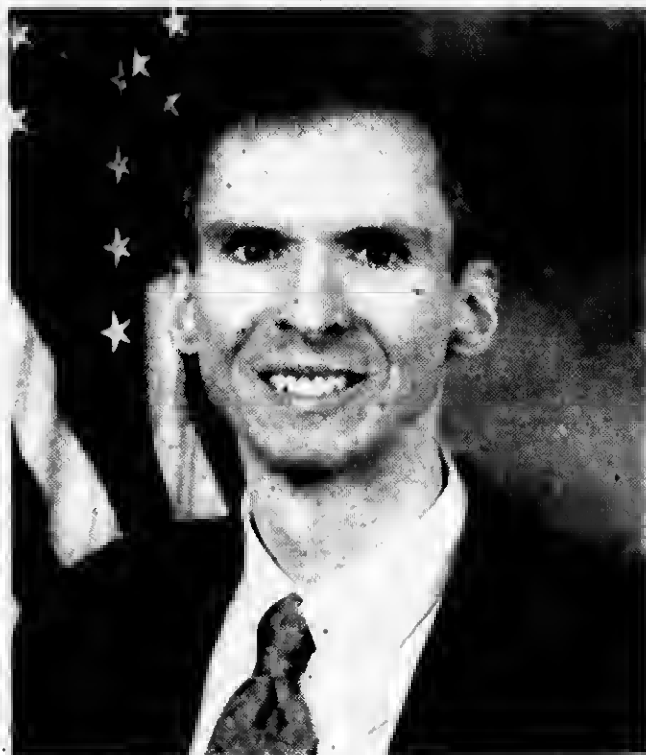
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The St. Laurence High School Basketball Roster for the 2005-06 season includes: Rob Froio, Tom Kopko, Jerry Hahn, Mike Kowalski, Kevin Warchol, Michael Johnstone, Mike Wolski, Matt Foley, Matt Hecker, Joshua Byrd, Robert Knapczyk, Kevin Pacholski, Josh Mackowiak and Chris Halliburton. Head Coach is Tom Pallardy. Assistant Coaches are Ken Wilson, Pete Stankiewicz and Mike Kent.



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December

- 2 Hales Home 7:30 p.m.
- 9 Seton Away 7:30 p.m.
- 13 Providence Home 7:30 p.m.
- 16 St. Francis De Sales
Away 7:30 p.m.
- 26 Lincoln-Way Away TBA
- 27 Lincoln-Way Away TBA
- 28 Lincoln-Way Away TBA
- 29 Lincoln-Way Away TBA

January

- 3 St. Patrick Away 7:30 p.m.
- 6 Leo Away 7:30 p.m.
- 10 Brother Rice Away 7:30 p.m.
- 13 Gordon Tech Home 7:30 p.m.
- 17 De La Salle Home 7:30 p.m.
- 20 St. Rita Away 7:30 p.m.
- 24 Andrew Home 7:30 p.m.
- 27 Fenwick Home 7:30 p.m.
- 31 Guerin Away 7:30 p.m.

February

- 3 Loyola Away 7:30 p.m.
- 10 St. Ignatius Home 7:30 p.m.
- 14 Oak Lawn Home 7:30 p.m.
- 17 Crossover Game TBA
- 21 Reavis Away 7:30 p.m.



OAK LAWN SPARTANS



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OAK LAWN



SPARTANS



The Oak Lawn Community High School Basketball Roster for the 2005-06 season includes: Dan Thelsinger, Jim Durgut, Rob Bridgeman, Nate Haubenreiser, Dan Madden, Kendal Johnson, Mohammad Abdolqader, Linas Vydmantas, Rob Dykes, Jeremy Dunk, Pat Benke, Chris Mascorro, Jim Kametas and Gus Vilarete. Head Coach is Scott Atkins. Assistant Coach is Tim Sidlow.

OAK LAWN REMAINING GAMES

December

- 2 Eisenhower Away 7:30 p.m.
- 3 Fenton Home 2:30 p.m.
- 6 Tinley Park Home 7:30 p.m.
- 9 Bremen Home 7:30 p.m.
- 16 Argo Home 7:30 p.m.
- 20 Lemont Away 7 p.m.
- 26 Lincolnway Away TBA
- 27 Lincolnway Away TBA
- 28 Lincolnway Away TBA
- 29 Lincolnway Away TBA

January

- 6 Romeoville Home 7:30 p.m.
- 13 Reavis Away 7:30 p.m.
- 20 Shepard Home 7:30 p.m.
- 24 Evergreen Park Away 7:30 p.m.
- 27 Richards Away 7:30 p.m.

February

- 3 Argo Away 7:30 p.m.
- 7 Romeoville Away 7:30 p.m.
- 10 Reavis Home 7:30 p.m.
- 14 St. Laurence Away 7:30 p.m.
- 17 Shepard Away 7 p.m.
- 24 Richards Home 7:30 p.m.
- 27 IHSA Regionals Away TBA
- 28 IHSA Regionals Away TBA



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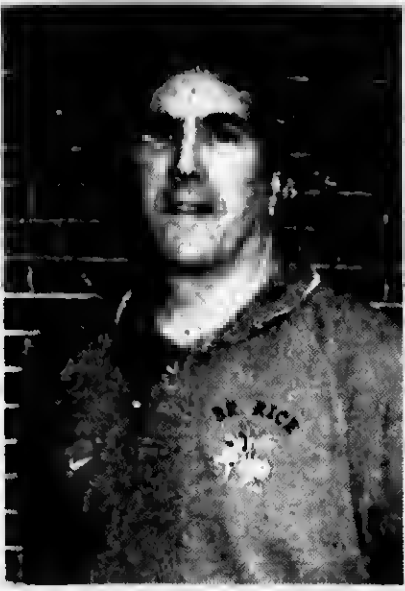
The family and staff of Zimmerman & Sandeman Funeral Home, invite you to a "Time of Remembering Service". The ceremony will be held on Saturday, December 17, 2005 at 3:00 o'clock P.M. at their Oak Lawn chapel, located at 5200 W. 95th Street (between Central & Cicero Avenues) Everyone is invited to share in this tribute to remember their loved ones. Reverend Joseph T Ledwell will preside at this occasion which will be accompanied by reflective music for the season. Refreshments and a time to share memories will follow this event.

If you are unable to attend and wish to have a family member or friend remembered, an ornament is available to be placed on a special Christmas tree located at the Oak Lawn chapel location or the Orland Park chapel location at 9900 W. 143rd Street, Orland Park (4 blocks west of LaGrange Rd.)

For information regarding this event,
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BROTHER RICE CRUSADERS



PAT RICHARDSON



BROTHER RICE



CRUSADERS

The Brother Rice High School Basketball Roster for the 2005-06 season includes: Matt Harrigan, John Best, Brendan Carey, Mike Jordan, Julio Zavala, Joe Chocola, Sean O'Reilly, Pat Coughlin, Jerome Murphy, Eddie Hayes, Tom Stumpe, Sam Manthei, Sean Knightly, Christian Alsin, and Tom Hickey. Head Coach is Pat Richardson. Assistant Coaches are Phil Cahill and Dennis McGuire.

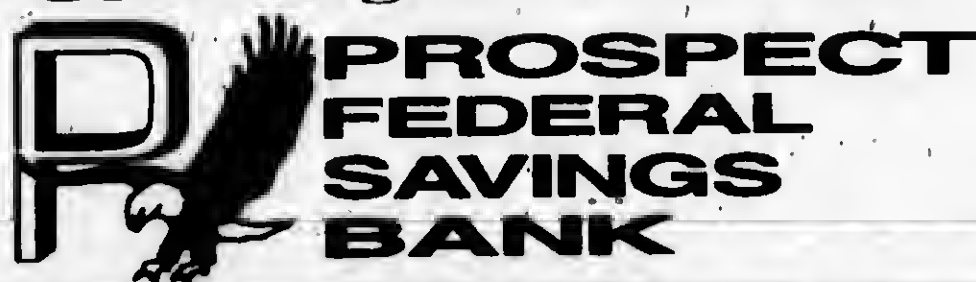


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BROTHER RICE REMAINING GAMES

December

- 2 St. Ignatius Away 7:30 pm
- 6 St. Patrick Home 7:30 pm
- 9 Leo at SXU Home 7:30 pm
- 13 Gordon Tech Away 7:30 pm
- 27-30 York Holiday
- Tournament Away TBA

January

- 6 Seton Academy Home 7:30 pm
- 10 St. Laurence Home 7:30 pm
- 13 Providence Away 7:30 pm
- 20 Mt. Carmel Away 7:30 pm
- 24 Marist Away 7:30 pm
- 27 Bishop McNamara
Home 7:30 pm
- 31 De La Salle Away 7:30 pm

February

- 3 St. Francis De Sales
Home 7:30pm
- 7 Marian Catholic Home 7:30 pm
- 10 Hales Franciscan Home 7:30 pm
- 14 Sandburg Away 7:30 pm
- 17 Crossover Playoff
at North Opponent TBA
- 22 Riverside Brookfield
Home 7:30 pm



STAGG CHARGERS



JOHN DANIELS

STAGG



CHARGERS



The Stagg High School Basketball Roster for the 2005-06 season includes: Andy Leonard, Mark Gniadek, Mike Kelly, Lucas Schumann, Collin Groebe, Dan Klecan, Arthur Kuprion, Jeff Miller, Ken Boubel, TJ McFarland, Colin Ruben, Patrick O'Reilly, Omar Medina and Mike Fewkes. Head Coach is John Daniels. Assistant Coaches are Mike Slifko, Matt O'Neill, Daniel Zielinski, Bill Laschober, Mike Cibelli and Rich Tarbunas.

STAGG REMAINING GAMES

December

- 2 Lincoln Way East Away 7:30 pm
- 6 Richards Home 7:00 pm
- 9 Lincoln Way Central Home 7:30 pm
- 13 Oak Forest Away 7:30 pm
- 16 Homewood-Flossmoor Away 7:30 pm
- 17 Elmwood Park Home 6:00 pm
- 26-29 Luther North Tourney Away TBA

January

- 6 Bradley-Bourbonnais Home 7:30 pm
- 10 Lemont Away 7:00 pm
- 13 Andrew Away 7:30 pm
- 20 Sandburg Home 7:30 pm
- 24 Joliet @ Central Away 7:00 pm
- 27 Bolingbrook Home 7:30 pm
- 31 Lockport Home 7:00 pm

February

- 7 Sandburg Away 7:30 pm
- 10 Joliet Home 7:30 pm
- 17 Bolingbrook Away 7:30 pm
- 21 Lockport Home 7:00 pm

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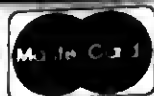
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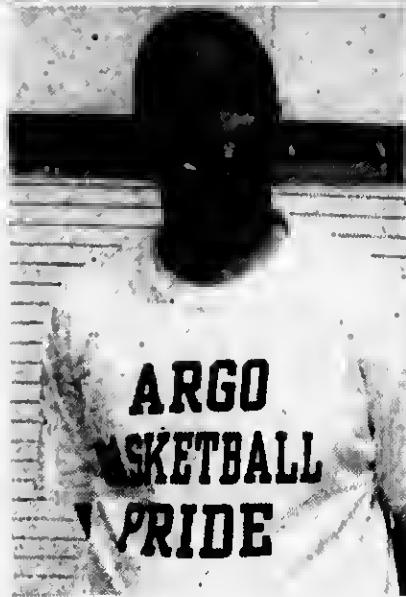
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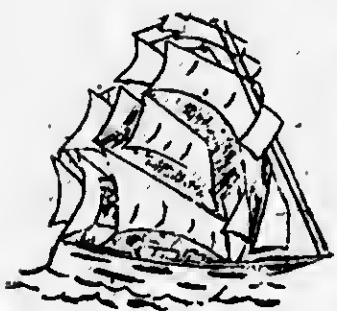


ARGO ARGONAUTS

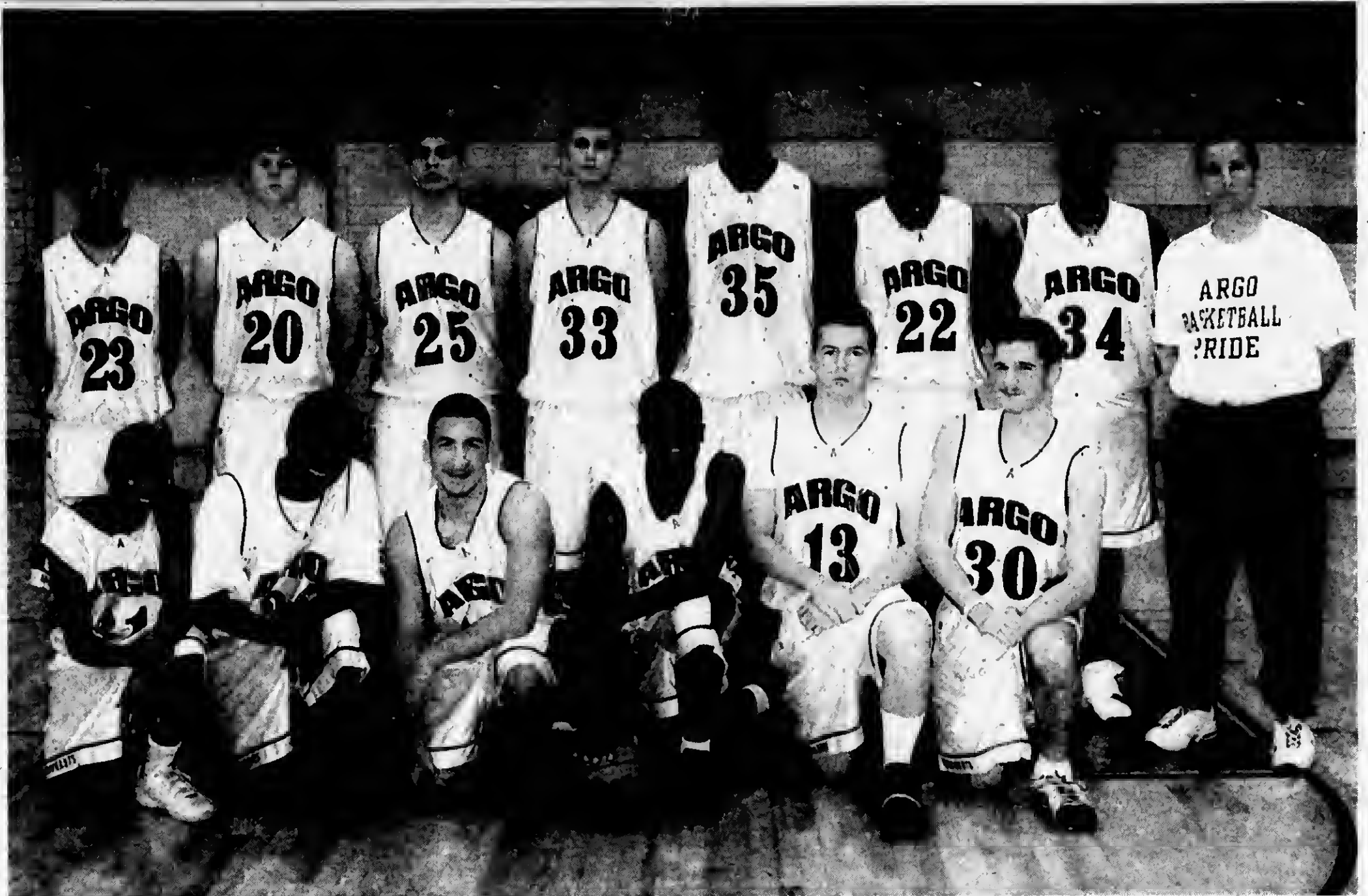


PAT MAIETTA

ARGO



ARGONAUTS



The Argo High School Basketball Roster for the 2005-06 season includes: Tim Garrett, Chevis Sawyer, Kennedy Jones, Peter Kasbohm, Brian Zydzik, Aymen Zeidan, Jerae Woods, Jose Espada, Donte McDonald, Edgar Mier, Lulzim Culafovski, Jeffrey Butler, Steve Mitchell, Robert Bonarek, Darius Jackson and Jesse Brown. Head Coach is Pat Maietta; Assistant Joe Kizior.

ARGO REMAINING GAMES

December

- 2 Bremen Away 7:30 pm
- 9 Eisenhower Home 7:30 pm
- 10 Leyden Away 6:00 pm
- 16 Oak Lawn Away 7:30 pm
- 17 Lyons Township Away 6:00 pm
- 27-29 Kankakee Tourney
Away TBA

January

- 3 Hinsdale South Home 7:30 pm
- 6 Shepard Home 7:30 pm
- 13 Romeoville Away 7:30 pm
- 17 Gordon Tech Home 7:30 pm
- 20 Richards Home 7:30 pm
- 21 Ridgewood Home 7:30 pm
- 27 Reavis Away 7:30 pm

February

- 3 Oak Lawn Home 7:30 pm
- 7 Shepard Away 7:30 pm
- 10 Romeoville Home 7:30 pm
- 17 Richards Away 7:30 pm
- 24 Reavis Home 7:30 pm

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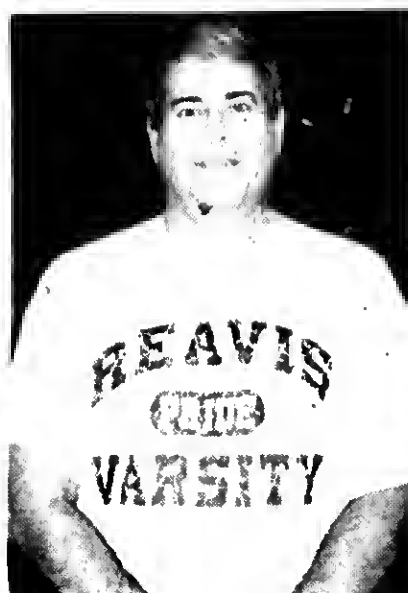
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2	Evergreen Park Home 6 p.m.
3	Evergreen Park Home 9/10:15 a.m.
6	Oak Forest Home 6 p.m.
7	Oak Forest Away 6 p.m.
9	Hillcrest Home 6 p.m.
10	Hillcrest Away 9/10:30 a.m.
16	Shepard Away 5:30 p.m.
17	Shepard Home 9/10:15 a.m.
19	Andrew Away 4:30/6 p.m.
20	Andrew Home 6 p.m.
21	Bloom Home 5 p.m.
26-28	Shepard Away TBA
27-29	30th Lemont Away TBA
27-29	St. Laurence Away TBA
January	
6	Richards Away 6 p.m.
7	Richards Home 9/10:15 a.m.
9	St. Ignatius Home 6 p.m.
13	Oak Lawn Home 6 p.m.
14	Oak Lawn Away 9:30/10:45 a.m.
17	Eisenhower Home 4:30/6 p.m.
17	Eisenhower Away 6 p.m.
20	Romeoville Away 6 p.m.
21	Romeoville Home 9/10:15 a.m.
21	Ill. Math & Science Home 5:30 p.m.
23	St. Ignatius Away 4:30/6 p.m.
27	Argo Home 6 p.m.
28	Argo Away 9/10:30 a.m.
February	
3	Shepard Home 6 p.m.
4	Shepard Away 9/10:30 a.m.
7	Richards Home 6 p.m.
10	Oak Lawn Away 6 p.m.
11	Oak Lawn Home 9/10:30 a.m.
13	Stagg Home 6 p.m.
17	Romeoville Home 6 p.m.
18	Romeoville Away 9/10:15 a.m.
21	St. Laurence Away 4/5:30 p.m.
23	Argo Home 4:15/5:30 p.m.
24	Argo Away 6 p.m.

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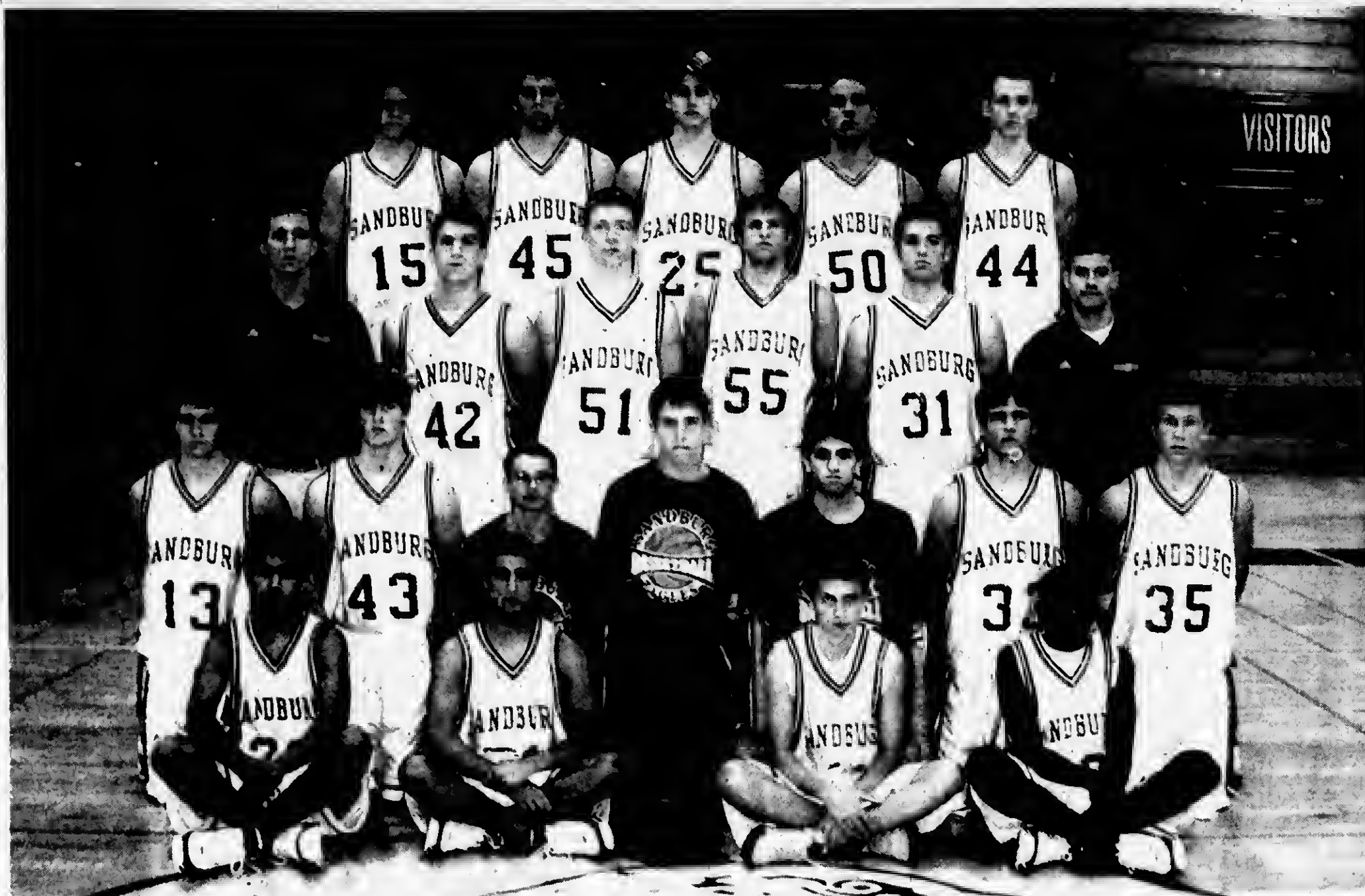


TODD ALLEN

SANDBURG



EAGLES



The Sandburg High School Basketball Roster for the 2005-06 season includes: Paul Kaczor, Matt Sharp, Firas Rafati, Michael Gomez, Nathan Klaas, Ryan Balse, Mark Andersen, Nick Mraz, Reggie Lee, Wally Bafia, Mark Hallgren, Matt Dunne, Tadas Stonkus, Dan MacNamara, Dan Walsh, T.G. Kestner and Mark Ramsey. Head Coach is Todd Allen. Assistant Coach is Dave Drzonek.

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December

- 2 Lincoln Way Central
Away 7:30 pm
- 6 Shepard Away 7:00 pm
- 9 Homewood-Flossmoor
Home 7:30 pm
- 16 Bradley Home 7:30 pm
- 27 Lemont Classic Away TBA

January

- 6 Andrew Home 7:30 pm
- 10 Rich Central Away 7:30 pm
- 13 Lincoln Way East
Away 7:30 pm
- 14 Bremen Pow Wow
Away 5:00 pm
- 20 Stagg Away 7:30 pm
- 23 Lockport Home 7:30 pm
- 31 Bolingbrook Home 7:30 pm

February

- 3 Joliet Away 7:30 pm
- 7 Stagg Home 7:30 pm
- 10 Lockport Away 7:30 pm
- 14 Brother Rice Home 7:30 pm
- 22 Bolingbrook Away 7:30 pm
- 24 Joliet Home 7:30 pm



"Murphy's Giving Tree"

Cook County Commissioner Joan Patricia Murphy has joined the ongoing efforts of the Department of Child and Family Services, CEDA, Project Share and Ingalls Hospital to provide non-perishable food, new toys and other gifts to help brighten the holidays of local families in need.

Communities can make a difference in the lives of these families. Partner with Commissioner Murphy and sponsor a "Giving Tree." Start a "Giving Tree" collection drive at school, activities club, athletic team, church group or in your neighborhood. "Murphy's Giving Tree" is a great Community Service Project for students plus a wonderful way to learn the joy of giving.

Getting started is very simple. Contact Commissioner Murphy's Office to enroll in the "Giving Tree" Service Project. All groups will receive a You Make A Difference Certificate. Community service hours, if needed will be determined accordingly. Set up a Christmas tree or large tree branch in a central location. Hang new hats, gloves, slippers and socks as ornaments. Gift wrap NEW TOYS and indicate age and gender. Decorate a barrel or large container for non-perishable food items.

This year, Murphy's "Giving Tree" has added "Santa Stockings". Help by donating "Santa Stockings" stuffed with goodies and small items/toys to be enjoyed by children attending the D.C.F.S. Annual Christmas party. Stockings for all age groups, toddlers to teens are needed. Please indicate age and gender on all stockings.

Off-Track Betting Funds Grants

Two dozen Illinois museums, aquariums, park districts, conservation districts and cities will share in almost \$3 million in grants funded by the operation of off-track betting parlors in the state, announced Illinois Dept. of Natural Resources Director Joel Brunsvoild recently.

In Chicago, the funds are distributed to museums and aquariums. In other areas of the state where off-track betting facilities operate, the money is made available for general purposes if the grant recipient does not maintain a museum.

"This grant is very, very important to the Village of Crestwood," said Mayor Chester Stranczek, whose village received \$363,796.76 in grant money. "It provides, especially for the children, parks and picnic areas. The grant is very important to a small town because if we didn't have these parks, people would have to go out of town."

Other grant recipients from this area are: Chicago Academy of Science, \$41,457.53; Chicago Adler Planetarium, \$76,393.66; Art Institute of Chicago, \$246,765.50; Chicago Historical Society, \$76,510.11; Field Museum of Natural History, \$246,765.50; John G. Shedd Aquarium, \$176,893.25; Joliet Park District, \$148,122.38; Mexican Fine Arts Center Museum, \$25,852.72; Museum of Science & Industry, \$246,765.50; Oakbrook Terrace Park District, \$375,373.30.

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Heating Assistance Is Now Available

State Rep. Bob Rita (D-Blue Island) is reminding low-income families that money to help keep their homes warm during the winter months is now available through the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP).

"With dramatically higher home heating bills expected this winter, many families can't spare the extra money to heat their homes," Rita said. "LIHEAP provides monetary assistance for paying home energy bills, which is especially important for households with young children and elderly residents."

LIHEAP, a state and federally funded program started in 1982, was designed to provide home energy assistance to the nation's lowest income-earners in a manner that minimizes bureaucracy by encouraging local civic organizations to assist with the program. Illinois utility companies, such as Ameren, Nicor, Peoples Energy and Commonwealth Edison, have also agreed to waive reconnection fees and security deposits for these customers.

According to the Campaign for Home Energy Assistance, the average energy burden (heating, cooling and all other energy uses) for all U.S. households in 2001 was \$1,537 or 7 % of income. For recipients of LIHEAP, the average burden was \$1,301 or 17.2%. Based on these statistics, LIHEAP recipients pay nearly 2.5 times their income more for energy than the average household.

"I want to make sure that everyone is able to keep their homes warm and their families safe this winter," Rita said. "Anyone who needs additional information or help applying for the program should not hesitate to contact me at my constituent service office."

Heating bills are expected to rise by up to 70% this winter. Last year, 292,075 Illinois households benefited from the program. Local LIHEAP offices determine eligibility and administer assistance, which varies based on income, household size, fuel type and geographic location. Payments are usually made directly to the utility company on the recipient's behalf.

For a LIHEAP application, city residents should contact the Chicago Department of Human Services, 1615 W. Chicago Avenue, at (312) 746-8545. Suburban residents should contact the Community and Economic Development Association of Cook County (CEDA), 208 S. LaSalle Street, Suite 1900 (LIHEAP Suite 2010) at (312) 795-8800 or (312) 795-8998.

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LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Proposed Property Tax Levy for the Midlothian Park District.

I. A public hearing to approve a proposed property tax levy for the Midlothian Park District for 2005 will be held on December 15, 2005 at 8:00 p.m. at the Don Preston Recreation Center-14500 South Kostner Ave.

Any person desiring to appear at the public hearing and present testimony to the taxing district may contact the Midlothian Park District at (708) 371-6191.

II. The corporate and special purpose property taxes extended or abated for 2004 were \$811,113.00.

The Proposed corporate and special purpose property taxes to be levied for 2005 are \$865,000.00. This represents a 6.64% increase (\$53,887.00) over the previous year.

III. The property taxes extended for debt service and public building commission leases for 2004 were \$147,159.00.

The estimated property taxes to be levied for debt service and public building commission leases for 2005 are \$139,813.00. This represents a 4.99% decrease (\$7,346.00) over the previous year.

IV. The total property taxes extended or abated for 2004 were \$958,272.00.

The estimated total property taxes to be levied for 2005 are \$1,004,813.00. This represents a 4.86% increase (\$46,541.00) over the previous year. Any notice which includes any information not specified and required by this Article shall be an invalid notice.

All hearings shall be open to the public. The corporate authority of the taxing district must explain the reasons for the proposed levy and shall permit persons desiring to be heard an opportunity to present testimony within reasonable time limits as the authority determines.

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1 Actor Kristofferson
5 Grad's exam
9 Enemy of Castro
12 Teacher of adv. physics, e.g.
16 Foreign wheels
17 Namesakes of a classic villain
19 Hoodwink
20 Thundering
21 Paradise, in the cheese world?
24 Way to go
25 Difficult to penetrate
26 Toro, for one
27 Plecate
28 Is ___ with; pleases greatly
29 Uncle Sam's share
30 Blow it
31 Aneurysm sites
34 Beverages
35 Space
36 Bowler or boater
39 Betrayed to authorities, in the cheese world?
43 Ms. Lipinski
44 Make obscure
45 Greek P
46 Lodge
47 Gives up
48 River rising in the Ardennes
49 Has a ___; is crazy, in the cheese world?
54 Ball support
55 Cut
56 Muscular power
57 Steel cattle
58 Is aware of
59 Food with eyes
60 Business deal
61 Ambition
64 After-bath item
65 Surrounded by
66 Disc letters
69 Falls below standard, in the cheese world?
72 Hungary's Bartók
73 "The ___"; 1983-87 TV series
74 Numerical prefix
75 Ceth. or Episc.
76 Time divisions
77 Malicious look
78 Shrink's method, in

the cheese world?

84 To be, in Madrid
85 Sorts
86 Basilica feature
87 Mystery
88 Refreshers
89 Actress Sharon
90 ___ machine
91 Formed
94 Capital city
95 Family in the 2000-02

TV series "That's Life"

99 Theater sections
100 Useless, in the cheese world?

102 Divided

103 Befuddlement

104 Up ___; yet

105 French state

106 Dilemma

107 Suffix for Cnaan or New Jersey

108 ___ d'oeuvres

109 Collections

DOWN

1 Malaysian weight unit

2 German river valley

3 Of a concept; pref.

4 Endorsement

5 Feminine

6 Leader killed in 1981

7 Grew gray

8 Truck scale unit

9 Decipherers' focus-

es

10 Frost

11 Shade provider

12 Evidence

13 Overwhelming defeat

14 Courtroom pledge

15 Loose

18 Mogadishu resident

19 Smallest number

20 "___ With a View"

22 Heve ___; converse

23 Wild canines

27 In just a bit

29 Lake near Reno

30 Grotesque fellows

31 Monastery head

32 Herdy, to Sten

33 Find a new purpose for

35 Rejuvenate

36 Lacked

37 Dizzy

38 Sample

40 "To ___ human,..."

41 Least bit

42 Cruise ship

43 Pest or future

47 Was qualified to

49 Eliminate bad words

50 "___ Ship A-Seiling"; nursery rhyme

51 Fertilizer ingredient

52 "A Nightmare ___ Street", 1984

chiller

53 4.0 earner

55 Blood component

58 Stringed instrument

59 Subject

60 T-shirt size

61 Knobs

62 ___ Leuder

63 Show contempt

64 Actors' awards

65 Mixed up

66 Install sails again

67 Blood component

68 City located east-southeast of

Genoa

70 Boars' defenses

71 Frequent fliers in

crosswords

72 Chems

78 Begged

79 Fluorine, chlorine or iodine

80 Met production

81 ___ as a baby's behind

82 Canary & saffron

83 Porcine feature

85 That is

88 Copycats

89 First aid kit item

90 Man's title

91 Lambaste

92 Expectation

93 Muslim titles

94 Outer garment

95 First 007 film

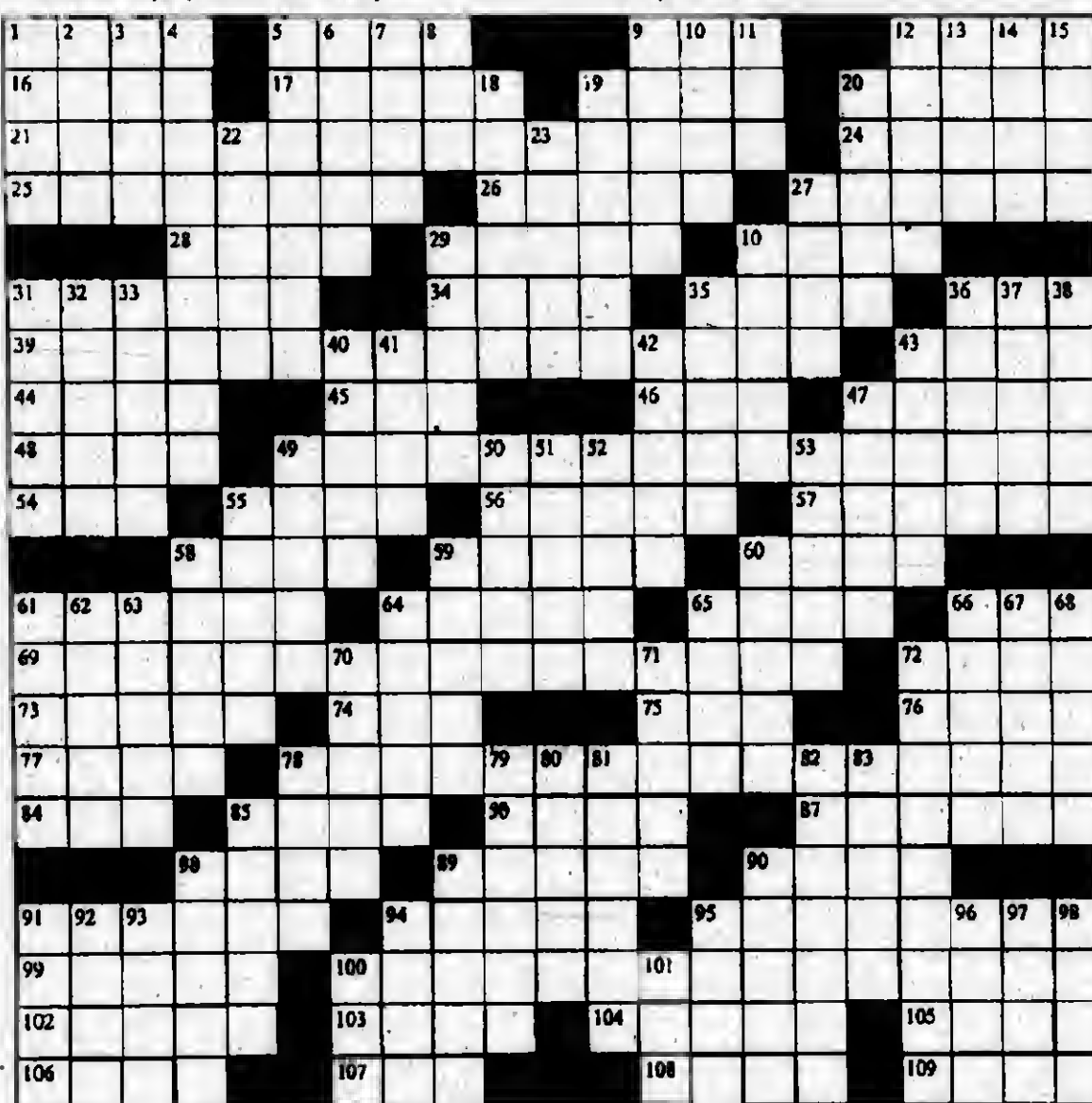
96 Refer to

97 Sci. course

98 Police titles: abbr.

100 File drawer, perhaps

101 La-la forerunner



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For more information, or a list of upcoming clinics, please call Sue Bienias or Kathy Kenyeri at (708) 403-4222. Orland Township office hours are Monday through Friday 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and Tuesday from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF
Cook County, Illinois County
Department - Chancery Division.
Deutsche Bank Trust Company
Americas, f/k/a Bankers
Trust Company, as Trustee,
Plaintiff, vs. John J. Flanagan, et
al., Defendant. Case No. 05Ch-
3218.

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY
GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale
entered in the above cause on
September 7, 2005, The Judicial
Sales Corporation will at
10:30 a.m. on December 9,
2005, in its office at 33 N.
Dearborn St., 10th Floor, Chicago,
IL 60602-3100, sell at public
auction to the highest bidder
for cash, as set forth below, the
following described real estate:
Commonly known as: 13616
Short, Crestwood, IL 60445.
The real estate is improved
with a single family residence.
The judgment amount was
\$84,545.54.

Sale terms: 25% down of the
highest bid by certified funds at
the close of the auction; the
balance, in certified funds, is
due within twenty-four (24)
hours. The subject property is
subject to general real estate taxes,
special assessments, or special
taxes levied against said real
estate and is offered for sale
without any representation as to
quality or quantity of title and
without recourse to Plaintiff and
in "AS IS" condition. The sale is
further subject to confirmation by
the court.

Upon payment in full of the
amount bid, the purchaser shall
receive a Certificate of Sale,
which will entitle the purchaser
to a Deed to the real estate after
confirmation of the sale.

The property will NOT be
open for inspection and Plaintiff
makes no representation as to
the condition of the property.
Prospective bidders are admonished
to check the Court file to
verify all information.

For information contact Plaintiff's
Attorney: Kropik, Papuga &
Shaw, 120 S. LaSalle St., Suite
1327, Chicago, IL 60603,
(312) 236-6405. Please refer to
file number 35575.

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1507(c)(7) of the Illinois Code
of Civil Procedure, no information
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Fremont Investment & Loan, or its successors or assigns, Plaintiff, vs. Mack A. Vopicka a/k/a Mack Vopicka, et al., Defendants. Case No. 05Ch-5264. PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on September 14, 2005, The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 a.m. on December 16, 2005, in its office at 33 N. Dearborn St., 10th Floor, Chicago, IL 60602-3100, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as: 9306 S. Sawyer Ave., Evergreen Park, IL 60805. The real estate is improved with a brown brick single family two story with separate two car garage. The judgment amount was \$191,225.32. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; the balance, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale. The property will NDT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information. For information: Visit our website at http://service.atty.pierce.com, between the hours of 3 and 5 p.m. only. PIERCE & ASSOCIATES, Plaintiff's Attorneys, One N. Dearborn St., Ste. 1300, Chicago, IL 60602, (312) 476-5500. Please refer to file number PA0405206. NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act you are advised that Plaintiff's Attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. 130838C	IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Wells Fargo Bank National Association, as Trustee for First Franklin Mortgage Loan Trust 2004-FFH3 by: Saxon Mortgage Services, Inc., as its Attorney-in-Fact, Plaintiff, vs. Anthony Kidd, et al., Defendant. No. 05Ch-8036. PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on June 29, 2005, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Thursday, December 15, 2005, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 W. Madison St., Suite 718A, Chicago, IL, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described mortgaged real estate: Commonly known as: 813 S. Troy St., Chicago, IL 60652. The improvement on the property consists of a single family residence. Sale terms: Bidders must present, at the time of sale, a cashier's or certified check for 10% of the successful bid amount. The balance of the successful bid shall be paid within 24 hours, by similar funds. The property will NDT be open for inspection. For information call Ms. Diane Thomas at Plaintiff's Attorney, Freedman, Anselmo, Lindberg & Rappe, LLC, 1807 W. Diehl Road, Naperville, IL 60563-1890. (877) 729-6734. 131976C IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. nominee for Homeq Servicing Corporation, Plaintiff, vs. Marc G. Hamilton, et al., Defendants. No. 04Ch-9845. PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on August 25, 2004, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Wednesday, December 21, 2005, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 W. Madison St., Suite 718A, Chicago, IL, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described mortgaged real estate: Commonly known as: 15458 LeClaire Ave., Oak Forest, IL 60452. The improvement on the property consists of a single family residence. Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, by certified funds. No refunds. The judgment amount was \$172,884.03. The property will NDT be open for inspection. For information call Mr. Ira T. Nevel at Plaintiff's Attorney, Law Offices of Ira T. Nevel, 175 N. Franklin St., Chicago, IL 60606. 312/357-1125. 131452C IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Countrywide Home Loans, Inc., Plaintiff, vs. Stephen M. Bernard, et al., Defendants. No. 99Ch-7947. PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above entitled cause on September 22, 2005, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Tuesday, January 3, 2006 at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 W. Madison St., Suite 718A, Chicago, IL, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described mortgaged real estate: Commonly known as: 9729 S. Mason Ave., Oak Lawn, IL 60453. The mortgaged real estate is improved with a single family residence and will NDT be open for inspection. The judgment amount was \$148,657.53. Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance, by certified funds, within 24 hours. The sale shall be subject to general taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and any prior first mortgages. The subject property is offered for sale without any representation as to quality of title or recourse to Plaintiff. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information. For information: Sale Clerk, Fisher and Shapiro, LLC, 4201 Lake Cook Road, 1st Floor, Northbrook, IL 60062. (847) 498-9990, between the hours of 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. only. 130212C	IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. LaSalle Bank National Association, Trustee, Plaintiff, vs. John Heneghan, et al., Defendant. Case No. 05Ch-7722. PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on July 20, 2005, an Agent of The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 AM on December 22, 2005, in its office located at 33 N. Dearborn St., 10th Floor, Chicago, IL 60602, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as: 9313 S. Sacramento, Evergreen Park, IL 60805. The real estate is improved with a single family residence. The judgment amount was \$172,958.63. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; the balance, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale. The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information. For information, contact Plaintiff's attorney: The sales clerk, FISHER AND SHAPIRO, LLC, 4201 Lake Cook Road, Northbrook, IL 60062, (847) 498-9990 between the hours of 1:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. only. Please refer to file number 05-8552D. NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. 130364C	IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, as Trustee for Long Beach Mortgage Loan Trust 2002-4, Plaintiff, vs. Jean A. Johnstone, et al., Defendant. Case No. 04Ch-19267. PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of the above cause entered in the above entitled cause on April 20, 2005, The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 a.m. on December 9, 2005 in its office at 33 N. Dearborn St., Suite 1015, Chicago, IL 60602-3100, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as: 9280 S. Richmond St., Evergreen Park, IL. The real estate is improved with a single family residence. The judgment amount was \$192,357.34. Sale Terms: The bid amount shall be paid in cash immediately by the highest and best bidder at the conclusion of the sale. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale. The property will NDT be open for inspection. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information. For information contact Plaintiff's Attorney: Heavner, Scott, Beyers & Mihlar, 111 E. Main St., Suite 200, Decatur, IL 62525, (217) 422-1719 ext. 23. NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act you are advised that the Law Firm of Heavner, Scott, Beyers & Mihlar is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. 132090C	IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as Nominee for First National Bank of Arizona, Plaintiff, vs. Unknown Heirs & Devises of Earmon Gordon, et al., Defendants. No. 05Ch-178D. PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above entitled cause on October 3, 2005, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Wednesday, January 4, 2006, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 W. Madison St., Suite 718A, Chicago, IL, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described mortgaged real estate: Commonly known as: 7815 S. Kedvale Ave., Chicago, IL 60652. The mortgaged real estate is improved with a single family residence. Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance, by certified funds, within 24 hours. No refunds. The property will NDT be open for inspection. For information call William E. Dutton, Jr./Barbara J. Dutton, at Plaintiff's Attorney, Dutton & Dutton, P.C., 10325 W. Lincoln Hwy., Frankfort, IL 60423, (815) 806-8200. 130155C

A Healthier Chanukah

The festival of lights and the celebration of that small amount of oil that lasted eight days is a great way to remind us that a little oil can go a long way! As with most holidays we celebrate, food is an important part of Chanukah. Traditional favorites like potato latkes, dairy and noodle kugle can still be enjoyed with health in mind. Here are some tips to fit in your favorites this year:

Try preparing potato latkes with a variety of potatoes for color and added nutrition. For example, the bright orange sweet potatoes have more beta-carotene than white potatoes, and the colorful presentation will add to any table. When preparing the potatoes, make sure to strain excess moisture off prior to cooking. Reduce the amount of oil used in preparation and layer the latkes between paper towels to help absorb extra oil. The good news is that traditional olive oil is high in monounsaturated fat, which is great for the heart. Serve with fat-free sour cream and natural applesauce.

When choosing dairy products, try fat-free or 1% milk to help accommodate the fat that will be eaten during the course of the day in other holiday favorites.

Cheese blintzes can lighten up with lower fat versions of both cheese and sour cream.

Make your blintzes and jelly doughnuts smaller! Portion size can make all the difference during the holidays.

Hummus is a tasty favorite that provides great nutrition due to the traditional ingredients. In addition to fiber, using traditional olive oil adds a heart healthy monounsaturated fat to this dish.

Add fruit to noodle kugle to increase fiber and add more vitamins, minerals and phytochemicals, which are naturally occurring substances that are showing health benefits in addition to a splash of color on the table.

Balance a high fat meal with a crisp salad of mixed greens with flavorful vinegar for a lighter dressing. Enjoy the holiday favorites on the holiday and move on! Holidays come but once a year. Enjoying some seasonal treats when you typically eat a balanced healthy diet is a splurge most of us can accommodate.

Enjoying tradition with family is an important part of the holiday season. Making health a part of your celebration will help make holidays special for generations to come.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as Nominee for First National Bank of Arizona, Plaintiff, vs. Unknown Heirs & Devises of Earmon Gordon, et al., Defendants. No. 05Ch-178D.

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above entitled cause on October 3, 2005, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Wednesday, January 4, 2006, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 W. Madison St., Suite 718A, Chicago, IL, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described mortgaged real estate:

Commonly known as: 7815 S. Kedvale Ave., Chicago, IL 60652.

The mortgaged real estate is improved with a single family residence.

Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance, by certified funds, within 24 hours. No refunds.

The property will NDT be open for inspection.

For information call William E. Dutton, Jr./Barbara J. Dutton, at Plaintiff's Attorney, Dutton & Dutton, P.C., 10325 W. Lincoln Hwy., Frankfort, IL 60423, (815) 806-8200. 130155C

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TRAVEL NEWS

Classic New England Christmas

The town of Rockland will again put a special seaside spin on their holiday festival.

For the town's annual coastal Christmas celebration – the Rockland Festival of Lights – Santa will arrive by Coast Guard vessel, kicking off three days of revelry that includes all of the holiday season's most trademarked traditions.

Santa's arrival comes at noon on Friday, Nov. 25th, also known as Black Friday, a day when crowds of people around the nation flock to their local shopping centers in a holiday shopping frenzy.

But Roxanne Jobe, one of the event's organizers, says that Rockland will mark the day after Thanksgiving with a much more relaxed feel, ideal for family shopping and those looking to experience a friendly Maine holiday weekend.

After Santa's arrival, he will spend the afternoon in his village meeting with children and receiving wish lists. During that time, downtown businesses will be open and offering special perks like free gift wrapping to those getting a head start on their holiday gift buying.

Friday evening will end when Santa joins the town mayor to flip the candy cane switch and light the town's Christmas tree, as well as the downtown lights.

Festivities continue on Saturday when carolers and horse-drawn carriages take to the streets to spread holiday cheer. Also ongoing throughout the day is Eat, Drink and Be Merry, an informal restaurant tour showcasing the culinary skills of more than a dozen downtown restaurants.

On Saturday night, Rockland will be aglow with light as an evening parade of illuminated floats tour the town before ending in Harbor Park overlooking picturesque Rockland harbor. The parade route's end will be the home of a giant bonfire with hot chocolate, music and merriment.

Sunday features a pancake breakfast with local "celebrities" serving up flapjacks.

Later in the day, the town's historic inns will open their doors to the public, serving up treats and showing off magnificent holiday decorations. Many area inns also offer special packages for those who wish to make a weekend of the celebration.

For more information about the Rockland Festival of Lights, log onto www.therealmaine.com or call (800) 562-2529.

A Day Of Refinement

As the holiday months bring the stresses of shopping, planning and cooking, The Ritz-Carlton Lodge, Reynolds Plantation – located just 75 miles east of Atlanta on the shores of Lake Oconee – offers revitalization of the spirit, relaxation of the mind and improvement of the body with the "Day of Refinement" package. Starting at \$485 per person, now through March 16th, 2006, the 26,000 square foot, Mobil four-star award-winning spa, ranked in the top 25 on the list of "Top Resort Spas in the United States and Canada" by Travel + Leisure, rejuvenates guests with a full day of southern-inspired services and treatments including fitness training and assessment from a Spa Wellness Instructor.

The "Day of Refinement" package includes: Morning Yoga Session, Spa Café Breakfast, Personal Fitness Assessment by Wellness Instructor, Personal Training Session, Power Hike or Mountain Bike Excursion, Cool Down Swim & Relaxation Poolside, Spa Café Lunch, Arnica Frietion Massage, Citron Eucalyptus Water Cure, Bamboo Lemongrass Pedicure, \$25 Credit for Naturopathica products and books.

For information or room reservations, call toll-free (800) 241-3333, the resort directly at (706) 467-0600; a travel professional or visit the Web site at www.ritzcarlton.com.

26th Annual "Christmas In The Country"

The 26th annual "Christmas In The Country" Arts, Crafts and Bake Sale will be Saturday, Nov. 12, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Sunday, Nov. 13, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. This show is held at the Sandwich High School, Lynn Haskin Grade School and the Sandwich Middle School in Sandwich, Illinois.

As usual, there will be a shuttle bus service to make easy access to all three buildings. So stop by Sandwich and see beautiful crafts such as log boxes, Santas, collage art, wheel brown pottery, rag rugs and dog and cat breeds embroidered on caps, towels and clothing. There will be 140 crafters representing 78 Illinois towns and the states of Indiana, Iowa, Michigan and Wisconsin.

Admission will be \$2 and your stamped hand will allow you into each building. No strollers and no smoking will be allowed in any building. Lunch will be available in the high school and middle school and the Instant Door Prize Drawing will be in the middle school again this year.

Avenue Of Lights

The Quincy Chamber of Commerce brings the North Pole to Western Illinois at the awe-inspiring Avenue of Lights, Nov. 24th through Jan. 1st. The two-mile-long animated light festival held in Waverling-Moorman Park features three tunnels, nine arches and a 15 ft. poinsettia among the 100 display groupings decorated with more than one million lights.

For more information, contact the Quincy Area Chamber of Commerce, at (217) 222-7980 or visit www.quincychamber.org.

Christmas Time At The Dana-Thomas House

On Dec. 16th through the 18th, Christmastime at the Dana-Thomas House in Springfield provides visitors with the opportunity to tour a Frank Lloyd Wright-designed home adorned with turn-of-the-century holiday decorations. On Dec. 18th, the exterior of the house will be lined with hundreds of glowing luminaria.

For more information, contact the Dana-Thomas House at (217) 782-6776 or visit www.dana-thomas.org.

Travel From Ancient Rome To The Ruins Of Pompeii

The Midwest Institute for International/Intercultural Education is sponsoring a food, wine, and cultural tour of Italy. Michael Wade, professor of Business and Restaurant/Culinary Arts at Moraine Valley Community College, Palos Hills, will lead the trip, which is from May 24 to June 2, 2006.

According to Wade, the international experience will include eight night's accommodations, daily breakfast at hotels, four group dinners, private long distance motor coach, services of licensed English-speaking guides, full-time tour escort, entrances to many museums, round trip coach air fare from Chicago's O'Hare Airport to Florence/Rome, and health and accident insurance. The cost of the travel package is \$2,600. Additional insurance for trip cancellation/interruption is available upon request.

The itinerary includes a visit to the 'Duomo' (Michelangelo's David) in Florence, Piazza del Campo in Siena, the excavations in Pompeii, Sorrento, the Vatican Museums with Sistine Chapel, the Coliseum, the Basilicas of St. Francis and St. Chiara in Assisi, the Monastery of Montecassino, the Perugia Chocolate Factory (where the famous 'Baci' are made), and visits to a winery, olive oil and cheese production facilities.

The Midwest Institute for International/Intercultural Education was established in 1992 as a regional consortium of two-year colleges for the purpose of expanding and strengthening international and intercultural education among member colleges. With the leadership and guidance of the institute, faculty of member schools, including Moraine Valley, the institute produced over 270 international curriculum modules representing approximately 40 disciplines.

The tour, sponsored by the Midwest Institute for International/Intercultural Education, is open to everyone. A \$250 deposit (\$100 non-refundable) is due by Feb. 15, to hold one of the limited spots on the trip.

For more information, including a full itinerary and application, contact Michael Wade at (708) 974-5594 or e-mail wade@morainevalley.edu.

Top Ten Travel Tips

Wherever your next vacation may take you, heeding a few suggestions can help you stay happy and healthy on your trip. The experts at RBC Insurance, a leading provider of travel insurance and emergency assistance services, offer the following tips:

1. Keep credit cards and travelers' checks, passports and other identification in several different places. Use pockets or purses only for items you will need frequently. Otherwise, use a money belt or hotel safety deposit boxes so if your wallet is lost or stolen, you won't be left without identification or money. If you lose your passport, immediately call the nearest embassy or consulate, and the local authorities.

2. Travel arrangements are often nonrefundable, so don't risk losing your entire travel investment should something unexpected happen. Purchase cancellation and interruption insurance to help protect your investment; in case you have to cancel your trip, come home early or stay later at your destination. Make sure to carry proof of travel insurance with you, along with the company's name and phone number.

3. Check to see if any travel advisories or warnings have been issued for your destination by visiting <http://travel.state.gov>.

4. Provide your family and friends at home with a copy of your itinerary and keep them informed of any changes. Supply them with your contact information, copies of the identification page of your passport and travel insurance information.

5. Increased security at airports has led to longer waiting times. Go early to give yourself plenty of time to make your flight.

6. Make sure you're up to date on all your immunizations. Contact your doctor well in advance of your trip to see if you need any specific medication or immunizations.

7. Remember that medical treatment outside the United States can be very expensive and your health insurance or credit card may only cover a limited part of these costs. Find out exactly what you're covered for and purchase travel insurance to fill in any gaps.

8. Gastrointestinal illness is one of the most common illnesses affecting tourists. Eat foods that have been well-cooked, and fruits and vegetables that have been freshly peeled or cooked. Drink bottled or hot beverages, and avoid ice that isn't made with purified water. Wash your hands frequently and thoroughly.

9. Make sure your passport is current. Some countries require that passports be valid six months beyond expected departure dates.

10. Most importantly-relax, recharge and have a great time!

For more information, please visit www.rbcinsurance.com.

Holiday Festival Of Lights

Rockford's Sinnissippi Park will be aglow with dozens of lighted holiday displays during the Holiday Festival of Lights beginning Nov. 27th through Jan. 2nd. Visitors can take a leisurely drive through the park.

After marveling at the festive light displays, children can leave their letters and wish lists for Santa in the North Pole Express mailbox.

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Southwest Area Obituaries

Frances J. Donnelly

Frances J. Donnelly, age 95, of Walworth formerly of Williams Bay, WI, passed away Friday, November 25, 2005 at Golden Years Retirement Village in Walworth.

She was born January 24, 1910 in Chicago, IL, the daughter of James & Frances (Bolger) Leddy. She married John A. O'Shea in May of 1936; he preceded her in 1941. She then married John C. Donnelly, January 13, 1945 in Chicago, he preceded her in March of 1965.

Frances was a secretary for the Salmon Brothers in Chicago, then was a secretary for Press Steel Car Co. in Hegewisch, IL. She was a member of Morgan Park Junior Women's Club, Mothers Club of Loring School for Girls and St. Benedict Catholic Church in Chicago.

Her children Kathryn Donnelly (late Keith), Moeller of Williams Bay, WI & John C. (Evelyn) Donnelly III of Arvada, Colorado survive her. Grandchildren, Dr. Todd Moeller, Gretchen (Matt) Gregor, Susan Moeller, Dr. Stephanie Donnelly & John A. (Sherry) Dongelly and one great-granddaughter Paige.

Funeral Mass was held at 11 a.m., Monday Nov. 28th, at St. Benedict Catholic Church with Rev. Father Daniel Sanders presiding. Burial followed at Walworth Cemetery.

Sally A. Sisk

Services were held on Monday, Nov. 28th at Hickey Memorial Chapel, Midlothian, for 911 Center dispatcher, Sally A. Sisk, 42.

She is survived by her children, Sandra (Jonathan) Crowley-Deering & Kenneth Crowley; her father, Earl Sisk; her sisters, Sharon Haran and Susan Eken; and her brother, Earl "Butch" Sisk.

Eugene V. Dertz

Services were held on Tuesday, Nov. 29th, at Hickey Memorial Chapel, Midlothian, for Korean War Army Veteran, Eugene V. Dertz, 73.

He is survived by his daughters, Debbie Hanna, Tami Hanna and Joan (Chris) Korycki; his sons, David (Christine) Dertz and Jim Dertz; his sister, Judy (Raymon) Lored; his brothers, Frank (Laurie) Dertz and Nick (Fran) Dertz; seventeen grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

Evelyn R. Ely

Services were held on Monday, Nov. 28th, at Hickey Memorial Chapel, Midlothian, for Evelyn R. Ely, 63, wife of the late James Ely.

She is survived by her daughters, Sharon (Gary) Renken and Pamela (Dan) Levin; her son, Michael Ely; her sister Deanna Calich; her brothers, George (Marie) Calich, Robert (Virginia) Calich and John (Pat) Calich; and nine grandchildren.

Joan Lorina Nemanus

Mass was said on Wednesday, Nov. 30th, at St. Elizabeth Seton Church, Orland Hills, for Joan Lorina Nemanus, 57.

She is survived by her husband, Lucius J.; her children, Lucius M., Melissa (James) Eldridge & Laura Nemanus; her mother, Rose; one grandchild; sisters, Tina and Rosemary; and her brothers, Donald and Ronald.

Paul R. Pratt

Services were held on Tuesday, Nov. 29th at Christ Community Church, Palos Heights, for WWII and Korean War USMC Veteran, Paul R. Pratt.

He is survived by his wife, Dorothy; his children, Edward, Rev. Paul D. "Bud"

(Patty) and John (Heidi); seven grandchildren; and his brother, Roy (Joan) Pratt.

Kathryn Quinn

Mass was said on Tuesday, Nov. 29th, at St. Damian Church, Oak Forest, for Kathryn "Katie" Quinn, 12.

She is survived by her mother, Cynthia Quinn; her grandparents, Richard and Bonnie Weber; and her aunt, Danielle Weber.

Bethel M.

Oslakovic-Blatz

Services were held on Wednesday, Nov. 30th, at Thompson & Kuenster Funeral Home, Oak Lawn, for Bethel M. Oslakovic-Blatz.

She is survived by her children, Michelle (Dan) Walker & Catherine (Doug) Oslakovic-Ciota; two grandchildren; and her sisters, Sandra Matzus and Lois Hanson.

Lillian R. Rizzo

Mass was said on Wednesday, Nov. 30th at St. Bernadette Church, Evergreen Park, for Lillian R. Rizzo, wife of the late Santo "Sam".

She is survived by her children, Carol Ann (Larry) Cohen, Michael J. (Laraine), Jean Marie (Dick) Campagna and Phillip; eighteen grandchildren; twenty-four great-grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

John H. Roe Sr.

Mass was said on Wednesday, Nov. 30th at St. Patricia Church, Hickory Hills, for Korean War Army Veteran and retired Chief of North Palos Fire Protection District, John H. Roe, Sr., 77.

He is survived by his wife, Arietta; his children, John (Sandra), Scott, Arietta (Ryan) Steele and Tammy (Scott) Moran; ten grandchildren; and eleven brothers and sisters.

Irene M. Hughes

Mass was said on Wednesday, Nov. 30th, at St. Germaine Church, Oak Lawn, for Irene M. Hughes, 85, wife of the late Charles M. Hughes.

She is survived by her children, Charles M. Hughes; her sisters, Helen Kulovitz and Louise Talaber; and her brothers, George Talaher.

Normand L. LeTourneau

Mass was said on Tuesday, Nov. 29th, at St. Linus Church, Oak Lawn, for Korean War U.S. Army Veteran, Normand L. LeTourneau, 76.

He is survived by his wife, Rita; his children, Renee (Dr. Guy DDS) Gattone, Peter (Janet) and Lisa LeTourneau; and four grandchildren.

John F. McCallum, Sr.

Mass was said on Tuesday, Nov. 29th at St. Christina Church, Mt. Greenwood, for retired CFD Captain John F. McCallum, husband of the late Carline "Dolly".

He is survived by his children, Sue Bitter, Barry P. (Jeanette) McCallum CFD, John F. (Kathleen) McCallum, Jr., Lt. CFD, Patricia (Mike) Ryan and Joanne (Michael) Rusch; thirteen grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; and his sister, Noralee (Ira) Smith.

William E. Blinkwolt

Mass was said on Tuesday, Nov. 29th, at St. Damian Church, Oak Forest, for Korean War Army Veteran, William E. Blinkwolt, 73.

He is survived by his wife, Dolores; his children, Margaret (Thomas) Nolan, Sandra (Timothy) Grahm, William (Joanne) and Laura (Guy) Petrone; nine grandchildren; and his brother, Robert (Lois).

Albert M. Casiello

Services were held on Tuesday, Nov. 29th, at Lawn Funeral Home, Orland Park, for Albert M. Casiello.

He is survived by his wife, Maureen; his mother, Michaelene; his children, Albert J. (Lucie) and John W. (Kristy) Casiello; many grandchildren; and his brothers, John (Kathy) and Robert (Janice) Casiello.

Ema Gray

Services were held on Monday, Nov. 28th at St. Stephen Lutheran Church, Midlothian, for former WWII Army nurse, Ema Gray, 87.

She is survived by her children, Bert (Jennie), Marti Mesmer, Barry and Mary (Tom) Campbell; ten grandchildren; and ten great-grandchildren.

Michael P.

Ingraffia-Britz

Services were held on Tuesday, Nov. 29th, at Colonial Chapel, Orland Park, for Michael P. Ingraffia-Britz, 28.

He is survived by his parents, William and Mary Britz; his sisters, Patricia (Carlos) Rodriguez, Joanne Britz and Carol Britz; and his companion, Dianne Sisk.

Stanley J. Knapik

Mass was said on Tuesday, Nov. 29th, at Our Lady of the Woods Church, Orland Park, for WWII Veteran, Stanley J. Knapik, husband of the late Virginia and the late Frances Knapik.

He is survived by his daughter, Mary Ann Gaura; five grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; and his brother, Joseph Knapik.

Kyle Joseph Peck

Services were held on Monday, Nov. 28th, at Calvary Church, Orland Park, for roller skating champion, Kyle Joseph Peck, 10.

He is survived by his parents, John and Lori Peck; his brother, Tony; his sister, Rachel; and his grandparents, Pat and Dave DuBois.

Ruth Reisner

Services were held on Tuesday, Nov. 29th at Schmaedeke Funeral Home, Worth, for Ruth Reisner, 77, wife of the late Ludwig Reisner.

She is survived by her children, Yvonne Silbernagel, Klaus, and Harold (Marlene) Reisner; three grandchildren, one great-grandchild; and siblings, Anna (Martin) Pertschi and Renate Weschler.

Thomas F. Merschantz

Services were held on Monday, Nov. 28th, at Lawn Funeral Home, Burbank, for Thomas F. Merschantz.

He is survived by his son, Richard Merschantz; and his sister, Cynthia (Keith) Ellis.

Ida Mae Miller

Services were held on Tuesday, Nov. 29th, at United Methodist Church, Worth, for Ida Mae Miller, 88, wife of the late Elmer.

She is survived by her son, Robert (Alice) Miller; two step grandchildren; and six step great-grandchildren.

Marilyn M. O'Meara

Services were held on Monday, Nov. 28th, at Brady-Gill Funeral Home, Evergreen Park, for Marilyn M. O'Meara, 82, wife of the late Norman Tyley O'Meara.

She is survived by her children, Norman T. (Linda), David M. (Agnes) O'Meara and Maureen McMinamen; four grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

Jean E. Nichols

Services were held on Tuesday, Nov. 29th, at McKenzie Funeral Home, Oak Forest, for Jean E. Nichols.

She is survived by her husband, Raymond E. Nichols; her children, Jason and Jessica Nichols; her mother, Sharon; & her brother, David Gerson, Sr.



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Handling The Holidays: Beyond Ordinary Time

Good-bye Thanksgiving - Hello Christmas!

We move so fast these days that time practically blurs as we race from one day's activities to the next. And that chunk of time known as The Holidays which stretches from Thanksgiving through New Year's Day rarely offers a respite, what with shopping, wrapping, decorating, cooking, partying and all the other obligations the season has come to demand. Even those of us lucky enough to have a "better half" to take on more than her fair share, it's still a big, dreaded hassle.

And these are the days we're supposed to be treasuring as precious memories? Yeah. Right!

If I sound like I'm complaining, I guess I am. We human beings are experts who are driving ourselves crazy. We manage to take something which should be wonderful, like Christmas, and instead of concentrating on celebrating its simple spiritual essence, we add on so many bells and whistles that a holy day reminding us of the birth of Jesus is barely recognizable under all the glitzy wrappings.

But I also know a solution - and a calendar can help. Not the part where we scribble all the places we are supposed to be and the things we are supposed to do, but the part that proclaims we are ready to leave behind us the liturgical season known as *Ordinary Time* and entering Advent, the start of a new Christian year.

I've always liked the term *Ordinary Time*, which actually refers to numbered or ordered time. To me, it's always seemed to be an oxymoron. Time is never really ordinary. This great gift from God is something that we can use, but never control. We can measure it, but not make it; spend it, but not save it. Time reveals to us the cycles of life from birth through growth and, ultimately, death. How extraordinary are the moments of our lives and how rarely we even notice.

Ordinary Time also reminds me of Thornton Wilder's play "Our Town." It's always been popular for school productions so I suspect you have seen some version of it. The part that sticks in my mind is near the end. Emily has died, but she's been given the opportunity to revisit a day in her life. And she finally sees the world and her part in it with the clear vision she never had in her day-to-day life. "Oh earth, you're too wonderful for anybody to realize you," Emily says. Then she asks the Stage Manager, "Do any human beings ever realize life while they live it? Every, every minute?"

Physical Activity Benefits

An unprecedented surge in research on the link between physical activity and cancer risk is transforming efforts to combat the disease, experts at the American Institute for Cancer Research (AICR) said.

The idea that regular physical activity benefits overall health is nothing new. An indirect association between physical activity and cancer risk has also been hypothesized for some time, because regular physical activity has an important role in preventing obesity. Obesity has been shown to be a risk factor for several kinds of cancer.

But the realization that activity level itself is directly linked to cancer risk is new, and is a result of an exponential growth in research that shows no sign of leveling off, according to AICR.

Evidence is currently strongest for colon and breast cancer and slightly less strong for endometrial cancer, say AICR experts. Because the research on prostate and lung cancer has been less consistent, links to these cancers are still graded "possible."

But AICR urged food marketers not to see the recent spate of findings as license to promote exercise alone, without regard to portion size, value marketing and other issues that contribute to U.S. obesity.

Karen Collins, R.D., AICR Nutrition Advisor, said that although there is clear evidence that physical activity is beneficial at any weight, exercise alone cannot compensate for the additional risk posed by being overweight.

"Positive messages about exercise are great, but they can't exist in a vacuum. Extra weight means extra cancer risk, and the best way to lose weight is to combine increased activity with reduced caloric consumption," Collins said.

She urged the public to examine recently stepped up efforts by food marketers to promote physical activity against a long history of food industry efforts to promote overconsumption.

"Messages about activity must always be paired with messages about choosing healthy foods in appropriate amounts," she said.

Just two decades ago, the association between activity level and cancer risk was purely theoretical. Since then, the number of studies on the activity-cancer link published in peer-reviewed journals has roughly doubled every five years and that pace is now quickening, according to an AICR review of the literature.

Well over 100 studies tracking cancer rates and physical activity levels in human populations were published between 2001 and 2005. Over half of these appeared in the last two years. Visit www.aicr.org/activity to read an in-depth summary of the research.

"No," he answers. "The saints and poets, maybe - they do some."

No, we don't usually realize the miracle of life while we're living it. We worry about it or complain about it, but appreciate every second of life God grants us? Not very much. That's why we plunge headlong through the days and seasons of our lives.

It strikes me that Advent would be a good opportunity to slow down, to examine the way we fill our days - to "realize life." After all, Advent means "coming" and it's our time to look forward to the coming of the Christ Child into our world, the time to think about ourselves and our relationship with God; to consider all that faith and hope and love mean to us and those dear to us.

By focusing on Christmas through the lens of Advent, we can prepare to welcome the Holy Child in His good time - and ours. And maybe, like the saints and poets, we, too, will realize life.

Warming Centers Available

As part of his Keep Warm Illinois campaign, Governor Rod R. Blagojevich announced on Nov. 27th that he would make 122 state facilities available as Warming Centers starting December 1, 2005. The Warming Centers will provide Illinoisans a place to stay warm and comfortable if they turn down their thermostats during the day to lower their heating bills. Gov. Blagojevich will also send a letter tomorrow to all 1,116 Mayors in the Illinois Municipal League asking them to assist in this important effort by identifying suitable buildings that can serve as additional Warming Centers in their communities.

In his letter to the Municipal League members, Gov. Blagojevich urged mayors to reach out to local service agencies, community centers, churches, schools, libraries, hospital and other organizations to ask that their facilities be made available to local residents this winter.

As part of the Governor's Keep Warm Illinois campaign, the Department of Human Services (DHS) will open their 116 local offices statewide to the public and the Illinois Tollway will make the six Tollway oases in northern Illinois available as warming centers. State officials are encouraging Illinoisans to use these warming centers to help lower their heating bills. Homeowners can save approximately 3% on their energy costs for every degree the thermostat is lowered, although they should not be any lower than 55 degrees.

Last month, Gov. Blagojevich launched the Keep Warm Illinois campaign, a multi-agency, comprehensive effort to help families reduce their heating bills by conserving energy and weatherizing their homes, and offering warming centers throughout the state. The list of warming centers locations is available at the Keep Warm Illinois website www.KeepWarmIllinois.gov or at the Keep Warm Illinois hotline 1-(877) 411-WARM.

Warming centers will be located at DHS facilities and will be open during normal business hours, Monday through Friday.

Curator Interprets Paintings

Benedictine University art curator Fr. Michael Komechak, O.S.B. will interpret six scenes from the life of St. John the Baptist portrayed by 15th century Sienese master painter Giovanni de Paolo at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 13th at St. Joseph Church in Downers Grove.

The six scenes, displayed together at the Art Institute of Chicago, depict St. John as a young man entering the wilderness, identifying Jesus as the Lamb of God, the imprisoned St. John visited by two disciples, Salome at a dinner party asking Herod for the head of St. John on a platter, the beheading of St. John and the head of St. John brought before Herod.

All scenes are based exclusively on Gospel texts related to St. John. Fr. Michael will describe the artistic achievement of these scenes and explain their spiritual meaning.

St. Joseph Church is located at 4824 Highland Avenue, one block east of Main Street and just north of the railroad tracks in downtown Downers Grove.

"Business Of Creative Writing"

Lewis University's Department of English and its Writing Program will sponsor a presentation entitled "The Business of Creative Writing" on Tuesday, Dec. 6 at 2 p.m. Free and open to the public, the event will be held in Room A133 of the Academic Building, located on the Lewis main campus on Route 53 in Romeoville, IL.

Presenters will include: Michelle Taransky, Programs Coordinator for the Poetry Center of Chicago; Fred Sasaki, assistant editor for Poetry Magazine and Scott Stealey, editorial assistant for Poetry Magazine.

The presentation will explore the history of poetry, as well as changes that have taken place in the industry. It also will discuss writing opportunities including internships; the submission and editorial processes and helpful hints for new writers.

A graduate of the University of Illinois, Taransky's works have appeared or are forthcoming in DIAGRAM, can we have our ball back? and La Petite Zine. She also is a participant in Dan Waber's Altered Books project.

Sasaki is a graduate of Boston University and the organizer of the Chicago Annual Printers' Ball. He has written for New City Newspaper and his work also has been featured in Venus Zine and STOPSMILING.

A graduate of Illinois Wesleyan University, Stealey writes book reviews for TimeOut Chicago and previously served on the staff of the Madison Review literary magazine.

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Tinley Park Man Dies In Car Crash

Michael Ingrassia, 28, of Tinley Park, died of an apparent heart attack on Friday, Nov. 25th, after he pulled his car over to the side of the road at 171st and LaGrange Road. His call to 911 was cut off according to reports and when an off-duty EMT found him, he was unresponsive.

Paramedics tried to revive him, but he was pronounced dead just before 2 p.m. at Palos Community Hospital.

The young man had spent Thanksgiving Day with his family. According to his father, who said that Ingrassia did have a history of heart related problems and heart surgery, reported that he seemed fine at the holiday celebration.

Ingrassia was a graduate of Richards High School in Oak Lawn. He was working as an assistant loan officer at Integrity First Mortgage. He was living with his girlfriend in an apartment near 167th St. and Oak Park Ave.

His girlfriend, Dianne Sisk, reported that Ingrassia didn't have any major health problems since his surgery. When she left for work, he was not ill, she said.

Funeral services were pending and being arranged by Colonial Chapels.

United Methodist Cookie Bonanza

The United Methodist Women of the First United Methodist Church of Oak Lawn will hold a Cookie Bonanza from 9 a.m. until Sell-Out on Saturday, Dec. 3rd. All the cookies are homemade and would be great to serve during the Christmas holidays. The church is at 100th St. and Central Ave.

For more information, call (708) 423-1170.

National Honor Society Inductee

Elmhurst College Circle of Omicron Delta Kappa is proud to announce that Jennifer L. Wiederhold, of Oak Lawn, is among its newly inducted members into the National Honor Society.

Omicron Delta Kappa, which is a national leadership/scholarship society, recognizes junior and senior students who have attained a high standard in all aspects of collegiate life.

Santa Is In Town

Supervisor Jack Murphy announces that Santa Claus will be at Worth Township, 11601 S. Pulaski in Alsip, beginning Dec. 5th through 9th and the week of Dec. 12th through 16th. Times are 3:30 to 5:30 and 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Santa will have a small gift for each child.

Bring a camera and get your child's picture taken with Santa Claus.

New Metabolic Syndrome Findings

A high level of fitness may extend the lives of women with metabolic syndrome, according to new findings presented today by a cardiologist at Northwestern Memorial Hospital at the annual American Heart Association Scientific Sessions.

Researchers followed nearly 6,000 women who had no signs of heart disease when the study launched in 1992. Over the next nine years, those with metabolic syndrome were 57% more likely to die than those who didn't have the cluster of risk factors that defines metabolic syndrome.

But when researchers controlled the study for women with metabolic syndrome who had higher level of cardiorespiratory fitness, this elevated risk nearly disappeared—both overall deaths and deaths specific to heart disease fell to rates similar to those of the group of women without metabolic syndrome.

Cardiorespiratory fitness can be determined by measuring

the maximal oxygen uptake for a given workload and can be expressed in metabolic equivalents (METs). One MET is defined as the energy it takes to sit quietly. This study defined higher levels of cardiorespiratory fitness as women who are able to perform at greater than 8 METs (approximate to being able to run a mile in 12 minutes or faster).

Metabolic syndrome, which increases the risk of cardiovascular disease and diabetes, is defined as having three or more of the following risk factors: a waist circumference of greater than 35 inches in women; high blood pressure; elevated triglycerides; low levels of high-density lipoprotein (HDL); or high fasting glucose levels.

In August of this year, a related study by Dr. Gulati was published in the New England Journal of Medicine which found that otherwise healthy women whose exercise capacity was less than 85% the age-predicted value had twice the risk of death compared to women reaching at least 85%.

Born Alive Infants Protection

Concerned Women for America (CWA) of Illinois celebrates a new state law that protects infants who are born alive regardless of the circumstances. The Born Alive Infants Protection Act, recently signed by Governor Blagojevich, without ceremony and no media attention, now defines babies who are born alive regardless of the circumstances, as human beings under Illinois law.

Background. Nurse Jill Stanek heroically blew the whistle on Christ Hospital in suburban Oak Lawn, over six years ago and began working to change the law. After forced premature delivery abortions at Christ Hospital, babies were often born alive and left to die, sometimes in a soiled utility room.

In 2002, a federal Born Alive Infants Protection law, passed unanimously in the U.S. Senate and with little opposition in the House, was signed by President George W. Bush. Stanek's congressional committee testimonies

were instrumental in that effort.

In the last legislative session, Representative Brandon Phelps and Senator William Haine successfully carried the bill through a bumpy ride in the General Assembly and on to the Governor's desk where it was signed on Aug. 12.

Serving as CWA of Illinois Pro-Life Coordinator, Nurse Stanek noted, "We are happy this law has finally been signed. It's been a long time coming. It's critical that all born alive babies are fully protected under both federal and state laws. The Born Alive Infants Protection Act will be vital to protecting babies and to re-establishing a 'culture of life' in Illinois."

Concerned Women for America of Illinois applauds this new state law and will continue to work toward that end.

Concerned Women for America is the nation's largest public policy women's organization.

Greek Church Holds Baklava Sale

The Three Hierarchs Philoptochos Society of the All Saints Greek Orthodox Church, 102 N. Broadway St., Joliet, is sponsoring its Annual Baklava Sale.

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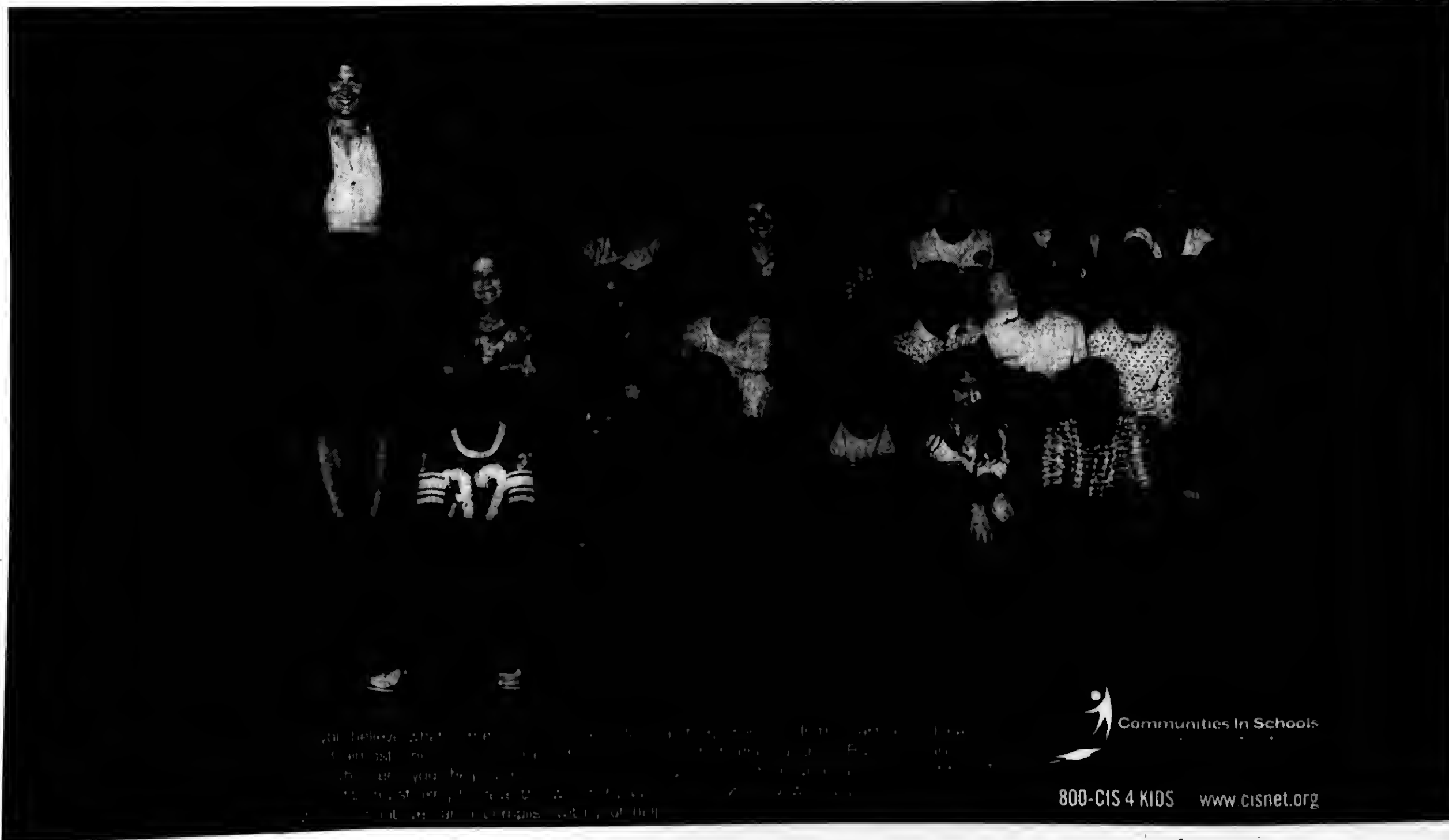
The Young Lawyers Division (YLD) of the Illinois State Bar Association (ISBA) will host its 8th Annual Holiday Party at Joe's Sports Bar, 940 W. Weed St. in Chicago, on Friday, Dec. 2nd from 6 to 10 p.m.

Tickets are \$35 and include an open bar and light buffet.

Proceeds from the event will benefit the Illinois Bar Foundation/YLD Children's Assistance Program which, in part, provides children's books, toys and games for courthouse waiting rooms for children throughout Illinois.

Over the past seven years, the Young Lawyers Division holiday party has raised over \$100,000.

For tickets or for more information, contact Gregg A. Garofalo at (312) 753-6000 or gregg@garofalolaw.com.



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Seek Nominations For Local Heroes

The recent Metra train crash spurred a man to saving a woman from a burning car. While heroism knows many faces, all inspire us to humanitarianism. The American Red Cross of Greater Chicago calls upon Chicagoland residents to nominate their local heroes for the fourth annual Heroes Breakfast, which will take place on April 27 at the Hyatt Regency Chicago.

The Chicago Red Cross will honor people who have demonstrated exceptional community service in nine categories.

- **Good Samaritan:** Someone who acted selflessly in helping another in need
- **Youth Good Samaritan:** A youth (under age 21) who acted selflessly in helping another in need
- **Firefighter:** A firefighter who acted above and beyond the call of duty
- **Law Enforcement:** Law enforcement personnel who acted above and beyond the call of duty
- **Emergency Medical Response:** A professional EMS provider whose actions went above and beyond the call of duty
- **Military:** Active, retired, or reserve personnel who acted above and beyond the call of duty
- **Disaster Relief:** Presented to an outstanding adult who sacrificed their own safety to help others who were affected by a disaster in 2005.
- **Community Impact:** An individual who made a positive difference in our community
- **Citizenship:** An individual who displayed leadership and commitment to our community

Candidates must live or work in one of the seven counties that the Greater Chicago Red Cross serves (Cook, DuPage, Kane, Kendall, Lake, McHenry, or Will counties) and their heroic act must have taken place with the last 12 months.

Self-nominations are not permitted, and all nominations will be subject to further verification and validation. The Greater Chicago Red Cross must receive nominations by Feb. 28 to be eligible and will notify winners in mid-March.

Completed nomination forms can be mailed to ARCGC Heroes Breakfast, 2200 W. Harrison, Chicago, IL 60612 or faxed to (312) 729-6305. Heroes nominations can also be submitted online at www.chicagoredcross.org/getinvolved/hero.htm.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

- DECEMBER 12 - Monday - AARP Meeting, VFW Hall, 9514 52nd Ave., 1 p.m.
- DECEMBER 12 - Monday - OL Park Board Meeting, 4625 W. 110th St., 7:30 p.m.
- DECEMBER 12 - Monday - Business Development Commission Meeting, 9446 S. Raymond, 7:30 p.m.
- DECEMBER 12 to 16 - Santa will be at Worth Township, 11601 Pulaski Rd., 3:30 to 5:30 and 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.
- DECEMBER 13 - Tuesday - Chamber Luncheon, Hilton Oak Lawn, 11:30 a.m. social; 12 noon lunch.
- DECEMBER 13 - Tuesday - Worth Township Board Committee Meeting, 11601 S. Pulaski, 7:30 p.m.
- DECEMBER 13 - Tuesday - OL Village Board Meeting, Municipal Building, 9446 Raymond, 8 p.m.
- DECEMBER 13 - Tuesday - Village Hall open to 8 p.m.
- DECEMBER 13 - Tuesday - VFW 5220 Meeting, 9514 S. 52nd Ave., 8 p.m.
- DECEMBER 15 - Thursday - Public Works Meeting, 9446 S. Raymond, 7:30 p.m.
- DECEMBER 15 - Thursday - Athletic Club Meeting, VFW Hall, 9514 S. 52nd Ave., 8 p.m.

Cold Stone Creamery Opens

Cold Stone Creamery, 5120 W. 95th St., held a grand opening ribbon cutting ceremony on Saturday, Dec. 3rd with half of the proceeds from that day going directly to benefit Advocate Christ Medical Center and Advocate Hope Children's Hospital. Pictured left to right are: Afaf Issa, mother of one of the owners; Sulan Issa, owner; Daniel Wall, owner and Melissa Hall, manager.



Linda Burke, a customer at Cold Stone Creamery, came straight from her job at Palos Hospital to buy some ice cream. She is shown accepting a sample from Melissa Hall, manager.



"Keep Warm Illinois" Workshops

Moraine Valley will host "Keep Warm Illinois" workshops on Tuesday, Dec. 13, and Tuesday, Jan. 10, at 7 p.m. both days, in the college's Valley West Room (D236), second floor, Building D, on campus, 9000 W. College Parkway, Palos Hills. "Keep Warm Illinois" is a state-wide program that educates citizens about important do-it-yourself tips and energy-saving strategies to help reduce homeowners' and renters' heating bills this season.

Through a variety of conservation and weatherization techniques, participants will learn about cost-conscious home energy efficiency including information about insulation, weatherization, heating, water heating, energy-

efficient appliances, and lighting.

The Moraine Valley "Keep Warm Illinois" workshop is part of a series of workshops Illinois community colleges are hosting in conjunction with the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity. Gov. R. Blagojevich is urging residents to participate in the "Keep Warm Illinois" workshops because with record natural gas prices anticipated for this winter's heating season, Illinois households will face significantly higher utility bills. While every family in Illinois will be affected, higher home heating costs will create a particular hardship for senior citizens and families already struggling to get by. Energy professionals throughout

Illinois have volunteered to lead the workshops, which will last approximately one hour and include written materials, a video presentation and a question-and-answer period. A limited number of coupons for a free programmable thermostat also will be available. For more information about the "Keep Warm Illinois," visit www.keepwarm.illinois.gov

Cub Scout Pancake Breakfast

A pancake breakfast will be sponsored by Cub Scout Pack #3644 on Saturday, Dec. 17th at the Evergreen Park United Methodist Church, 9358 S. Homan Ave.

The breakfast will be held from 7 to 11:30 a.m.

Tickets are \$5 for children and adults and are available at the door.

To further satisfy your sweet tooth for the holidays, the Scouts will also be selling homemade pies at the breakfast.

For further information, contact Jean Hanlon at (708) 424-3319.

Chicago Mother Acquitted

Chicagoan Victoria Travis was acquitted Thursday, Nov. 30th of attempted first-degree murder and aggravated battery charges stemming from a Sept. 2003 incident involving Oak Lawn clothing store assistant manager, Chadale Cathery.

Travis, 33, stabbed Cathery, 27, with a knife five times during an altercation in a DOTS store. Travis claimed that she was defending her 8-year-old autistic son. Allegedly,

Cathery had struck the boy and then headed toward Travis.

Cathery, who has a prison record, contended that she never touched the child, but was merely attempting to determine who the child belonged to because the boy was supposedly playing on a clothing rack which was about to topple over.

Travis, who is a banker and mother of three, expressed relief over the decision.

Congressman Dan Lipinski Fights Gas Gouging

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Eagle Scout Project

Zack Banko, from Troop 780 in Alsip, has attained what few young men accomplish: the rank of Eagle Scout. (Only 3 to 4 percent of Scouts achieve this rank.) His journey to this summit was never easy, and involved determination, planning and execution. Banko, however, is quick to point out that, "The project was hard while we were going through all of the steps and stages, but it really paid off."

The project certainly did "pay off" for the Crisis Center for South Suburbia. As a result of Banko's special collection drive, 20 large boxes of much needed items such as new blankets, sheets, baby items, towels, kitchen supplies and linens were delivered to the shelter. Items that were gently used were delivered to Neat Repeats Resale - 26 bags and 26 boxes of clothes, housewares and toys.

"This young man is certainly going to go places," noted the Crisis Center's executive director, Edward Vega. "His discipline, determination and drive - combined with his desire to make a difference - are admirable qualities. When I met him and spoke with him I could not believe he is a first-year high school student. He is a very mature young man. I look forward to hearing about his accomplishments well into the future."

To achieve the accomplishment of Eagle Scout, Banko researched various projects, sought approval from the district leader, created a plan, and then focused his drive to one subdivision - passing out flyers and arranging to pick up donated items one week later.

"We couldn't believe the amount, and the quality, of the items that were donated. We decided to separate everything and deliver only new items to the shelter, and those that were gently used to Neat Repeats. This way, the Crisis Center benefits either way," explained Banko's mother Pat.

When asked why he chose the Crisis Center to benefit from his Eagle project, Banko explained that he saw another article in the paper about donating things to the Crisis Center, and he wanted to help the women and children who come to the shelter. Banko also wants his project to encourage other Scouts to think about working toward the Eagle rank. "It is a lot of work, but you just have to keep focused and don't give up."

In addition to his involvement in Scouting, Banko is an excellent student at Shepard High School, where he is on the Student Council and the soccer team.

Pictured is Eagle Scout Zack Banko with Executive Director Edward Vega. Banko's drive benefits the Crisis Center for South Suburbia.

Graduation Ceremony

Congressman Bobby L. Rush and SCORE Counselors to America's Small Business announced on Dec. 6th that they will wrap up their year-long partnership of providing business training workshops with a graduation ceremony and networking reception for more than 80 participants, who are seeking to either grow or establish their businesses in the First Congressional District. The event will take place on Monday, Dec. 12 from 5:30 until 8 p.m. at the University of Illinois Extension, Cook Chicago South Unit (Illinois Room), 8751 S. Greenwood, Chicago.

The graduation and business networking reception will include graduates, various chambers of commerce, representatives from the U.S. Small Business Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, Minority Business Development Agency, Office of Illinois State Treasurer, Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity, small business development centers, procurement technical assistance centers, community and business organizations.

The graduation ceremony is a culmination of business training workshops, which were held in March through October of this year, at Congressman Rush's district and south suburban offices. The workshops provided attendees with training and counseling on financing options, business strategy, marketing tactics, product development, cash flow and management. In this first of its kind partnership, Rush and SCORE eased the travel burden for constituents by providing training in their own neighborhood.

This event is free but requires pre-registration. For more information, call (708) 385-9550 or email: younug.suleman@mail.house.gov.

The Village Christmas Market

The Village Christmas Market in Chicago's historic Beverly Hills/Morgan Park neighborhood, offers shoppers gifts, special sales, complimentary refreshments, and holiday entertainment on the weekend of Dec. 9, 10 and 11.

The Market includes quaint specialty stores on 103rd and 99th streets between Wood St. to Longwood Drive, and up the hill to the Beverly Unitarian Church/The Castle. Also participating are the World Folk Music Company and Hands On! Children's Art Museum of Chicago. Shoppers can enjoy visits with jolly old St. Nick, strolling carolers, fresh Christmas trees, and special holiday sales.

Trolleys, compliments of Beverly Bank & Trust, will provide free transportation between 99th and 103rd St. on Saturday and Sunday as families go from store to store to sample refreshments, enjoy live entertainment and demonstrations, whisper wishes to Santa, and make gifts for Mom and Dad.

Village Christmas Market hours are until 7 p.m. Friday, Dec. 9, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 10, and 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Sunday, Dec. 11. Participating are gift shops include a gallery, clothing shops, a gourmet food store, book stores, coffee shops, an Italian deli, flower shops and more.

Among the special activities are: Christmas cookie making demonstrations at Beverly's Pantry, 1907 W. 103rd St.; Friday afternoon; a concert based on O. Henry's "The Gift of the Magi," 8 p.m., Saturday at World Folk Music Company, 1808 W. 103rd St.; origami ornament making for children. 1 to 3 p.m., Saturday, and hand painting holiday gifts and ties noon to 1:30 p.m. Sunday, both at Hands On Children's Art Museum, 1800 W. 103rd St.; performances by school choirs, story telling, and visits with Santa at The Castle, Beverly Unitarian Church, 10244 S. Longwood Dr. (Christmas trees will be for sale at The Castle until Christmas); children's arts and crafts at Café Luna, 1742 W. 99th St., all three days; strolling carolers and a brass quartet playing holiday music throughout the shopping districts; free trolley between 103rd and 99th

streets on Saturday and Sunday; holiday brunch sampling 2 to 4 p.m. Sunday at Beverly's Pantry; and complimentary holiday refreshments, holiday specials, samples and sales at participating stores. Shopping passports will be distributed before and during the three-day event, and shoppers who have their passport stamped participating businesses will be eligible to win one of three stunning gift baskets filled with merchandise and gift certificates donated by participating stores.

Businesses working on the Village Christmas Market include: Café Luna, Floral Designs on 99th, Ms. Priss, Tranquility Salon, Reading on Walden Bookstore and My Sister's Knits and Tranquility Salon on 99th Street; Beacon Therapeutic School, Beverly Bank & Trust, Beverly Hills Flower Shop, Beverly's Pantry, Beverly Unitarian Church, Books Ink, Calabria Imports, Divine Doo-Dahs, Hands-On Children's Art Museum, The Heritage Gallery, Kirk Shepherd Studio, Island Furs, Simply Stated, and World Folk Music Company on 103rd Street.

For more information, call the Beverly Area Planning Association, (773) 233-3100. To learn more about Beverly/Morgan Park, the Village in the City, visit www.bapa.org.

Scholarship Awarded

Nicte Aguilar-Arrigada, Maria High School senior and Bridgeport resident, received the HACIA scholarship at an Awards Luncheon on Nov. 3rd. The event took place at the Chicago Hilton & Towers in downtown Chicago.

A total of 22 high schools presented candidates for the awards, out of which 6 were Catholic. Four students received the awards: 3 from public schools and one from a Catholic school, Nicte Aguilar-Arrigada. "I was very happy to hear the news; since I want to pursue a double major, communications & theater, I certainly need the support from organizations like HACIA. HACIA is doing a great thing for young Latinos and Latinas," Nicte said.

This is the 3rd consecutive year that Maria's young women received the HACIA scholarship. These young women are now successfully



pursuing college careers at prestigious universities like Harvard, University of Chicago and Northwestern University.

Nicte received the award from Patricia Saidana Natke '82, HACIA's Board member and owner of URBANWorks, Ltd. Nicte was accompanied to the event by her father, Jose Luis Aguilar-Carbajal, Mrs. Michelle Vazquez, Senior & College Counselor at Maria, and Sr. Margaret Zalot, SSC, Maria's President.

"Turn Green Into Blue"

As Chicagoans begin to purchase wrapping paper and decorate their Christmas trees, the City of Chicago is pleased to announce the date has been set for the city's annual after the holidays recycling event, "Turn Green into Blue."

Chicagoans will be able to recycle their Christmas tree or a bag of recyclables at one of 23 locations on Saturday, Jan. 7th between 9 a.m. and 2 p.m. In exchange for participating, Chicagoans will be given a year's supply of blue bags while supplies last. They will also be able to pick up a bag of mulch and a blue spruce sapling.

The trees brought to parks for recycling are placed into a chipper and turned into reusable mulch. To avoid damaging the chipping machine, residents are asked to remove all lights, ornaments, tinsel, wiring and other materials from their tree before recycling.

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LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF PROPOSED PROPERTY TAX LEVY FOR THE VILLAGE OF MERRIONETTE PARK

I. A public hearing to approve a proposed property tax levy for the Village of Merrionette Park shall be held on December 16, 2005, at 7:25 p.m. at 11720 South Kedzie Avenue, Merrionette Park, Illinois.

Any person desiring to appear at the public hearing and present testimony to the taxing township may contact Village Clerk Carol Sullivan, 11720 S. Kedzie, Merrionette Park, at 708/396-3183.

II. The corporate and special purpose property taxes extended or abated for the year 2004 were \$130,587.

The proposed corporate and special purpose property taxes to be levied for 2005 are \$145,700. This represents an 11.6% increase over the previous year.

III. The property taxes extended for debt service and public building commission leases for 2004 were \$305,805.

The estimated property taxes to be levied for debt service and public building commission leases for 2005 are \$296,328. This represents a 3.1% decrease from the previous year.

IV. The total property taxes extended or abated for 2004 were \$436,392.

The estimated total property taxes to be levied for 2005 are \$444,938. This represents a 1.3% percent increase over the previous year.

Courses Offered At Moraine Valley

Moraine Valley Community College can help you realize your goals and prepare for a successful future. The spring 2006 semester starts Tuesday, Jan. 17th with a variety of ways to achieve your educational and career goals.

Transfer courses to complete the first two years of a bachelor's degree

Moraine Valley offers classes for those interested in transferring to four-year colleges or universities, earning associate's degrees or certificates to enter the workforce, or updating or learning new skills. Moraine Valley has established guidelines to guarantee the transferability of course credits to other colleges and universities. The college also offers many noncredit programs, courses, workshops and seminars.

Superior technical training

Students can earn an Associate of Arts, Fine Arts or Science. Students also can choose from the many career programs offered at the college by earning an associate in Applied Science degree and/or certificates in many Allied Health and Nursing, Business, Industrial Technology, and Public Service areas. Moraine Valley has established guidelines to guarantee students the technical skill competencies expected by future employers.

Fully equipped computer and learning labs

Moraine Valley's campus houses a variety of computer stations and learning laboratories. The college also has a Cyber Café and is wireless Internet-compatible with hot spots throughout campus.

Commitment to student success

Many services also are available to Moraine Valley students, including financial aid, a Children's Learning Center, Academic Advising Center, Counseling and Career Development Center, Job Placement Center, Minority Student Transfer Center, and Center for Disability Services. Tutoring is also available. Some of the college's courses are offered in different formats to accommodate the needs of students, making it easy for people to fit college classes into their life. These *Flexible Learning Options* include:

Virtual College classes give students the opportunity to take classes via the Internet. Students discuss class material, interact with their instructor, and complete assignments using e-mail and other Internet technologies.

One-day-a-week daytime classes provide an opportunity to make progress on degree requirements by attending a class that meets once a week.

Directed Study classes combine independent study and limited classroom work. Students meet on alternate weeks and devote extra time to homework, library assignments and instructor conferences.

Telecourses on videotape offer flexibility and convenience to students by allowing them to attend limited class meetings, set up their own study hours and work at their own pace.

Short-Term Classes are designed for those who want to earn college credit quickly, as well as for those interested in picking up extra classes once the semester begins. Although these classes are shorter in length than regular semester classes (they range in length from two to 12 weeks), the same amount of material is covered.

The **Weekend Degree Program** allows students to earn a degree while attending classes on Friday evenings, Saturdays and Sundays.

Off-Campus Classes located in Blue Island, Evergreen Park, Orland Park, Summit and Tinley Park allow for some students to enroll in courses that may potentially be closer to home.

Moraine Valley's career counselors offer sound advice

on selecting a career while academic advisors assist with choosing the right courses. Faculty members also provide real-world knowledge and experience, and job placement specialists help you find the right job. Everyone at Moraine Valley is dedicated to your success.

Registration is underway. Classes begin the week of Jan. 17th. Tuition is \$64 per credit hour plus fees and books. Students can register in person by visiting the Admissions, Records and Registration Office located in the College Center on campus, 9000 W. College Parkway in Palos Hills. Students can also register by phone with an operator by calling (708) 974-2110. Previously enrolled students can register online via the college's Web site at www.morainevalley.edu.

Information on all credit and non-credit classes is available in the spring 2006 class schedule or online at www.morainevalley.edu.

Benedictine University Open House

Students who want to pursue a faith-based, values-driven college education should attend an open house at Benedictine University beginning at 11 a.m. on Sunday, Jan. 22nd.

Prospective students also have the option of attending a men's basketball game on Saturday, Jan. 21st at 3:30 p.m. in the Dan and Ada Rice Center, then enjoying dinner and an

Bandit Sentenced

South Sider, Keith L. Washington, a former prison counselor and a man who was not many credits shy of a degree at Chicago State University, was sentenced to nine years in prison after U.S. District Judge James Holderman pronounced him guilty on thirteen counts of bank robbery.

Nicknamed by the FBI as the Bandaged Bandit, before each heist, Washington would conceal his face with gauze to hide a skin condition that left him badly scarred and easily identifiable.

Washington stated that his bank robbery spree, which began in December of 2003 and spanned the south side and southwest suburbs, was triggered by desperation. Already taking care of his pregnant fiancé and her young son and facing eviction, Washington took on the added financial burden of his cancer patient mother, all of which coincided with a cut in pay at his job.

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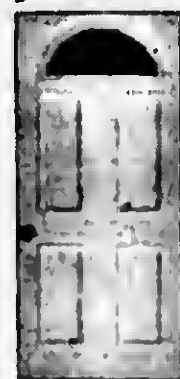
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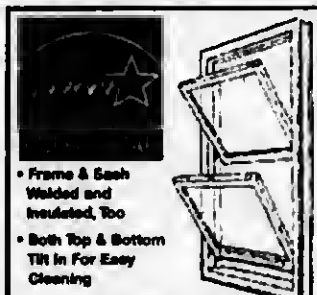
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EDITORIAL/OPINION PAGE

Stroger Urges State Funding Of Judiciary

Cook County Board President John H. Stroger, Jr. recently concurred with recent efforts of the Illinois Judges Assn., Illinois State Bar Assn. and the Chicago Bar Assn. to seek adequate funding from the State of Illinois for the court system.

"Illinois is way behind the rest of the nation to ensure appropriate funding for its court system. More than 30 other states have figured out how to make this a reality. Illinois needs to be next," said Stroger.

In 1964, Illinois created a unified state court system that abolished the municipal court system. Prior to this change, each municipality, including Chicago, operated and funded its own court system. As a result of that change, Cook County Government today operates one of the largest court systems in the world with more than 300 courtrooms and 1.7 million cases filed annually.

"When this change occurred, the state provided little in terms of financial resources. That meant that counties were on their own to fund the court system making it likely one of the largest unfunded mandates in the history of Illinois and subject to available local resources," said Stroger.

The Illinois Judges Association's latest effort focuses on convincing the state that funding the court system would allow for a 'modern and efficient' court system fair to all its citizens and is a 'necessary step to maintain the judiciary as an independent branch of government.' The Association argues that in many counties throughout Illinois, one murder trial can easily absorb the court's allocated resources for that year.

In the case of Cook County, annual spending on the court system exceeds \$600 million, with more than \$170 million appropriated to the Chief Judge's office.

"This is not a simple solution and one that will likely take some time to achieve. But I stand here today to tell you that court-related costs in Cook County will continue to rise and continue to be a financial burden on our taxpayers unless something is done soon," said Stroger.

Lipinski Fights Gas Gouging

Congressman Dan Lipinski (IL-03) has taken action to tackle gas price gouging.

"I have joined Rep. Bart Stupak (MI-01) and several of my colleagues in introducing The Federal Response to Energy Emergencies Act of 2005 (H.R. 3936)," said Congressman Lipinski. "This legislation will help protect consumers from gas price gouging."

H.R. 3936 will give the President the authority to take immediate action in the face of an energy crisis by declaring a national energy emergency. It will provide the Federal Trade Commission with the authority to investigate and prosecute those that engage in predatory pricing - from oil companies on down to local gas stations - with an emphasis on those who profit most. The bill will also increase transparency in the whole sale petroleum market to prevent anti-competitive pricing practices.

H.R. 3936 was referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce and the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

Biggert Presents Funds For Grasslands

U.S. Rep. Judy Biggert (R-IL-13) recently presented officials from the Forest Preserve District of Cook County and the Village of Orland Park with \$225,000 in federal funding for the Orland Grassland restoration project, a key ecosystem restoration project in the 13th District. At Biggert's request, the funding was included in the Energy and Water Development Appropriations Conference Report, which was signed into law by the President on Nov. 19th.

"The Orland Grassland restoration cannot be completed and reach its full ecological potential without this additional funding," Biggert said. "Few protected sites in northeastern Illinois can match the size, scale and habitat value of the Orland Grassland. The sooner the project is completed, the faster my constituents throughout the area can enjoy the restored natural beauty."

This is the second consecutive year that Biggert secured funding for the Orland Grasslands, which enjoys substantial local support from the communities and residents, as well as the support of regional conservation organizations. A longtime supporter of the Orland Grassland project, Biggert secured \$210,000 and \$225,000 for the project for fiscal years 2005 and 2006, respectively.

The Orland Grassland is owned by the Cook County Forest Preserve and is located on the 960-acre tract in Orland Township bordered by LaGrange Rd. on the east, 104th Ave. on the west, 167th St. on the north, and 179th St. on the south. The project is a joint, local-federal project designed to restore the area to its original prairie grassland ecosystem.

Winter WonderFest

Navy Pier takes on a festive façade during Navy Pier's Winter WonderFest being held Dec. 9 through Jan. 1. Navy Pier will be decked out with breathtaking ornamentation, hundreds of trees and thousands of twinkling lights. Winter WonderFest offers activities for the whole family, including indoor ice-skating at the Arctic Ice Rink; the Winter WonderFest Musical Carousel, games, and arts and crafts for kids, lively entertainment and more!

For more information, contact Navy Pier (312) 595-PIER or visit www.navypier.com.



All Points Southwest

By THOMAS E. GAVIN

Last week former Illinois Governor Jim Edgar and his fellow Republican faithful got their Christmas gifts early as State Treasurer Judy Baar Topinka announced her candidacy for the state's highest office. Topinka has been a GOP stalwart, serving the citizens of Illinois for over 25 years and a favorite of Gov. Edgar for some time now.

While announcing his candidacy, Topinka made a number of promises which she states she will keep if elected. They include: the restoration of fiscal responsibility, auditing state government to identify waste and inefficiencies and make recommendations on streamlining state government.

In addition to her fiscal concerns for the state, Topinka plans to invest in the future of Illinois, outlining a plan to ensure the state's educational systems serve students from all income levels.

According to Topinka, "Children will be a priority of the Topinka administration. We will do a better job caring for and protecting our most vulnerable. A Topinka Administration will make education - all of education - a top priority. The state's education responsibility does not begin in kindergarten and end in high school. We must recognize the importance of early childhood education."

Topinka also shared her views on providing fiscally responsible health care for Illinois citizens, emphasizing preventative care.

Topinka began her political career as a State Representative from the Western Suburbs in 1980. She served two terms in the Illinois House before making a successful bid for the State Senate in 1984, where she served as State Senator for 10 years.

In November of 1994, Judy Baar Topinka became the first woman in Illinois history to be elected Illinois State Treasurer. She has since been re-elected in 1998 and 2002, becoming the first State Treasurer to win three consecutive terms.

U.S. Senator Dick Durbin (D-IL) alerted All Points that he is pleased that two provisions he authored to assist veterans were included in the final version of the Military Construction and Veterans Affairs Appropriations Conference Report which passed in the Senate recently. Illinois' junior senator, Barack Obama (D-IL), was a co-sponsor of both provisions.

The first provision will prevent the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) from proceeding with a review of the 72,000 cases where veterans receive the maximum amount of the post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) disability compensation until the department presents Congress with a detailed report. Most importantly, the provision prevents the VA from cutting veterans' benefits as a result of this review, unless there is evidence of fraud.

Earlier this month, the VA had announced that it had suspended such a review after pressure from Durbin and Obama, who expressed concern that veterans will face cuts in benefits and services.

The second provision will require the VA to notify veterans living in states such as Illinois with below-average disability compensation about the history of past under-compensation. The information campaign will be conducted in states whose average annual disability compensation payment was less than \$7,300. In 2003, Illinois veterans received an average of \$6,802. The information campaign will provide veterans living in these states with instructions for submitting new claims and requesting interviews.

Former State Representative and Palos Township Republican Committeeman Ann Zickus has alerted All Points that the Palos Township Republican Organization has John Minogue (of Palos Hills) as her

successor. Zickus cited Minogue's hard work in developing a more effective Republican Party at the grass roots level as a deciding factor in the Cook County Republican Party's appointing Mr. Minogue to fill her unexpired term.

On Friday, Dec. 9th at 6:30 p.m., Committeeman John Minogue will host a Christmas meet and greet at the Mairs-Meyer American Legion Banquet Hall, 11001 S. Depot St. in Worth. All are welcome and grab bag gifts are requested. Non-perishable food items will also be collected for donation to local charitable food pantries.

John Minogue wishes to invite any citizens interested in building the Republican organization to contact him at (708) 599-4314.

The CBAI Foundation for Community Banking has announced its 2006 Annual Scholarship Program, which enables Illinois high school seniors to enter a statewide essay-writing contest. The goal of the program, sponsored by CBAI member banks and thrifts, is to increase public awareness of community banks and their contributions.

Again this year, the 20th anniversary of the program, the total amount of money offered is \$16,500. A scholarship in the amount of \$1,000 a year for up to four years of higher education will be awarded to the author of the best essay submitted to the CBAI Foundation by a participating Illinois high school senior. As many as 12 additional \$1,000 awards are available, one in each of the remaining 12 CBAI-designated regions of the state. An additional \$500 will be awarded to the high school of the statewide recipient.

All high school seniors, regardless of their financial need or plans for higher education, may participate via a sponsoring CBAI member bank. To acquire a list of participating CBAI member banks, visit their website at www.cbai.com. Remember, entries must be received by the CBAI Foundation via the sponsoring bank by Monday, Feb. 13th, 2006 to be eligible for judging. Scholarship funds will be awarded in April and May.

CBAI, a professional trade association, representing approximately 500 Illinois banks and thrifts, is headquartered in Springfield.

The Illinois Student Assistance Commission (ISAC) will again eliminate the guarantee fee on educational loans borrowed through the Federal Family Education Loan program and guaranteed by ISAC. The agency will waive the fee on all loans distributed on or after Jan. 1st, 2006 through Dec. 31st, 2006. Eliminating the fee will reduce students' costs of borrowing money to pay for a college education.

By federal law ISAC is authorized to collect a one percent fee on student loans to subsidize the agency's provision of loan insurance for borrowers. The Commission has chosen to waive the fee for borrowers since 1999 to ensure that more loan proceeds are available to apply towards students educational costs.

ISAC's student loan programs support and pay for all the agency's program administration and outreach activities focused on helping Illinois students and families gain access to a college education. For information, contact ISAC toll-free at 800-899-ISAC (4722) or visit the comprehensive college planning Website, CollegeZone.com.

Think Twice Before Giving Pet As A Gift

If you're thinking about giving a pet as a Christmas gift this season, animal experts have two words of advice about the idea: Think twice.

Giving pets as a gift can often be a present the recipient doesn't want, and both the animal and the owner end up unhappy, says Dr. Bonnie Beaver, an animal behavior expert at Texas A&M University in the College of Veterinary Medicine and Biomedical Sciences.

In a word, pets aren't like fruitcakes, something to be handed out that no one wants and is eventually discarded.

"If you think you might want to give someone a pet, make very sure the recipient wants a pet," Beaver says. "A person getting a pet as a gift should know about it beforehand and should be in the decision making process. He or she should have a say in the selection of the animal that the person will have for the next 10 to 15 years."

Another reason to think twice about giving a pet as a Christmas gift deals with the calendar — it's not the best time of year for dogs and cats as stocking stuffers because of wires and decorations.

Electrical cords are more prevalent at Christmas and these are often chewed on by puppies or kittens. Christmas tinsel can be an attractive toy but one that is deadly for animals if they swallow it, and plants such as the poinsettia can harm animals if they should chew on the ever-present red leaves.

"Often at this time of year, people haven't had a chance yet to 'kitty-proof' or 'puppy-proof' their homes," she continues. "Puppies and kittens like to eat things they shouldn't, and there are lots of these untouchables around at Christmastime. You have to be more careful about things left out than at other times of the year."

Beaver says if you are considering giving someone a pet, especially a child, show the recipient a picture of a pet at a pet store and let he or she go later to select one, or give a gift coupon to the person for a selection at a later date.

Sometimes giving a stuffed toy to a youngster lets the child know a pet is coming and he or she can be part of the decision on which one to select.

"If the child doesn't like the pet, the parents wind up caring for it, which often they don't want to do," she adds.

Unwanted pets at Christmas usually show up at animal shelters a few months later, Beaver believes.

"It usually takes a couple of months for the recipient to determine the pet is not something he or she wants to keep, and it's in the early spring that shelters see an increase in animals coming through their doors. The novelty has worn off and the animal is no longer wanted. A pet should be something people enjoy, and with holiday stress and not much time during Christmas, a pet is often just not a very sensible gift."

Seeks Nominees For Awards

Moraine Valley Community College seeks nominations for its 2006 Pacesetter and Distinguished Alumnus awards.

Pacesetter nominees must have received a degree, diploma or certificate from Moraine Valley after June 30th, 2001 — within the past five years. Distinguished Alumnus nominees must have received a degree, diploma or certificate from Moraine Valley before June 30th, 2001 — more than five years ago.

The deadline for nominations is Friday, Jan. 27th. For more information or to obtain a nomination form, call the College and Community Relations Office at (708) 974-5375.

Short Classes

Do you want to take classes but find it hard to free up time? Look into taking short-term classes at Moraine Valley Community College.

A variety of short-term classes encompassing a wide range of subjects starts throughout the spring 2006 semester at Moraine Valley. Short-term classes are usually eight weeks long, but classes can vary in length from two to 12 weeks. The majority of short-term classes begin the week of Jan. 17th. Additional short-term classes also begin every week throughout the semester. Full 17-week credit courses for the spring 2006 semester begin the week of Jan. 17th.

Registration is underway. Classes begin the week of Jan. 17th. Tuition is \$64 per credit hour plus fees and books. Students can register in person by visiting the Admissions, Records and Registration Office located in the College Center on campus, 9000 W. College Parkway, in Palos Hills. Students can also register by phone with an operator by calling (708) 974-2110. Previously enrolled students can register online via the college's Web site at www.morainevalley.edu.

Information on all credit and non-credit classes is available in the spring 2006 class schedule or online at www.morainevalley.edu.

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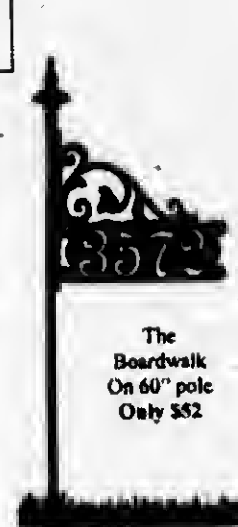
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ENTERTAINMENT NEWS

Composers Join Symphony Orchestra

The Chicago Symphony Orchestra announced that two leading international composers - Osvaldo Golijov and Mark-Anthony Turnage - will each join the Chicago Symphony Orchestra as Mead Composers-in-Residence for two-year residencies, spanning the orchestra's 2006-07 and 2007-08 concert seasons.

Golijov and Turnage succeed Augusta Read Thomas, the CSO's current Mead Composer-in-Residence, who concludes her impressive nine-year tenure with the Chicago Symphony Orchestra in June 2006. As part of their residencies with the CSO, both Golijov and Turnage will have individual works programmed on the Chicago Symphony Orchestra's main subscription series and will work with CSO musicians to curate two *MusicNOW* new music concerts per season in collaboration with artistic staff and Cliff Colnot, *MusicNOW*'s principal conductor. As Mead Composers-in-Residence, each artist will serve as an active advocate for the music of our time: interacting with CSO audiences and encouraging the exploration of new works of music; participating in pre-concert conversations and educational events, both at Symphony Center and in the community; and providing important counsel on CSO commissioning activities and the programming of contemporary works.

American-based Argentinean composer Osvaldo Golijov (b. 1960) captured international attention in 2000 with the premiere of his *La Pasión según San Marcos*, a dramatic work for orchestra and chorus, filled with an inspired blend of Spanish, Latin American and Jewish musical influences. Golijov grew up in Argentina, the son of Jewish immigrants from Eastern Europe. As a young man, he was surrounded by the sounds of classical music, Jewish religious and folk (klezmer) music, and the "new tango" of the great Argentine musician Astor Piazzolla - all of which had a great influence on his artistic development and compositions. Golijov moved to Israel in 1983, and then to the United States in 1986. Since 1991, he has been an associate professor at College of the Holy Cross, and he also serves on the faculties of the Boston Conservatory and the Tanglewood Music Center. His music is performed regularly by the most prestigious ensembles and artists around the world, including musicians such as Robert Spano; Miguel Harth-Bedoya; Dawn Upshaw; the Kronos, St. Lawrence, and Borromeo quartets; and orchestras such as the Boston Symphony Orchestra and Los Angeles Philharmonic. As part of his musical explorations, he has also collaborated with the gypsy band Taraf de Haidouks, Mexican rock band Café Tacuba, klezmer master David Krakauer, tabla virtuoso Zakir Hussain, and Argentinean musician and producer Gustavo Santaolalla. In January/February 2006, New York's Lincoln Center will present "The Passion of Osvaldo Golijov," a festival featuring multiple performances of *Ainadamar*, major works, and chamber music; late night concerts of tango and klezmer music; and a program at the Film Society of Lincoln Center. Golijov's works have been recorded on Nonesuch, Sony Classical, Hansler Classics, Naxos, Koch, and EMI. In addition, he has also composed music for film and is currently at work on a soundtrack for a new movie to be directed by Francis Ford Coppola.

British composer Mark-Anthony Turnage (b. 1960) is one of the most admired and widely performed composers of his generation. Turnage's highly inventive compositional style - which incorporates his love of jazz and themes inspired by a wide range of interests and concerns, including literature, the arts, politics, and everyday life - results in works with a dramatic musical language that is distinctly his own. A former student of Oliver Knussen and John Lambert at London's Royal College of Music, Turnage has achieved recognition both in the concert hall and the opera house, first attracting attention for the premiere of his opera *Greek* at the Munich Biennale Festival in 1988. He has served as composer-in-association with the City of Birmingham Orchestra, English National Opera, London Philharmonic Orchestra, and the BBC Symphony Orchestra and has worked closely with a long list of conductors, classical music groups, and jazz musicians with whom he has made significant recordings of his works. His collaborators have included conductors Sir Simon Rattle, Sir Andrew Davis, and Leonard Slatkin; jazz musicians John Scofield and Peter Erskine; saxophonist Martin Robertson; soloists Evelyn Glennie, Hakan Hardenberger, Christian Lindberg, and Yuri Bashmet; as well as the Berlin Philharmonic, Ensemble Modern, London Sinfonietta, and the Nash Ensemble. Turnage's music is recorded on the Decca, EMI, Deutsche Grammophon, Chandos, and Black Box labels. His recent recording, *Scorched*, co-written with John Scofield and released by Deutsch Grammophon, was nominated for two 2005 Grammy Awards.

Details of the Chicago Symphony Orchestra's 2006-07 season, including complete information about composer residencies with Osvaldo Golijov and Mark-Anthony Turnage, will be announced in February 2006.

Tall Ships To Set Sail In Chicago

The City of Chicago announces the return of the largest Tall Ships festival in the Great Lakes, when more than 20 vessels sail into Chicago this summer for Tall Ships Chicago 2006, Aug. 3rd to 9th. The festival brings the vessels to the shores of Lake Michigan docking along the Chicago River, Navy Pier and DuSable Harbor, providing a display that will be reminiscent of the majestic lakefront of the 1800s.

Tall Ships Chicago 2006 celebrates Chicago's rich maritime history and new waterfront developments by bringing this spectacular array of ships to Chicago with its incomparable skyline as the backdrop. In 2003 nearly 2 million people participated in Tall Ships Chicago.

On Thursday, Aug. 3rd, the festival kicks off with a breathtaking Parade of Sail, culminating in the ships docking in the three festival sites. Beginning Friday, Aug. 4th through Wednesday, Aug. 9th, festival attendees will have the opportunity to board vessels to learn about the ships and experience the sailing life (vessels remain docked). Festival grounds are free admission and boarding passes will be available for sale in advance of the event or at the festival grounds.

New this year, sailing enthusiasts will have an opportunity to purchase tickets for a "Sail Away," aboard selected vessels. Trips sailing in Lake Michigan will feature educational and entertaining rides, offering unique views of the city's skyline and fun for the entire family to enjoy.

Tall Ships Chicago 2006 is presented by the City of Chicago, Navy Pier and the Chicago Park District. For more information, visit www.tallshipschicago.net or call (312) 744-3315.

Illinois Arts Council

The Illinois Arts Council (IAC) has scheduled its tri-annual meeting for Friday, Dec. 9, at the Field Museum of Natural History, Founders Room, 1400 S. Lake Shore Dr., Chicago, Illinois. The meeting is open to the public and will begin at 9:30 a.m. All interested persons are encouraged to attend.

The Council meeting agenda includes ratification of grants. Funding decisions for Artists Special Assistance, Artstour, Governor's International Arts Exchange, Organizational Special Assistance, Public Radio & Television, QuickStart, Special Projects, Short Term Artist Residencies (STAR), Youth Employment in the Arts, and Program Grants will be announced following the meeting.

Further information can be obtained by contacting the Public Information Office at the IAC at (312)814-6762; toll-free in Illinois at 1(800)237-6994; TTY/telephone text at (888)261-7957 (telecommunication device for individuals who have hearing or speech impairments); or via email at ann@arts.state.il.us. Accessibility arrangements for individuals who are deaf or hard-of-hearing, or who require other accommodations can contact the ADA/504 Access Coordinator at (312)814-6762; at the toll-free or TTY telephone numbers; or via email at ann@arts.state.il.us.

CLASS REUNIONS

Chicago Vocational High School class of 1981 is looking for classmates. Email cvs1981@aol.com.

Loretto High School class of 1956 is looking for classmates for a 50th reunion. Call (773) 586-8404.

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Incarnation Alumni are looking for graduates for an Alumni Directory. Call the school at (708) 385-6250 or e-mail to alum@incarnationcatholic.com.

Bloom High School class of 1939 seeks alumni. Call (708) 756-2315.

Winter Delights In Chicago

The concert series "Behind Glass Doors" returns to the Pritzker Pavilion in Millennium Park during Winter Delights with five free performances from Jan. 15th through Feb. 26th highlighting Chicago's rich history of jazz, gospel and blues music. Every Sunday afternoon from 3:30 to 5 p.m. (unless otherwise noted) features a one-of-a-kind concert as a special part of Winter Delights. Each concert focuses on a different aspect of the genre by celebrating both local talent and national performers.

Opening day, Jan. 15th, starts the series with a Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Birthday Commemoration. Delores Washington and Annette "Queenie" Lenox, accompanied by Eddie Robinson, honor the great civil rights leader with a tribute to gospel legend Mahalia Jackson.

The following week, Jan. 22nd, offers Chicago Jazz Jams: A Tribute to Little Brother. Erwin Helfer and Barrelhouse Chuck inspire with their own unique perspective on "Little Brother" Montgomery's blend of jazz and blues music during the 1950s in Chicago.

The Chicago Foundation puts forward some Delta roots with the performance of David "Honey Boy" Edwards on Feb. 5th. At the young age of 90, Edwards returns to his "Sweet Home Chicago" as an international performer, multiple award winner and one of the original performers of acoustic Delta blues-style guitar.

Blues Had a Baby and Called It Rock N Roll, don't miss guitarist and singer James "Blood" Ulmer performing on Feb. 12th. Ulmer's distinct blend of jazz, blues and rock and roll comes from his unique sound playing the electric guitar and soulful singing.

Join jazz musician Henry Butler in *Going to Mardi Gras* on Feb. 19th. Get ready for a New Orleans-style celebration with Butler's powerful piano and vocal performances that draw in elements of jazz, blues and R&B.

Two special performances for Winter Delights 2006 will move to the Harold Washington Library. In the spirit of legendary blues man Big Bill Hill who sang about "down in the basement, sittin' on an orange crate," these two events will not only include musical performances, but in-depth chats with the artist conducted by Blues Festival Coordinator Barry Dolins.

The first performance "down in the basement" is on Jan. 27th from noon to 1 p.m. and features jazz and blues great Elis Marsalis for an afternoon of the blues.

Then on Feb. 26th from 3 to 4:30 p.m. it's *The Blues are All Right*. Originally scheduled to close out the "Behind Glass Doors" series, blues greats Artie "Blues Boy" White and the friends of Little Milton, Tyrone Davis and Detroit Jr. perform a testimonial to the tradition and heritage of the Blues.



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ENTERTAINMENT NEWS

StreetMoves Is Moving In

Lia Montelongo (pictured), the creator of StreetMoves has just relocated back to her hometown on the south side of Chicago. After living in California for over four years and accomplishing many dance and fitness career goals, Lia felt now was the right time to pack up her things and come back home. She wanted to be able to dive even further into making her dreams come true. So, she packed up her clothes and dog, Storm, into her little car and drove 3,000 miles back to live with her mother in Merrionette Park in hopes to be able to open her first StreetMoves Dance Studio.



Lia has found a studio space in her hometown literally two blocks from the park where she first began her dance career on the Mt. Greenwood Colts. At a young age she learned the importance of self-discipline and teamwork. Lia has been involved in dance and fitness for over 15 years.

While working through many personal obstacles, physical, financial and pushing herself when she thought she couldn't do it anymore, she always felt a guiding hand along the way. Lia is passionate about kids, fitness and dance. She has volunteered since the age of 17 and has worked with numerous inner city programs. She has taught all over the country while developing StreetMoves, which is her style of hip hop dance combined with fitness fun-da-mentals to create a balanced body and fun for everyone.

Lia has been featured in magazines, on sports' shows and has even held her own workshops. She has been fortunate to have worked with thousands of students and choreographed hundreds of pieces.

Lia has made huge strides, as she is a well-recognized National Fitness Champion, Women's Tri-Fitness Champion and has been featured in numerous fitness magazines. She is currently filming her very own "How to Hip Hop Dance" DVD Series and is recording her first album "Come-n-Dance."

Lia says, "I am a self taught dancer, performer and choreographer. As a little girl I would dance in the park or in my garage and make up different moves to the music. It was just in me to do. There weren't any dance studio's close by to take classes and we really didn't have the money to do it. So when I came back home to my old neighborhood and saw that there was still such a need for a positive outlet for the kids, I just knew this was what I had to do! Being involved in fitness competitions at the age of 19 motivated me to get off the streets and stay out of trouble. It was a perfect outlet to utilize my God given talents and feel successful. I am committed to building StreetMoves as a community within a community. A safe place for kids to dance, sing, make music, write songs and even take fitness classes. This studio will be filled with possibilities and opportunities. I look forward to the future of StreetMoves!"

Currently, StreetMoves is preparing for a Holiday Fundraiser event, "Stella Starlight." Lia hopes to keep the doors open at Dance on One-Eleven located at 3333 W. 111th St. Suite D, as StreetMoves will call this home base as of Jan. 1st. StreetMoves needs to raise money and the community's awareness of this one of a kind studio. Open registration is Monday through Friday from 3 to 5 p.m. for StreetMoves "Where the World of Fitness Meets the Force of Dance. Moving Your Body & Soul."

StreetMoves will offer technical dance classes such as ballet, jazz, modern, tap and Irish as well as specialty classes like Senior Stretch and Mom's Can Dance 2. The StreetMoves classes will include B-Boy's only Breakdance, G-Girl's only Breakdance, The Band Jam and so much more.

Lia Montelongo would like to give a special thanks to the Original Dance Crew: Emily, Angela, Cathleen, Ashley C., Alicia, Ashley H. C.C., Renee, Shauna, Chris, Deanna, Sherman, Sam, Brittney, Lil' Chris, and to all the new dancers that will be a part of the holiday fundraiser event, "Stella Starlight." Lia says, "I couldn't have done any of this without them! I am so proud of this dance troupe. These kids are so talented! I can't wait until the show! I would also like to thank all the parents for their support as it continues to motivate me to believe in StreetMoves!"



During Mickey's Very Merry Christmas Party

Guests to Walt Disney World Resort during the holiday season will have even more reason to celebrate, as Mickey's Very Merry Christmas Party is set to deliver more nights of holiday fun than ever before at Magic Kingdom. The popular party will be held Dec. 9, 11, 13, 15, 16, 18 and 20. Separate admission to the event is required.

Each evening will feature two presentations of "Mickey's Very Merry Christmas Parade," holiday storytelling, live music, unique merchandise, exclusive Disney character shows and appearances by Santa Goofy. Plus families can enjoy unlimited admission to popular Magic Kingdom attractions.

Tickets for Mickey's Very Merry Christmas Party are \$43.95 plus tax for guests ages 10 and above, \$34.95 plus tax for guests ages 3-9. (Guests can save \$5 for select dates by purchasing in advance.)

Ski And Sports Club Dinner Dance

Lakeshore Ski and Sports Club will host its Annual Holiday Dinner Dance at Colletti's, 5707 N. Central Ave. in Chicago on Friday, Dec. 16.

The evening's festivities will begin with a social hour at 6:30 p.m. followed by dinner at 7:30 p.m. Dancing will start at 8 p.m. to the sounds of Movin' and Groovin'.

Cost is \$45 per person with a cash bar. Advance reservations are required. All who are interested are cordially invited to join LSCC's members as they kick off the holiday season.

For further information and to make reservations, call (708) 786-3992 or email at lakeshoreskiandsportsclub@yahoo.com

Christmas Memories

Naperville offers a taste of a 19th-century Christmas during Christmas Memories at the Naper Settlement, Dec. 9th to the 11th and Dec. 16th to the 18th. Visitors to the settlement will enjoy Victorian carolers, Father Christmas, villagers in period costume, and other holiday entertainment.

For more information, contact the Naper Settlement at (630) 420-6010.

"Amahl & The Night Visitors"

"Amahl and the Night Visitors" is the perfect family experience for the holidays. This classic musical finds the young boy, Amahl, letting his imagination take away the pain of his crippled legs. He tells his mother so many fantasies that when he sees the light of a brilliant star, she does not believe him.

Enter the Three Kings. They seek shelter as they continue to follow the same star. They bring with them much gold as a gift to the place the star directs them. The plot thickens as Amahl's mother is tempted at the thought of how much good all the gold could do for her and her crippled son, Amahl.

"Amahl" is the perfect family holiday experience. It is also the type of production that every actor wants to include on his resume. Auditions found hopeful actors coming from as far north as Skokie and south to Lansing. A college student drove in from Normal. Also represented were Orland Park, Oak Lawn, Blue Island, Country Club Hills and Oak Forest.

This classic musical opens Friday, Dec. 9th and Saturday, Dec. 10th with a 7:30 p.m. curtain. The Sunday, Dec. 11th matinee has a 3:00 p.m. curtain. The production will be staged at the Performance Center of the Bethany Union Community Church located in the Beverly area, 1750 W. 103rd Street.

What also makes "Amahl" the perfect family event is the ticketing pricing. With an advance call to the Box Office: (708) 841-7396, the \$12 Door Price Ticket is available for \$10. Seniors and Students are \$9. Children to the age of 12 are only \$5. Cabaret seating will add to the comfort and enjoyment.

This is the first of the ArtCraft Theater Productions for the 2005-2006 season. The entire 5-show package includes comedy, Broadway musicals, 1940's Musical Nostalgia, a Salute to John Wayne, the Quiet Man and even a touch of Shakespeare. The 5-show subscription is only \$40.

And, in keeping with the philosophy of producer, Glenn Pniowski, that theater should be family affordable, Season Subscribers may "Adopt-A-Kid." This allows the Season Subscriber to bring a young person FREE to every production. For more information on the entire 5-show season call Dan Flynn at (708) 952-0487. If you enjoyed "Amahl," you will receive full credit on your "Amahl" ticket to apply to the remaining 4 productions.

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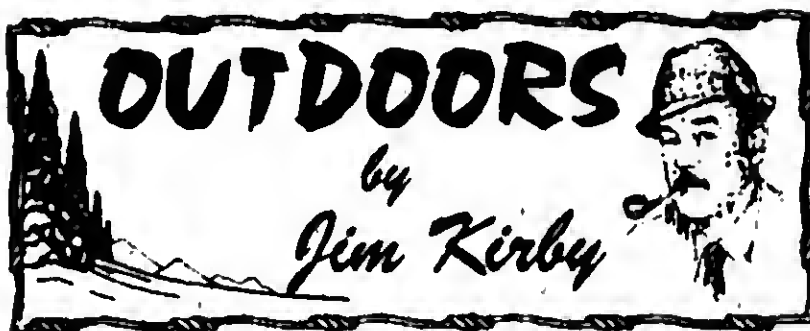
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In addition to being a licensed guide, Bill is a Pro Staff member of ProCats (Professional Catfishing Association of America). He got the name "Catfish Bill" as a result of a catfishing trip with another outdoor writer who was so impressed that he continued to refer to him as Catfish Bill, the name stuck.

Don't let the name fool you, Bill is a multi-species fisherman. I know, because over the years Bill and I have fished for bass, walleyes, salmon, perch and panfish as well as catfish.



This is why he's called "Catfish Bill."

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CHRISTMAS SHOPPING FOR THAT SPECIAL OUTDOOR PERSON: With only a few shopping days left, it makes sense to shop locally for outdoor-related Christmas presents and stocking stuffers.

As opposed to catalogue or Internet shopping, buying locally helps the economy in the form of employment and return of sales taxes to your local municipalities. Supporting the area sporting goods stores, just may help keep the small shop owners in business.

How nice it is to talk to a knowledgeable sales person as opposed to an over-the-phone order taker. Local sporting goods dealers can help you make the right decisions, and probably offer an exchange policy. When in doubt, a gift certificate is always appreciated.

Describing the type of outdoor activity the potential gift recipient engages in, enables the "real live" salesperson to make suggestions. The money spent on sales taxes often offsets the ridiculously high shipping and handling charges incurred with catalogue and Internet shopping.

Local shopping eliminates the worry about out-of-stock; back orders; late deliveries; lost or broken packages and the cost of returning merchandise.

ANTI-FISHING CAMPAIGN REJECTS NOTION THAT FATHER KNOWS BEST: Animal rightists have launched a new anti-fishing campaign that disparages dads who teach their children about angling.

PETA supporters began passing out graphic flyers to youngsters on Sept. 24, a day heralded by sportsmen as National Hunting and Fishing Day but recognized by anti's as Fish Amnesty Day. The explicit comic, "Your Daddy Kills Animals," instructs children to "Ask your daddy why he's hooked on killing."

"PETA is seeking out our children and using shocking campaigns to spread its anti-animal use agenda," said U.S.

Sportsmen's Alliance President Bud Pigeon. "The fact is, fishing is a fun, wholesome activity that gives families the opportunity to spend time together in the outdoors."

PETA is also campaigning against bowfishing. They label the activity as cruel and try to draw comparisons between it and the tracking and impaling of dogs and cats.

THE OUTDOORS IS BIG BUSINESS: Business generated by hunters and fishermen is often the lifeblood of rural communities.

BE KIND TO OUR FEATHERED AND FURRY FRIENDS: If you haven't already done so, now is the time to get those bird feeders going. People seem obsessed with keeping squirrels away from the feeders. Hey! They have to survive our cold winters too. The amusing antics of squirrels more than offsets the few bucks spent on bird feed.

SXU Sports News

Named Women's Soccer All-Region

St. Xavier University senior midfielder Jen Belmonte, sophomore forward Lissa Coby and sophomore Cassie Rumpf were all named to the 2005 NAIA/National Soccer Coaches Assn. of America (NSCAA) All-Region VII First Team when the honors were released recently by the regional office. In addition, Belmonte earned Region VII Player of the Year honors for her impressive 2005 campaign.

Belmonte recorded nine goals and 14 assists playing in all 20 games during her senior season. Coby led the Cougars in goals (12), assists (21) and total points (45) in 2005, but played in just 17 games due to injury. Rumpf played in all 20 games for St. Xavier at defender and tallied two assists, while anchoring a defense that allowed just over a goal a game (1.06).

The Cougars also had two players recognized on the 2005 All-Region VII Second Team in senior goalkeeper Melissa Painter and freshman defender Britney Kendzora. Painter started all 20 games for SXU and finished the year with 128 saves and 10 shutouts. Kendzora tallied three assists in 2005 and helped lead a defense that allowed just 22 goals over 20 games.

St. Xavier finished the 2005 season with an overall record of 14-4-2 and was named co-champion of the CCAC with an 8-1 mark. The Cougars also qualified for the quarterfinals of the NAIA Region VII Tournament.

Soccer Team Wins National Championship

The Trinity Christian College women's soccer team was crowned National Champions at the NCCAA National Soccer Tournament held in Austin Tindall Soccer Complex in Kissimmee, Florida. The Trolls, the No. 2 seed, defeated the top ranked Trinity International University (IL), 1-0, in the championship game.

This was the first trip to this tournament for the women's soccer program, which finished their season with a record of 21-5-3, and the first national title for the college.

The Trolls, who have had a hard time scoring against Trinity International in their previous meetings, took control of the game early on. They were aggressive offensively, totaling 13 shots-on-goal in the game and holding TIU to just three attempts. The one attempt that made the difference came 15 minutes into the first period. Jess Eenigenburg took the ball down the sideline and fed it to Mindi Harkema, who was open in the middle of the field. Harkema dribbled the ball, faced the goalie one-on-one, and finished with a shot that found the back of the net.

The team protected that lead throughout the remaining minutes. Each time Trinity International started a run, the Trolls took control and brought the ball back to their offensive end. As time wound down, the team maintained focus and composure, confidently making the win.

This contest was the fourth meeting between these two teams this season. The Trolls had lost to TIU in conference play, 2-1, were defeated on penalty kicks in the conference championship, and came up short, 1-0, in the NCCAA region finals. However, in the most important meeting, the Trolls produced the victory for the national title.

To get to the championship game, the team defeated Dallas-Baptist University (TX), 5-2, in the first round and Hope International University (CA), 2-0, in the semifinals.

The team was awarded with a championship banner and individual medallions. In addition, Tina Visser, Katie Visser, Natalie Buikema and Mindi Harkema were named to the All-Tournament Team. Jess Eenigenburg was named the tournament's Most Outstanding Player.

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Lincoln Way East Champions

It didn't seem like it happened so fast! In fact, it was a downright long and arduous battle on the night of Saturday, Nov. 26th in Champaign where the Class 8A High School football title was decided.

The Lincoln Way East Griffins seemed to be off and running when Cebula rushed for a touchdown to take a first quarter advantage, but no so fast! The Maine South Hawks answered in the second quarter with a 15 yard run to the end zone to tie the score.

The Griffins then built a two touchdown lead as QB Kropp connected on a 14-yard touchdown pass to Mau just before the end of the half and Gerritsen rushed for a 5 yard score midway through the 3rd quarter.

Not so fast! With a dramatic 4th quarter rally, the Hawks soared back into a tie on touchdown runs by Borsellino and Bachmeier in the closing 6:47 of the 4th quarter.

Still, Lincoln Way East had a chance to win the game in regulation, but a potential game winning 41-yard field goal went just wide.

In the first overtime, the Griffins again appeared to have won the game on the strength of Lynch's 21 yard field goal, but the Hawks' Knight matched it with a 23 yarder for Maine South.

Finally, in the second overtime, Lincoln Way East's Kropp made a lunge toward the end zone, but not so fast! There were hundreds and hundreds of pounds of football players that the officials had to peel off the pile before it was finally revealed that the ball had indeed crossed the line for a 30-24 double overtime victory for Lincoln Way East.

As long as the game itself seemed to take, this is the fastest a new high school has ever won a state championship - being only the Lincoln Way East Griffins 5th year of existence.

Increased Deer Harvest

Hunters in Illinois harvested a preliminary total of 77,051 deer during the opening weekend of the state's 2005 firearm deer season, Nov. 18th to 20th, Illinois Dept. of Natural Resources Director Joel Brunsvold announced recently. The second portion of the firearm season is Dec. 1st to 4th.

The preliminary total for the first three days of the 2005 firearm season represents a 4 percent increase compared with the first weekend harvest of 73,819 in 2004. The preliminary first-season figures reported for each county include those deer taken on special hunt areas within that county as well as on private land.

For the first time in Illinois, hunters in most counties registered the deer they harvested by going online or by phoning 1(866) ILCHECK (1-866-452-4325) by 10 p.m. on the day of harvest. About 33,000 deer were reported on the first day of the season, with peak use of the system occurring early Friday evening when more than 4,000 deer per hour were registered. Hunters in seven northern Illinois counties where IDNR provided chronic wasting disease sampling took deer they harvested to county check stations.

Illinois issued more than 320,000 deer hunting permits for the 2005 firearm season, including free landowner and paid landowner permits.

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Winter Related Injuries

Before you know it, snow will be falling and the wind-chills will be hovering down below zero. Now is the time to begin thinking about preventing winter sports and cold-related injuries. Dr. Trish Palmer, a sports medicine specialist and family medicine physician at Rush University Medical Center, says most cold-related injuries can be prevented with a little planning, preparation and proper equipment.

One of the most common winter related injuries is due to shoveling snow. "It is vigorous exercise and a big strain on the back that people don't appreciate," says Palmer. "The weight and position are really bad for two parts of your back. A disc could be compressed resulting in a pinched nerve. Also, the muscles in the lower back are small and easily strained."

Palmer suggests preventing problems with good positioning and exercise. When you lift 10 pounds close to your body, it exerts 10 pounds of pressure on the back. If you lift that same 10 pounds away from your body, as people often do when shoveling, it is seven times heavier exerting 70 pounds of pressure on the back.

The best advice is don't do it. "Our bodies are not built to shovel snow," says Palmer. "Get a snowblower or pay the neighbor kid to do it for you."

If you insist on shoveling yourself, Palmer suggests you start exercising now. "You need to get in shape and build up those back muscles before the snow falls."

That advice holds true for winter sports as well. Exercising in cold weather places extra demands on the body. If you haven't exercised regularly in months, you are more likely to suffer an injury on the ski slopes or at the ice rink. Palmer, who is also a physician committee member of the United States Ski and Snowboard Assn., suggests paying special attention to muscles particular to your chosen sport.

For downhill skiing, concentrate on strengthening the muscles of the upper leg, the quadriceps and hamstrings. You want both sets of muscles to be strong or you could expose yourself to injury. According to Palmer, a great exercise is the wall sit. Sit against a wall like you are in a chair. Make sure your upper legs are horizontal and your heels are directly beneath your knees. Try three sets of 30 seconds each. Try to hold the position a few seconds longer each time you do the exercise.

If you're hoping to be the next Nancy Kerrigan, or at least stay on your feet while ice skating, Palmer suggests working on strength and balance. "Proprioception drills are balance drills that can be done at home to help improve awareness of what your foot is doing while your eyes are closed," says Palmer.

In addition to strengthening the quads and hamstrings, condition the calves and the muscles in the front of the leg. Squats, lunges and calf raises are the most basic exercises for lower body strength. To strengthen ankles, use resistance bands wrapped around the leg of a table and your foot. Flex feet toward your body. Repeat the exercise moving your foot in a clockwise fashion, then move the foot counter-clockwise.

Snowboarding is gaining in popularity and as a result doctors are seeing more wrist and arm injuries, especially for beginners. On an up note, people with knee problems may want to transfer to snowboarding because it may be easier on the knees than skiing.

Once the skating pond freezes and the snow falls, the most important part of protecting yourself during winter activities is being prepared. Warm up before you go outdoors for activities to loosen muscles and expand your lungs to handle the cold air. Exercise and cold induced asthma can be worse in the winter so cover your mouth with a scarf to warm the air coming into your lungs.

Dress warmly in layered clothing, hats, warm socks and mittens. "Always be aware of frostbite and hypothermia," says Palmer. "During a bad wind-chill, you can get frostbite much more quickly than you may think." Participate in outdoor activities with a partner and check each other for signs of hypothermia, which include shivering, drowsiness and lack of coordination.

Don't forget to drink plenty of water before, during and after your outdoor fun. Dehydration can also occur in the winter months with strenuous activities. Don't drink alcohol, which can restrict blood vessels and increase your risk for hypothermia. Protect your skin from the sun and wind using a sunscreen or sun block. The sun reflects off the snow and is stronger than you think.

Palmer can't stress enough the importance of protective equipment and proper fit. Ensure that your skis, skates, shoes and other equipment fit you correctly. Helmets are a must for skiing, sledding and snowboarding. "You wouldn't allow your child to bicycle without a helmet, why would you allow them to do other high velocity sports without protection?" says Palmer.

And finally, enjoy yourself, but remember to stop before you get fatigued. Most winter related injuries happen in the afternoon as participants tire out.

A CAPITAL IDEA

ACROSS

- 1 Poke
- 4 Measurement
- 8 Holds
- 11 Fourth person
- 15 Summer Olympics event
- 16 Cash to get out
- 17 Type of seller/manufacturer
- 19 Capital entree?
- 22 Mispronounced capital
- 23 Legumes?
- 23 Forest animal
- 24 Clever
- 25 Busy airport
- 27 Señor's rooms
- 28 Sild
- 30 "Gef ___"
- 33 Filler/driller's letters
- 35 1/1 to 1/1
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- 55 Chant
- 57 "Moby Dick" setting
- 80 TD caller
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- 62 Vengeful quote opener
- 63 Indiana school
- 65 Sickness
- 67 Feline sound
- 68 Capital link?
- 72 See 50 Across
- 75 Loony
- 76 Submissive follower
- 77 Quickly
- 79 Cosmetic item
- 84 Poet's word
- 88 Asian holiday
- 87 Leaves the earth
- 88 Atkins & Huntley
- 89 Art, today
- 90 Dejected
- 92 Gofer: abbr.
- 93 White House residents, once
- 95 Allowable number
- 100 Dress
- 102 Capital veggie?
- 105 Throw a bash
- 108 L-P center
- 109 Leaning
- 110 Pay attention
- 112 Sprightly

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- 2 Put in
- 3 Washington & others
- 4 French cleric
- 5 Bodily
- 6 Atlantic resort, for short
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- 8 Mohawk, for one
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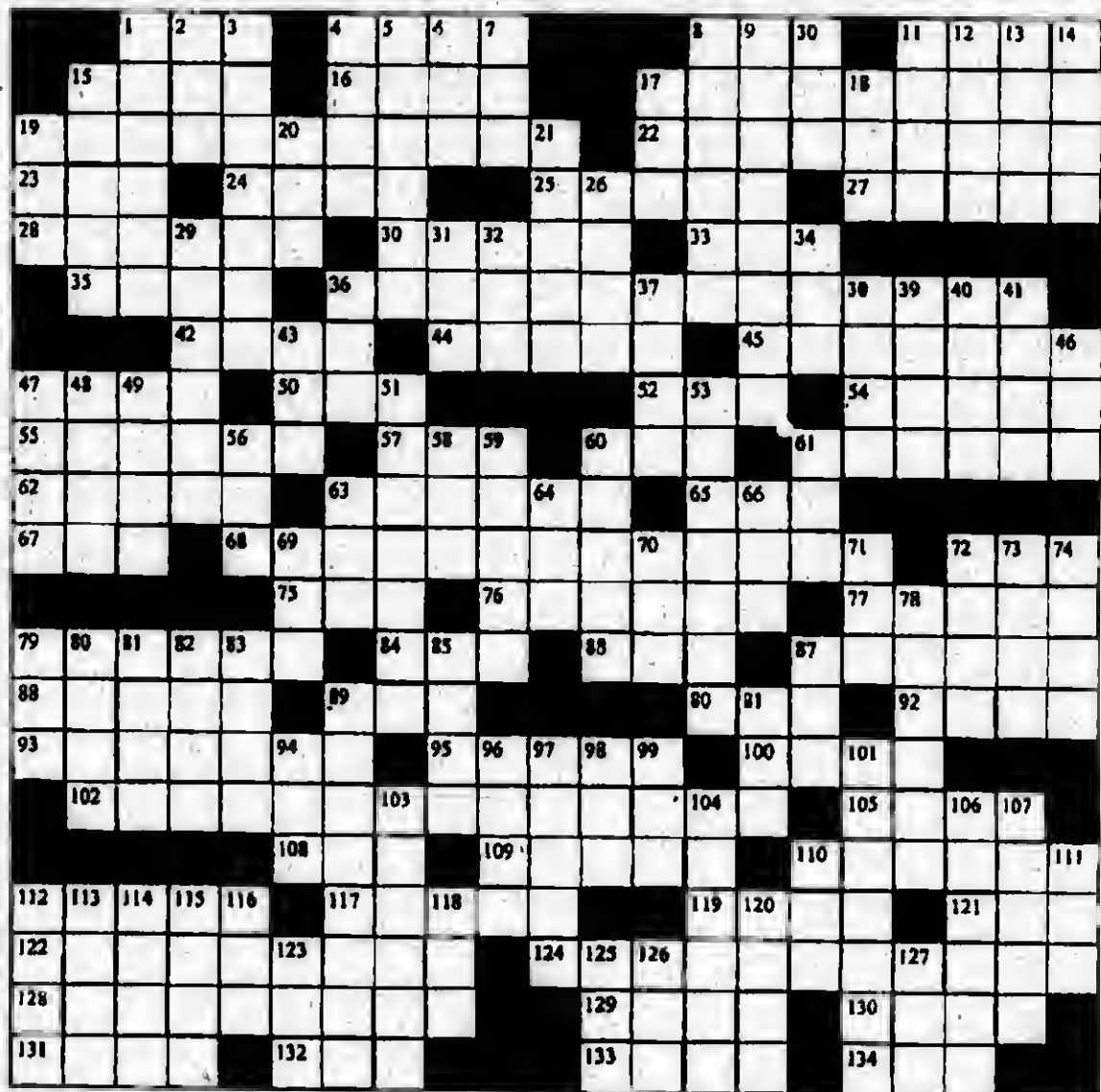
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- 18 Cable network letters
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- 26 Scoundrel
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- 32 Suffix for violin or real
- 34 Small pool
- 36 Marker
- 37 France's Coty
- 38 "___ boy"
- 39 Greek letters
- 40 Contraction
- 41 Go high
- 43 Mauna ___
- 46 Insect
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48 Barn topper

- 49 Once more
- 51 Into pieces
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- 58 Bird variety
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- 60 Respond to a stimulus
- 61 Small dog
- 63 ___ soup
- 64 Mex.'s neighbor
- 66 Put down
- 69 Brat
- 70 Luau sound
- 71 Head appendage
- 72 Go by
- 73 Large clubs
- 74 Others
- 78 Grand and others
- 79 Three CDs
- 80 Fictional captain
- 81 Actress Deborah
- 82 Words to a traitor
- 83 Exploits
- 85 Needs: abbr.
- 87 Whoop-de-doo
- 89 "___ Loss": '72 film

91 Rep.

- 94 McNamara's monogram
- 96 Mil. branch
- 97 Of the eye
- 98 Numerical prefix
- 99 Yehoo rival's letters
- 101 Houston, for one
- 103 Plant destroyer
- 104 Resident of a city in New York
- 106 1st floor-2nd floor connection
- 107 Cone-shaped home
- 110 Majors
- 111 Stale: abbr.
- 112 Talents
- 113 Scotland Yard
- 114 Unpleasant
- 115 Myrna's family
- 116 Musician Brian
- 118 Wrath
- 120 A & P, et al.
- 123 Refrain syllable
- 125 Successful play
- 126 Suffix for Jen & Max
- 127 Young animal



Look in next weeks paper for the solution to this puzzle

Eenigenburg Named NCCAA Player Of The Year

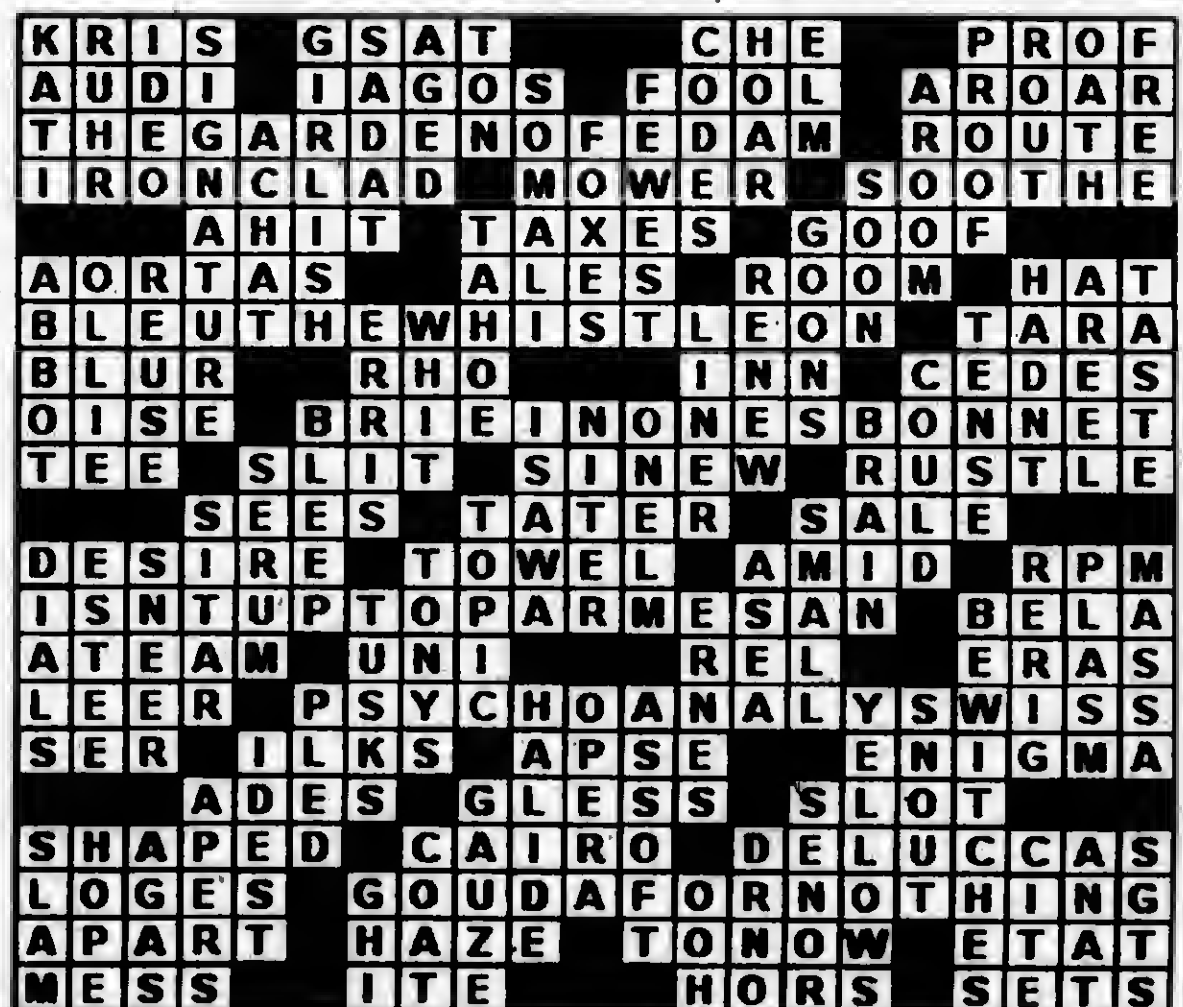
Trinity Christian College senior Jessica Eenigenburg was honored as the 2005 Michelle Akers NCCAA Player of the Year on Nov. 17th. She was presented with this award, sponsored by the Gary Beck Foundation, at the NCCAA National Soccer Tournament kickoff event. Jess received a trophy and an engraved watch as well as a plaque for the college.

Each year, the award is presented to a women's soccer player who is highly skilled, shows excellence in competition, exhibits outstanding leadership qualities, including Christian service activities, and possesses a vital Christian testimony both on and off the field.

Her soccer accomplishments are equally impressive. Eenigenburg has broken almost every accomplishment in the college's record book. She led the NCCAA with 42 goals and 22 assists this season and has accumulated impressive career totals of 115 goals and 42 assists. In the past four years, she has received numerous post-season honors, including conference player of the year.

Her excellence on the soccer field is matched only by her achievements in the classroom, where she earned scholar-athlete recognition. In addition, she has shown leadership in many campus activities and in ministry outreach.

Solution to last weeks puzzle



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Holiday Nedy Family Program

The Oak Lawn Chamber of Commerce and Oak Lawn Family Service are sponsoring a Holiday Nedy Family Program this year.

The program is designed to help local residents and their families currently experiencing financial hardship due to illness, unemployment, etc. by providing food, clothing, gift certificates and gifts. Your contribution will provide a bit of holiday happiness to many individuals and families. The following is a list of suggested donations:

Gift Certificates to Boston Market, Burger King, Dominick's, Home

Depot, Jewel, K-Mart, Kohl's, McDonald's, Wal-Mart, Walgreens, movie theatres, local restaurants, as well as gas station cards.

Toys such as Barbie and other dolls; Legos, toy trucks and cars, videos (DVD & VHS), board games, stuffed animals, books, footballs, basketballs, soccer balls, superhero figures, crayons, markers and coloring books.

Food, toiletries and miscellaneous items, i.e. diapers, baby formula, baby food, shampoo, soap, toilet paper, toothpaste/toothbrushes, feminine hygiene products, deodorant, first aid supplies, laundry detergent,

powdered milk, canned food, sheets, blankets, pillows and bath towels.

New and gently used items are welcome. However, please do not wrap gifts or make cash donations. The deadline for accepting donations is Friday, Dec. 16th. All items will be delivered to families between Dec. 19th and Dec. 21st.

Contributions may be delivered between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. to Oak Lawn Chamber of Commerce at 5314 W. 95th St., phone (708) 424-8300, or from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Oak Lawn Family Service at 9401 S. 53rd Court, phone (708) 423-3361.



Oak Lawn's Janet Stifter Is Principal For A Day

Oak Lawn resident Janet Stifter, R.N., M.S., Vice President, Patient Care Services, Saint Joseph Hospital, talks to kindergarten students at Bateman Elementary School on Thursday, Oct. 27. Stifter was Principal for a Day at Bateman as part of the Chicago Public Schools annual program to put schools and community leaders in contact with each other to share knowledge and expertise. In addition to participating in the school's Principal for a Day program, Saint Joseph Hospital also provides annual back-to-school physicals and information about KidCare, the state's health insurance program, at Open Houses and other school events throughout the year, assists with Bateman's annual Science Fair and donates school uniform shirts as well as books and supplies. Bateman School is located at 4220 N. Richmond St. in Chicago's Avondale/North Central neighborhood.

Saint Joseph Hospital is a member of Resurrection Health Care, a family of health care services providing advanced medical care and exceptional customer service with compassion and hope. Its hospitals, nursing homes, retirement communities, home health services, behavioral health programs and other services are conveniently located in many Chicagoland neighborhoods. Resurrection Health Care is a not-for-profit Catholic organization sponsored by the Sisters of the Holy Family of Nazareth and the Sisters of the Resurrection.

Present Alloy Arts Ensemble Concert

Trinity Evangelical Covenant Church, 9230 S. Pulaski in Oak Lawn, will present a concert by the Alloy Arts Ensemble on Sunday, Dec. 11th at 5 p.m. This brass quintet will perform a Christmas concert that will be a perfect way to get into the holiday spirit. The Ensemble's program will include holiday favorites, works by Chicago composers, Bach, Debussy and the Beatles.

Five Chicago musicians with the intention of providing high quality brass music founded the Alloy Arts Ensemble in early 2005. The members hold degrees and diplomas from some of the leading music conservatories of the United States and Europe. The ensemble members are Simon Menin and Andrea Vonk on trumpets, Keri Godon on French horn, Chelsea French on trombone and Sean Whitaker on tuba. A freewill offering will be taken. Childcare is available.

The Chi Tung Chinese Restaurant will cater the dinner. Reservations are necessary for the dinner. The cost of the dinner is \$5 per adult and \$2 for children.

For information, call the church office to make reservations at (708) 422-5111.

Letter To The Editor

Dear Editor:

My husband and I are 10-year residents of Oak Lawn and are proud and responsible owners of a 3 year-old Golden Retriever, Sargent. I am writing today as someone who attended the recent Oak Lawn Park District meeting where the majority of the board would not even consider a proposal to begin planning a dog park to benefit families of dog owners. As a resident, I'm looking for a safe, pleasant area to run my dog off-leash in the village.

The only park in Oak Lawn that allows dogs is Wolfe Wildlife Refuge and I would never allow Sargent off-leash without a safe-fenced area. We travel to the Mayfield Dog Park in Oak Brook and take him to the Montrose Dog Beach in Chicago. I have found the dog owners in both locations to be responsible and friendly with their animal companions.

While villages like Oak Brook, Park Ridge and the City of Chicago move forward with efforts to create dog-friendly areas, I have always felt that the Oak Lawn park district would rather keep investing money in other programs. While many of these programs are great for conventional families, there is a large contingent of residents who are currently not being served and would like to see our tax dollars go toward a program that would benefit many households with pets, including families with and without children, singles, and seniors.

Dog-park supporters vote and we have disposable income that we're now spending for dog-friendly activities, including additional expenditures on ourselves, in Oak Brook and Chicago. The budget proposal for the dog park is relatively small and would not raise taxes. By beginning the process of implementation, supporters of the dog park could have begun a fundraising drive to help defray the cost of the park's construction.

At the Mayfield Dog Park in Oak Brook, users pay for a yearly pass of \$35 for those in-district, and \$150 for those outside the district. We gladly pay the out of district fee to take our dog to the facility and had to show proof on the application of vaccinations and annual vet care, for safety purposes. A yearly fee in Oak Lawn would make the facility's annual costs self-sufficient on user fees.

This proposal is certainly a "win-win" situation for families of dog owners in Oak Lawn and the surrounding community.

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SOUTHWEST CHICAGO CHRISTIAN AFTER SCHOOL CLASSES

Southwest Chicago Christian School, 10110 S. Central Ave. in Oak Lawn, will offer 8 weeks of After School Enrichment Classes for students in grades 2nd through 8th. The cost for the classes is \$40 for 8 weeks. Students should bring a snack after school. Classes will be open to students outside of Southwest as well. Ask your friends, neighbors and relatives if they are interested in www.swchristian.org or in the school office.

Classes are as follows:

Monday, Chess Club (Room 208)

Students are welcome to challenge, learn and compete in this club. Al Connelly will return for the last time to teach here because he will graduate in May. Chess is open to students in grades 4th-8th with a limit of 12 students.

Tuesday, Math Enrichment for 3rd-5th Grades (Room 200)

It feels good to be prepared for school. Have your homework done, questions answered, and get the help you might need. Mrs. Law is a veteran teacher in Evergreen Park. She has helped students at Moraine Valley in both reading and math. Math is her specialty. Why not let her help you too? It will be time well spent! Class is open to students in 3rd-5th grades with a limit of 10 students.

Tuesday, French (Room 208)

Explore another foreign language spoken in many countries around our world. Learn a bit about the French culture and country. Miss Cheryl Law has studied in France and teaches high school French at Mother McAuley High School. She is a graduate of Millikin and has agreed to come and enrich students in 2nd-6th grades with a limit of 10 students.

Wednesday, Sewing Class (Room 200)

Students will learn how to thread a sewing machine and wind a bobbin. We will then assemble a simple doll quilt/wall hanging by sewing blocks and strips together on the sewing machine. Students

will learn some hand sewing/embroidery techniques as we embellish our quilts. No supplies/machines needed. Class is open to students in 4th-6th grades with a limit of 6 students.

Wednesday, Guitar Class (Room 203)

Class will be taught, once again, by former student Sam Cooper. Sam has been playing electric and acoustic guitar since 4th grade. He has chapel, church and garage band experience and would share his talent and love for music with interested students. Class will begin on Wednesday, Jan. 18th and is limited to 6.

Thursday, Crocheting Class (Room 208)

Mrs. Denise Coyle will be instructing beginners on how to crochet. Class will supply yarn and needles. Learn how to use your hands and brains in a creative craft. This pioneer's skill produced beautiful blankets, hats and scarves, and so can you. Class is open to 3rd-6th grades and there is a limit of 10 students.

Thursday, Math Enrichment for 6th-8th Grades (Room 208)

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Thursday, Computer Class (Computer Lab Room 202)

Our own computer technology staff member, Dan Wieringa, will teach the class. Students will develop an idea with research and photos. Students will use the digital camera to take and download photos to include with their Power Point presentation. Class is open to students in 5th-8th grades with a limit of 8.

For more information, call (708) 636-8550.

Breakfast With Santa Claus

On Sunday, Dec. 11th, Santa and his helpers will be in the festive Grand Ballroom of the Hilton Oak Lawn, 9333 S. Cicero Ave., for Breakfast with Santa with seating at 10 a.m. and 1 p.m.

Reservations are required for the breakfast. The Hilton staff is offering an abundant breakfast buffet, a tasty kids buffet, goody bags and music. Photos, face painting and caricatures will be available at a slight additional charge.

Admission is \$18 for adults; \$12 for kids ages 3 to 12; & children 2 & under are free!

Special overnight rates are available and will allow you to enjoy the Hilton Oak Lawn's many amenities.

For more information, call the Hilton Oak Lawn at (708) 425-7800.

Music Students

Valparaiso University announced students who are featured in the university's music ensembles. Jamie Matusiak of Oak Lawn, a junior Meteorology major, plays B flat clarinet in the University Community Band. She is the daughter of Robert & Susan Matusiak.

Police Arrested Six Suspects

Two Oak Lawn robberies had four area police departments working on rounding up and arresting six suspects. The Oak Lawn Police department received a report at about midnight Friday, Dec. 2nd, from a man and woman who live in the 9100 block of Tully Ave. According to reports four teens took \$600 in cash and a cell phone from the couple after they had parked their car in the garage. The couple was stopped by a teen that they thought had a gun.

They reported that after robbing them, the teen and four others ran to a white minivan and drove away. The van was discovered to be a stolen vehicle.

Hometown police chased the four teens until the van crashed after which, the teens fled on foot. Both the Hometown police and Chicago police captured them. Larry Gore, 16, Carlos Smith, 16, and Brandon Richardson, 16, were charged with two

count of armed robbery and one count of possession of a stolen vehicle.

In another incident, the Oak Lawn police received a call from a man who said he was mugged and robbed after he bought a cup of coffee at a convenience store in the 9800 block of Central Ave. According to reports, when the man came out of the store, two men grabbed him and pulled his hood over his head. The victim was ordered to give the robbers money.

The victim tried to run, but was caught then punched and kicked. The robbers took his wallet and fled.

After an investigation, the police identified Alphonso Williams, 18 as one of the assailants. When Williams was arrested, near his home in Oak Lawn, he told police that his accomplice was James Walter, 21, of Blue Island.

Police arrested Walter later that evening. Both men were charged with armed robbery.



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Dems Collect Food

The Worth Township Regular Democratic Organization will meet on Monday, Dec. 12th at 7:30 p.m. at the Johnson-Phelps VFW Hall, 9514 S. 52nd Ave., for their regular monthly meeting, followed by their Christmas party. The festivities include food, beverages and music.

Members are requested to bring non-perishable foods which will be distributed to local community pantries. This year's pantry recipients will be Faith Lutheran Church in Oak Lawn and St. Peter Claver in Robbins.

Members will meet at the Democratic headquarters in Chicago Ridge on Saturday, Dec. 17th to package and deliver the food. All Worth Township Democrats are welcome to attend the meeting and the party.

Mt. Zion's Nativity

Mt. Zion's Sunday School will present a live outdoor nativity scene on Friday, Dec. 16th and Saturday, Dec. 17th on the lawn of the church at 104th & Kostner in Oak Lawn. The story of Jesus' birth will be read and reenacted at 6:30, 7 and 7:30 p.m. Children will be able to pet the animals after each scene, and hot chocolate and cookies will be served. The event is free and open to everyone.

For more information, call (708) 423-6554 between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m.

Christmas Programs

Trinity Lutheran Church, 97th & Brandt Ave. (2 blocks west of Cicero) will have special Christmas programs. On Sun., Dec. 11th at 4 p.m. children in preschool and kindergarten will be the adorable "singing angels." Then the young people in grades 1-8 will present the musical "Christmas in Reverse." Singing, dancing and a beautiful narrative story will be portrayed. A potluck will be held following the program.

On Sunday, Dec. 18th, the adult Trinity Choir and Praise Choir will have special music at the 8:30 service, along with the adult "Hand Bell Choir" and the children's "Chime Choir." At the 11 a.m. service on the 18th, the Praise Band will add a "contemporary" flair to the worship service.

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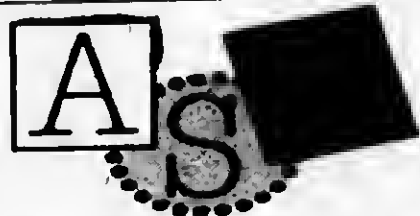
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Thoughts On Health & Nutrition

by
Lucinda K. Lysen, RD, RN, BSN

HEALTHY FOOD GIFTS FOR THE HOLIDAYS

The holidays are a special time for gift-giving. Particularly attractive during these times, with people increasingly diet conscious, are foods which are low fat and healthy, yet have great flavor and appearance.

Modifying recipes to be lower in calories and fat can be easy by adjusting a few ingredients you may never have considered. For example, using light cream cheese instead of regular cream cheese in baked goods, can remove two thirds the calories and fat. Substituting three tablespoons of cocoa combined with one tablespoon of oil in a recipe, for an ounce of chocolate, cuts your calorie and fat intake in half. And greasing your baking pan with nonstick cooking spray rather than butter or oil will drop the calories to zero.

Consider using fruits, vegetables and cereal as the basis of your gifts. These foods are naturally low in fat and high in vitamins and minerals. Try arranging a platter of dried fruits—including apricots, figs, raisins, and prunes. Or prepare a trail mix from various cereals, dried fruit, and nuts. You can also add vegetables such as carrots, corn, and zucchini, to baked goods and to puddings made with nonfat or 1% milk. Also, don't be afraid to use oats and other grains in baked goods and casseroles.

Below is a fun recipe which has been "tried and true" for a number of years with friends and family, that will save you lots of calories and fat and looks good packaged and wrapped to go for anyone's holiday snack table.

PEANUTS AND CARAMEL POPCORN (This makes three quarts.)

10 cups popped corn, unpopped kernels removed
3/4 cup dry roasted unsalted peanuts
1 cup sugar
1/3 cup margarine
1/4 cup light corn syrup
1/2 teaspoon vanilla extract
1/4 teaspoon baking soda
2 cups seedless raisins

In a large bowl, mix popcorn and peanuts. Set aside.

In a heavy bottomed 2-quart saucepan, over high heat, stir sugar, margarine, and corn syrup until margarine is melted. Cook, without stirring, until mixture reaches 300 F, about 5 minutes. Stir in vanilla and baking soda. Quickly pour over popcorn mixture, tossing until well coated. Spread on baking sheet.

Bake at 250 F for 45 minutes, stirring twice. Remove from oven; stir in raisins. Cool on baking sheet. Break into pieces; store in airtight container for up to 2 weeks.

Nutrition information per serving (1/2 cup): 137 calories, 5 grams fat, 1 gram saturated fat, 0 milligrams cholesterol, 36 milligrams sodium.

For other healthful holiday gift recipes, you may contact me via my e-mail or at my address below.

Happy healthful, holiday gift giving!

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Letter To The Editor

Editor:

Why look further when the answer is right under our nose? Umbilical cord stem cells! Success has been proven!

Russell Witck (Chicago) suffered from acute lymphoid leukemia. Five years ago he received a transplant of stem cells from donated umbilical cord blood and has been cancer-free from that day to this!

Nineteen-year-old Amanda Bryson of Scotland, who was wheelchair-bound for several years, has been walking daily since she received umbilical cord stem cell therapy! Her testimony: "A stem-cell solution was injected into my arm and neck to tackle the damage to my spine and brain. Within 10 minutes after the treatment I went to the bathroom on my wheelchair. I went to stand up and I thought I was jumping off my chair! - the nurse told me that it happens many times...it filled me with hope for the future! The therapy is "derived from babies' umbilical cords after birth...of no harm to them or anyone."

Russell's mother, Karen Witck, praised the "benefit of adult bone marrow (in that) you could go back and get more. But the benefit of cord blood was that the side effects were (minimal). The cells are so pliable and adjust to your system so well."

Dr. Peter Hollands, Scientific Director of Cells for Life (Markham, Ontario) states: "The public must know that adult and umbilical cord blood stem cells are available, proven and ready to use for a range of diseases. We must get away from the idea of the promise of embryonic stem cells... (they) have yet to be used to treat any form of disease...at present (they) are largely political rhetoric and scientific hype."

Elizabeth Pearson
Elmhurst, IL

Smith Village Nears Completion

Smith Village is nearing completion on the first phase of construction for their \$65 million continuing care retirement community (CCRC) at 113th St. and Western Ave. The first new building in the community will offer Beverly-area seniors state-of-the-art, spacious assisted living and memory care apartments.

Construction is expected to be substantially completed by mid-December, at which point the Graycor Construction Company hands over the structure to Smith Village. Outside the new building, road improvements to 112th Place are already complete. A new road surface, curbs and gutters offer a pleasing entryway for residents and visitors to the new Smith Village assisted living apartments.

Following current independent living residents' move to the new 82-unit building, the existing structure will be demolished to make way for the final phase of construction that includes 152 independent living apartments and a Community Commons building. The entire Smith Village community is slated for completion in the fall of 2007.

The independent living section of Smith Village will feature one and two-bedroom apartments with fully equipped kitchens, walk-in closets and comfortable areas for relaxing and entertaining. Each unit will have its own heating and cooling controls, as well as individual washers and dryers.

A sun-filled atrium will light the way to Smith Village Commons, where seniors can enjoy formal dining, a casual café and a private dining room to entertain guests. A hair salon, convenience store, housekeeping services and linen services all combine to make life easier. Additionally, an arts and crafts studio, business and computer center, library, club and game rooms, gardens and walking paths are great places to enjoy favorite activities and hobbies.

Another unique amenity at Smith Village is a comprehensive healthcare package that offers peace of mind for the future. If a resident requires additional care, it can be provided right on campus, according to Bunny Sugarman, director of marketing for Smith Village. Should a higher level of care be needed, independent living residents can accumulate up to 100 free days in either assisted living or skilled nursing care, after which they will receive a 15 percent lifetime discount.

Smith Village is part of the Smith Senior Living family of premier senior living communities in the southwest sector of metropolitan Chicago. An innovative leader in providing the finest services and care for seniors, Smith established its first community in 1924.

For more information about the new community, contact the information center at (773) 881-4950 or visit www.smithvillage.org.

Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg

Chicago Foundation for Women will host a special event honoring Ruth Bader Ginsburg, Associate Justice of the United States Supreme Court. "Honoring a Pioneer in Women's Rights: A Conversation with Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg" will take place on Saturday, Dec. 10th from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Chicago Public Library, Harold Washington Library Center, 400 S. State St., 9th floor, in Chicago.

The program will include the inauguration of "The Ruth Bader Ginsburg Award of Chicago Foundation for Women." Justice Ginsburg will make brief remarks in accepting the award. Following her remarks, Judge Ann Williams, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit, Illinois Attorney General Lisa Madigan, Attorney Fay Clayton and Attorney Tina Tchen will participate in a panel discussion with Justice Ginsburg. The program will also include an open microphone to provide audience members an opportunity to ask questions of Justice Ginsburg and the panel.

"As a lawyer, an academic, an activist and as a Justice, Ruth Bader Ginsburg has helped to create a pioneering body of law establishing women's rights in this country. As Chicago Foundation for Women celebrates its 20th anniversary this year, the establishment of an award in her honor is a fitting tribute to Justice Ginsburg and her decades of commitment to equal rights for women. We are exceedingly honored and proud to be able to provide this opportunity to hear from one of the most important people of our time," said Lois Lipton, board chair of Chicago Foundation for Women.

President Bill Clinton chose Ruth Bader Ginsburg as his first appointment to the United States Supreme Court in 1993. The first woman hired with tenure at Columbia Law School in 1972, she also became the first director of the ACLU's Women's Rights Project that same year. Ginsburg's star continued to rise as she joined many important committees and boards in various law associations across the country. During this time, she also began appearing before the Supreme Court where she would eventually argue a total of six cases for gender equality. She served as a federal appeals court judge from 1980 until she succeeded retiring Justice Byron R. White on the Supreme Court. If Judge Alito's nomination is confirmed, Justice Sandra Day O'Connor will retire. Ginsburg may then become the only woman remaining on the U.S. Supreme Court.

"Ginsburg's position on women's rights, and civil liberties in general, has had significant influence on the U.S. Supreme Court. During a time in which so much is at stake for women and the importance of replacing Justice O'Connor with a successor that will be fundamentally fair in making decisions around issues affecting women, it is important that we recognize the jewel we have in Ruth Bader Ginsburg as a member of the Court," said Hannah Rosenthal, executive director of Chicago Foundation for Women.

One of the largest women's funds in the world, Chicago Foundation for Women believes that all women and girls should have the opportunity to achieve their potential and live in safe, just and healthy communities. The Foundation supports the achievement of social justice through grant making and advocacy.

More information and tickets for this event can be found at www.cfw.org or by calling (312) 836-0126.

Brain Aneurysm Study

The Dept. of Neurological Surgery at Northwestern Memorial Hospital is participating in one of the world's largest aneurysm research studies to identify the genes that cause the development and rupture of brain aneurysms - "blisters" that form within arteries of the brain and can rupture and kill without a moment's notice. Sponsored by the National Institutes of Health, the Familial Intracranial Aneurysm (FIA) Study is a collaborative research effort involving 26 centers throughout the world. Nationally, doctors aim to enroll 475 families - or about 3,800 individuals - with multiple affected family members.

To be eligible to participate in this research study, families must have two or more affected siblings or three or more family members affected with intracranial aneurysms (IAs). Participants are asked to complete a family history questionnaire and a medical history questionnaire. They also have their blood pressure taken and have a small sample of blood drawn and sent for sophisticated statistical and genetic (chromosome) analysis.

In addition, certain family members are offered the opportunity to have a magnetic resonance angiogram (MRA) to look for undiagnosed brain aneurysms. MRA is non-invasive, essentially carries no risk and is able to detect IAs as small as 2 to 3 millimeters. Five millimeters is thought to be the critical size for intracranial aneurysm rupture, but smaller aneurysms can cause significant bleeding.

The most devastating complication of IAs is a subarachnoid hemorrhage (SAH), one of the three main subtypes of stroke. This rapid and massive bleeding in the space around the brain occurs in 16,000 to 17,000 people in the United States every year, killing nearly half within 30 days and leaving one-third of the survivors with severe disabilities.

"Accumulated evidence indicates that a genetic component plays an important role in the development of IAs. The goal of this study is to confirm a familial link, as well as identify which specific genes are responsible," said Hunt Batjer, M.D., Chair of Neurological Surgery at Northwestern Memorial Hospital, Professor of Neurological Surgery at Northwestern University, Feinberg School of Medicine, and the principal investigator on this study. "If we are able to identify those who are genetically at high risk for the development of IAs, then we may be able to prevent aneurysm formation and/or intervene and treat aneurysms early, significantly reducing the substantial premature mortality and morbidity associated with this type of stroke."

Individuals with a family history of polycystic kidney disease, Marfan's syndrome, Ehler Danlos Syndrome, or fibromuscular dysplasia are not eligible to participate in this study.

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Veterans And Soldiers News

By Lori Taylor

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The Bridgeview Lions Club is looking for a female Bridgeview resident who served during the Korean Conflict. They plan to honor a female veteran of the Korean Conflict on Jan. 22nd at the Bridgeview Community Center. If you are such a veteran and a Bridgeview resident, or know someone who is; contact Lion Ray Jachim on his cell phone at (708) 307-8537. Ray needs to have this information by Jan. 1st or 2nd.

Marine Corps Pvt. Thomas J. Griffith, son of Theresa M. Reed of Lemont and Michael Griffith of Chicago Ridge, recently completed 12 weeks of basic training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot, San Diego, California, designed to challenge new Marine recruits both physically and mentally.

Army Pvt. Eric K. Gansel has graduated from the Infantryman One Station Unit Training at Fort Benning, Columbus, Georgia. Gansel is the son of Kent Gansel of Evergreen Park.

Navy Petty Officer 1st Class Edreal L. Evans, son of Towanda Adams of Dixmoor and Edward Evans of Chicago, and his fellow shipmates volunteered for a food bank in San Diego while assigned to the amphibious assault ship USS Boxer, home-ported in San Diego. Evans joined the Navy in Dec. 1994.

Marine Corps Reserve Pvt. Robert B. Carroll recently completed 12 weeks of basic training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot, San Diego, California, designed to challenge new Marine recruits both physically and mentally. Carroll is the son of Barbara Carroll of Chicago and Joseph Carroll of Chicago.

Marine Corps Pvt. Jose D. Rojas recently completed 12 weeks of basic training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot, San Diego, California, designed to challenge new Marine recruits both physically and mentally. Rojas is the son of Maritza and Luis Rojas of Oak Lawn.

Marine Corps Pvt. Patrick Philipps recently completed 12 weeks of basic training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot, San Diego, California, designed to challenge new Marine recruits both physically and mentally. Philipps is the son of Anne Philipps of Orland Park and William Philipps of Park Forest.

Marine Corps Pvt. Brian C. Wallace recently completed 12 weeks of basic training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot, San Diego, California, designed to challenge new Marine recruits both physically and mentally. Wallace is the son of Leslie and Anthony Wallace of Chicago.

Marine Corps Pvt. Keith M. Libner, son of Michele Curtiss of Oak Lawn and Keith Libner of Belvidere, Ill., recently completed 12 weeks of basic training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot, San Diego, California, designed to challenge new Marine recruits both physically and mentally.

On Veterans Day, Nov. 11th, MyHealthVet marked its second anniversary by adding three new health records that veterans can keep in a secure electronic environment and make available to other VA health professionals nationwide - blood oxygen levels taken from a pulse oximeter, daily food intake in the Food Journal, and physical activity and exercise in the Activity Journal.

Since mid-October, more than 100,000 veterans have

signed up to use MyHealthVet, which is located on VA's Web site at www.myhealth.va.gov. Among the services available to veterans, their families and VA care providers through the online personal record are the ability to track health conditions - entering readings such as blood pressure and cholesterol levels - and to record medications, allergies, military health history, medical events and tests.

Veterans can also include personal information, such as emergency contacts, names of medical providers and health insurance information. They can access health information on the Internet from VA, MedlinePlus from the National Library of Medicine, and Healthwise, a commercial health education library.

Future expansion of MyHealthVet will allow VA patients to view appointments and co-payment balances, access portions of their medical records, and give access to their records to doctors, family members and others.

Good-bye for now. God bless you and your loved ones and God bless America.

Illinois Wins National Award

Efforts that have saved \$529 million for Illinois taxpayers by making State government run more efficiently and effectively should serve as a model for other states to follow, a national good-government group announced recently. At its national annual meeting on Saturday, Dec. 3rd in Wilmington, Del., the Council of State Governments (CSG) presented the Illinois Dept. of Central Management (CMS) with a 2005 Innovations Award for successfully consolidating common administrative duties previously managed by many State agencies.

In 2003, Gov. Rod R. Blagojevich instructed CMS to streamline the state's operations, share resources and save taxpayer money while improving the business services of state government. A recent report by Deloitte Consulting validated that efficiency efforts led by CMS to fulfill this mandate saved Illinois taxpayers more than \$529 million over the past two years alone.

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Fire Departments Receive Grants

The U.S. Dept. of Homeland Security (DHS) has announced 41 grants to fire departments throughout the United States in the 11th round of the fiscal year 2005 Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program (AFG). The AFG program will issue approximately 5,500 awards worth \$600 million in direct assistance to firefighters and first responders throughout the country, demonstrating Homeland Security's commitment to ensuring that America's firefighters have the resources they need to protect their communities.

This 11th round of grants provides more than \$5,841,281 to help local fire departments and emergency medical services organizations purchase or receive training, first responder health and safety programs, equipment and response vehicles.

The Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program includes grants to the fire departments and emergency medical services organization in Illinois for:

- Wheeling Fire Dept., Wheeling - Operations and Safety, \$81,000.
- Beardstown Fire Dept., Beardstown - Operations and Safety, \$110,390.
- New Douglas Fire Protection District, New Douglas - Operations and Safety, \$57,511.

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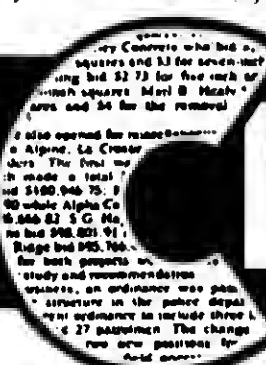
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PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on September 14, 2005, The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 a.m. on December 16, 2005, in its office at 33 N. Dearborn St., 10th Floor, Chicago, IL 60602-3100, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as: 9306 S. Sawyer Ave., Evergreen Park, IL 60805.

The real estate is improved with a brown brick single family two story with separate two car garage.

The judgment amount was \$191,225.32.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Wells Fargo Bank, NA successor by merger to Wells Fargo Home Mortgage, Inc. f/k/a Northwest Mortgage, Inc., Plaintiff, vs. Arthur T. James a/k/a Art T. James, et al., Defendants. No. 04Ch-21133.

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on August 16, 2005, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Tuesday, January 3, 2006, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 W. Madison St., Suite 718A, Chicago, IL, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described property: Commonly known as: 14830 S. Kilpatrick Ave., #501, Midlothian, IL 60445.

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The improvement on the property consists of a single family residence.

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The judgment amount was \$172,884.03.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Countrywide Home Loans, Inc., Plaintiff, vs. Stephen M. Bernard, et al., Defendants. No. 99Ch-7947.

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above entitled cause on September 22, 2005, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Tuesday, January 3, 2006 at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 W. Madison St., Suite 718A, Chicago, IL, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described mortgaged real estate:

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. LaSalle Bank National Association, Trustee, Plaintiff, vs. John Heneghan, et al., Defendant. Case No. 05Ch-7722.

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on July 20, 2005, an agent of The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 AM on December 22, 2005, in its office located at 33 N. Dearborn St., 10th Floor, Chicago, IL 60602, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as: 9313 S. Sacramento, Evergreen Park, IL 60805.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as Nominee for Aegis Mortgage Corporation d/b/a New America Financial or its successors or assigns, Plaintiff, vs. Robert J. Krawczyk, et al., Defendants. No. 05Ch-3673.

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on September 28, 2005, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Thursday, January 5, 2006, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 W. Madison St., Suite 718A, Chicago, IL, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described property: Commonly known as: 8031 S. Knox Ave., Chicago, IL 60652.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department, Chancery Division. Wells Fargo Bank, N.A., as Trustee for the Benefit of the Certificate Holder of Asset-Backed Pass-Through Certificates Series 2004-WCW1, Plaintiff, vs. Jose Luis Rodriguez, Jr., et al., Defendants. No. 05Ch-8068.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., Plaintiff, vs. Latonia Goldsmith, et al., Defendant. No. 05Ch-8428.

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on September 1, 2005, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Tuesday, January 3, 2006, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 W. Madison St., Suite 718A, Chicago, IL, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described mortgaged real estate:

Commonly known as: 9099 Primrose Ln., Hickory Hills, IL 60457.

The improvement on the property consists of a single family residence.

Sale terms: Bidders must present, at the time of sale, a cashier's or certified check for 10% of the successful bid amount. The balance of the successful bid shall be paid within 24 hours, by similar funds.

The property will NOT be open for inspection.

For information call Ms. Diane Thomas at Plaintiff's Attorney, Freedman, Anselmo, Lindberg & Rappe, LLC, 1807 W. Ogilvie Road, Naperville, IL 60563-1890. (877) 729-6734. 130201C

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Wells Fargo Bank, National Association, as Trustee for Certificate Holders of Bear Stearns Asset Backed Securities Trust 2005-1, Asset Backed Certificates Series 2005-1, Plaintiff, vs. Frances O. Stepp, et al., Defendants. No. 05Ch-7971.

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on August 3, 2005, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Tuesday, January 3, 2006, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 W. Madison St., Suite 718A, Chicago, IL, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described mortgaged real estate:

Commonly known as: 14730 S. California, Posen, IL 60469.

The improvement on the property consists of a single family residence.

Sale terms: Bidders must present, at the time of sale, a cashier's or certified check for 10% of the successful bid amount. The balance of the successful bid shall be paid within 24 hours, by similar funds.

The property will NOT be open for inspection.

For information call Mr. James A. Larson at Plaintiff's Attorney, Larson & Nierling, 11 S. LaSalle St., Chicago, IL 60603. (312) 422-0057. 130209C

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as Nominee for First National Bank of Arizona, Plaintiff, vs. Unknown Heirs & Devises of Eamon Gordon, et al., Defendants. No. 05Ch-1780.

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above entitled cause on October 3, 2005, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Wednesday, January 4, 2006, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 W. Madison St., Suite 718A, Chicago, IL, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described mortgaged real estate:

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The mortgaged real estate is improved with a single family residence.

Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance, by certified funds, within 24 hours. No refunds.

The property will NOT be open for inspection.

For information call William E. Dutton, Jr./Barbara J. Dutton, at Plaintiff's Attorney, Dutton & Dutton, P.C., 10325 W. Lincoln Hwy., Frankfort, IL 60423, (815) 806-8200. 130155C

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**Budget
Package**

The Council for Citizens Against Government Waste (CCAGW) has encouraged Congress to pass a budget reconciliation package that achieves real savings for taxpayers. The original version of the Deficit Reduction Act of 2005 (H.R. 4241) would have saved \$53.9 billion over five years and opened up a small portion of the Arctic National Wildlife Preserve (ANWR) to oil exploration. House Democrats are united against any reconciliation measure and House GOP leadership has tried to placate Republican "moderates" by stripping the ANWR provisions, reducing the proposed savings to under \$50 billion, and adding special interest spending measures to the bill.

"Members of Congress need to realize that there is nothing compassionate about letting wasteful entitlement programs grow at unsustainable rates," CCAGW President Tom Schatz said. "The reconciliation is a chance for this Congress to clean up some of the budgetary mess it is leaving to future generations."

Under 10 years of Republican leadership in Congress, spending and the deficit have skyrocketed. Between fiscal years 2001 and 2005, non-military and non homeland security spending has increased \$303 billion and the deficit stands at \$317 billion, while the federal debt has surpassed \$8 trillion. Americans are now saddled with a Medicare drug benefit expected to cost \$724 billion over 10 years, which rivals any program passed during the Great Society. Mandatory spending now constitutes 54 percent of the federal budget. Left unchecked, it will absorb 62 percent in just 10 years and will eventually crowd out all other federal priorities. Some members of Congress have also pushed for an amendment to resurrect the failed and counterproductive Milk Income Loss Contract Program, which could cost taxpayers more than \$1 billion.

"The original bill would have restrained the growth in mandatory spending by just one-tenth of one percent over five years," Schatz said. "While any measure to curb entitlement spending is a step in the right direction, the modest savings proposed in this bill hardly warrant the doomsday predictions of its opponents."

Medicaid spending soared 85 percent from \$160 billion in 1997 to \$295 billion in 2004. A yearlong investigation by The original reconciliation bill would have slowed the program's average annual rate of growth from 7.7 to 7.5 percent over 10 years and would have prevented payments to illegal immigrants.

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Southwest Area Obituaries

Marie M. Splitek

Services were held at the Hickey Memorial Chapel, Midlothian on Tuesday, with interment at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, for Marie M. Splitek, a 47-year resident of Midlothian. She was a homemaker.

She is survived by her husband James; her daughters Linda Splitek and Connie (Dennis) Seeliger; her sons Thomas (Kathy) and Steve (Fae Dremock) Splitek

Erna Gray

Services were held on Monday, Nov. 28th at St. Stephen Lutheran Church, Midlothian, for former WWII Army nurse, Erna Gray, 87.

She is survived by her children; Bret (Jennie), Marti Mesmer, Barry and Mary (Tom) Campbell; ten grandchildren; and ten great-grandchildren.

James J. Rys

Mass was said on Friday, Dec. 2nd, at St. Christopher Church, Midlothian, with interment at St. Mary Cemetery for James J. Rys of Midlothian. He was retired from the railroad.

He is survived by his daughters; Caroline Rys, Kathleen Rys and Lorraine (Martin) O'Kelly

George E. Gunther

Mass was said at St. Christopher Church, Midlothian, on Friday, Dec. 2nd, with interment at Queen of Heaven Cemetery, for George E. Gunther of Midlothian. He was a retired manager at I.B.M.

He is survived by his wife, Geraldine; his daughter Mary (David) Neptune; his son Edward (Apple) Gunter; and two grandchildren.

Dorothy R. Morris

Services were held at the Burbank Manor Presbyterian Church, Burbank, on Tuesday, with interment at Chapel Hill Garden West Cemetery, for Dorothy R. Morris.

She is survived by her husband, Ivis; her children Alberta (George) Lemmier, Dennis (Michele) Morris and Ann (Edward) Dobush; seven grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

Millie D. McKenzie

Services were held at the Schmaedeke Funeral Home, Orland Park, on Monday, with a private interment, for Millie D. McKenzie, 78.

She is survived by her husband Moir "Mac" McKenzie; her daughters Nancy (Mark) Weber and Judy (Gary) Rice; four grandchildren; and her sister Ruth Hansen.

Lester W. Bohne

Services were held at the Good Shepherd Church, Palos Heights, on Monday, with interment at First Lutheran Cemetery, for Lester W. Bohne, 82. He was a veteran of WWII serving as an Army Pilot.

He is survived by his wife, Arlene; his children David

(Kim), Glenn, Cynthia, Tom, John (Mary); his Brothers Richard (Marilyn), Fred (Kathleen); his sister Diane; and five grandchildren.

Florence Helen Falls

Mass was said at St. Michael Church, Orland Park, on Monday, with entombment at Holy Sepulchre Mausoleum, for Florence Helen Falls, 81, of Orland Park.

She is survived by husband, Donald Francis Falls; her children Michael D., Donald B. (Ann), Dennis P. (Teri), David E. (Heather), Brian J., Robert J. (Laura), Kevin G. (Colleen) and Terrance S. (Stacy); 25 grandchildren; and her sister Mildred Hayes.

Michael G. McGarry

Services were held at the Zion Lutheran Church, Tinley Park, on Tuesday, for Michael G. McGarry, U.S.M.C. veteran of the Viet Nam War. He was a teacher and coach at Oak Forest High School.

He is survived by his wife Ann; his children Allison and Grant McGarry; his mother Olive; and his sister Rae Ann (Robert) Kittl.

Roberto Silva III

Services were held at Krueger Funeral Home, Blue Island, on Tuesday, with interment at First Evergreen Lutheran Cemetery, for Roberto Silva III, 11, of Blue Island.

He is survived by his mother Beth Anne Thomas and his father, Roberto Silva, Jr.; his sister Franchesca "Sissy"; and his grandparents Thomas and Betty Madrigal.

Lawrence J. Boberg

Services were held at the Colonial Chapel, Orland Park, on Wednesday, with interment at Oak Hill Cemetery, for Lawrence J. Boberg, 89.

He is survived by his wife Amy; his children Terence (Christine) Boberg and Janet (Donald) Weber; and five grandchildren.

Armin R. Felber, Jr.

Services were held at the Thompson Kuenster Funeral Home, Oak Lawn, with interment in Wisconsin, for Armin R. Felber, Jr., 57.

He is survived by his wife Barbara.

Rita LaVerne Pacholik

Services were held at the Vandenberg Funeral Home, Tinley Park, on Tuesday, with interment at Mt. Vernon Cemetery, for Rita LaVerne Pacholik, 84, of Tinley Park.

She is survived by her children Rosemary (John) Wilson, Margie (Harry) Loomis, William (Diane) and Pete (Connie) Pacholik; six grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Dolores A. Peterson

Mass was said at St. Germaine Church, Oak Lawn, on Tuesday, with interment at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, for Dolores S. "Dee" Peterson, 84.

She is survived by her daughter Mary (Tim) Marquardt; two grandchildren; and her sister Betty Vaughn.

Josephine Leonardo

Services were held at the Palos Gaidas Funeral Home, Palos Hills, on Monday, with entombment at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, for Josephine Leonardo, 93 of West Palm Beach, Fl., formerly of Palos Heights.

She is survived by her daughter Roberta Drey; two grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Irene D. Stanton

Mass was said at Sacred Heart Church, Palos Hills, on Monday, with interment at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, for Irene D. Stanton, 67. She is survived by her husband Russell, Sr.; her children Russell, Jr. (Carol) and Patrick (Mariann); four grandchildren; and her sisters Jacqueline Mackin, Charlotte Walsh and Grace Ramiszewski.

Edwin D. Stoterau

Services were held at the Colonial Chapel, Orland Park, on Monday, with interment at Resurrection Cemetery, for Edwin D. "Eddie" Stoterau, 80. He was a veteran of WWII serving with the Army and the Navy.

He is survived by his wife Dorothy; his children Thomas (Rita), Ron, and Richard (Peggy); and six grandchildren.

Ronald J. Nolte

Services were held at the Lack & Sons Funeral Home, Hickory Hills, on Monday, with interment at St. Mary Cemetery, for Ronald J. Nolte.

He is survived by his wife, Regene; his children Donald (Lori) Mueller, Linda (Mark) Bailey, Kenneth Mueller, Karen (Tim) Schock and Debra (James) Allen; ten grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; and his sister Billie Lou Nolte.

Paul P. Simkovich

Mass was said at Sacred Heart Church, Palos Hills, on Tuesday, with interment at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, for Paul P. Simkovich, 89.

He is survived by his daughter Marilyn Fritz.

Mary Rose Gooday

Mass was said on Tuesday, at Sacred Heart Church, Palos Hills, with a private interment, for Mary Rose Gooday. She was a retired clerk of the Chicago Public Schools and a member of the

Sacred Heart A.C.C.W.

She is survived by her husband Henry; her children Henry Jr. (Mary Lynn) and Antoinette (Frank) Bresnahan; three grandchildren; and her sisters Grace (Pietro) Teodo, Concetta (Sam) Messina; and her brother Michael (Johnnie) Cangelose.

Bessie Alessis

Mass was said on Tuesday, at SS Constantine and Helen Greek Orthodox Church, Palos Hills, with interment at Evergreen Cemetery, for Bessie Alessis. She was a member of the St. Helen Women's Philoptochos.

She is survived by her husband Michael; her children Cynthia (Paul) Yannias; and one granddaughter.

Walter E. Olsen

Services were held at the Robert J. Sheehy & Sons Funeral Home, Burbank, on Wednesday, with interment at Resurrection Cemetery, for Walter E. Olsen, 80. He was a veteran of WWII serving in the Marine Corps. He was a member of the Marine Corps League Burbank Detachment #072, Life Member; he was a chaplain emeritus; and a member of the Military Order of Devil Dogs Pound #12 American Legion Evergreen Park Post #854; and the Disabled American Veterans Chapter #84.

He is survived by his sister Lillian Schroeder.

William F. Sullivan

Mass was said at St. John Fisher Church, Chicago, on Monday, with interment at Mt. Olivet Cemetery, for William F. Sullivan, a veteran of the U.S. Army.

He is survived by his wife Rita; his children Janet (Anthony) Ryan, Kathleen (Quinn) Mucker, Frances (Dean) Glosson, Mary (Robert) Kenny, Bill (Diane) Sullivan, Therese (Oleg) Koujikov and Judith Daiko; 19 grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

Dorothy Gombis

Services were said at the Grace Fellowship Church, Oak Forest, on Friday, with a private interment, for Dorothy Gombis, 93. She was well known for operating a nursery school, kindergarten and summer camp for 32 years in the southwest suburbs.

She is survived by her children Theodore S. (Niki), Dr. Leon G. (Kathryn) and Ruth M. (Martin III) Ozinga; 18 grandchildren and 20 great-grandchildren; and her sisters Ann Chilton and Olga (Sam) Bessis.

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Joint Efforts To Keep Illinois Warm

Leaders from nearly 50 Illinois businesses, social service agencies and non-profit organizations joined Blagojevich administration officials and Lt. Gov. Pat Quinn for Gov. Rod R. Blagojevich's Keep Warm Illinois Leadership Summit in Chicago on Nov. 30th. The governor organized the summit to encourage private sector organizations — both non-profit and for-profit — to do their part in helping Illinois families make it through this winter's home heating crisis, which has been triggered by record-high energy prices. Joining the efforts, the United Way of Illinois and the Chicagoland Chamber of Commerce announced they are partnering with the state of Illinois to identify and assist other businesses and social service organizations willing to commit resources to the Keep Warm Illinois campaign's energy conservation and assistance efforts.

The Keep Warm Illinois campaign is a comprehensive effort to inform and prepare Illinois residents, especially the elderly, families with small children and persons with disabilities, for record-high home heating costs this winter. Reaching out and garnering the support of the business community is an integral part of the state's efforts to ensure as many households as possible are being helped this year.

The campaign's efforts, including clothing drives, energy saving workshops, winter assistance days, and statewide warming centers, are coordinated by the Governor's Office of Emergency Energy Assistance, the Illinois Departments on Aging, Healthcare and Family Services (HFS), Human Services (IDHS), Commerce and Economic Opportunity (DCEO) and the Illinois Emergency Management Agency.

During the course of the Leadership Summit attendees learned about various ongoing private and public initiatives geared toward increasing awareness on energy assistance programs and resources that are available in Illinois. There was also discussion on different recommendations to help Illinois families cut down on energy costs.

The United Way and the Chicagoland Chamber of Commerce announced that they have each formed a partnership with the Keep Warm Illinois campaign to help identify and assist businesses and social service organizations willing to commit resources supporting energy conservation and assistance efforts.

The Chicagoland Chamber of Commerce will promote Keep Warm Illinois' services to its members' companies and to the local chamber network throughout northeastern Illinois to help highlight the innovative steps companies are taking to help their employees and their communities.

"Snowbirds" Can Pay Property Taxes Early

Cook County Treasurer Maria Pappas said that "snowbirds," homeowners leaving for warmer climes over the winter, can prepay their property taxes that will be due early next year.

The deadline to pre-pay is Dec. 31, 2005.

Pappas' office mailed 2,705 bills to owners who had registered for the program to pay early on first-installment property taxes for tax year 2005, which will be due March 1, 2006. This ensures that the bills can be paid when owners cannot receive them at their winter address.

"Cook County 'snowbirds' can enjoy the sunshine without thinking about the next bill," Pappas said, adding that some 1.6 million bills will be mailed to other Cook County property owners at the end of January.

Persons who want to participate in the pre-payment program should send a written request to:

Attn: Winter Traveler
Cook County Treasurer Maria Pappas
118 N. Clark St., Room 112
Chicago, IL 60602

Pre-payments must be submitted by mail with a postmark no later than Saturday, Dec. 31, 2005, or submitted in person at the Treasurer's downtown Chicago office by the close of business on Friday, Dec. 30, 2005.

Financial Literacy Workshop

St. Augustine College will soon begin offering a series of financial literacy workshops to students and community members in three Latino neighborhoods in Chicago, thanks to a grant from Chase, the consumer and commercial banking business of JPMorgan Chase & Co.

The financial literacy training will be offered in both Spanish and English, and is designed to empower Hispanic residents to take charge of their financial future by understanding the basics of banking, saving, credit and mortgages.

The \$24,800 grant will be used to offer a 10-module series of workshops. The curriculum used will be Money Smart, a program developed three years ago by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation and available in both Spanish and English. The training will be offered in the three Chicago neighborhoods where St. Augustine operates campuses: Uptown, Westtown and South Lawndale. Workshops will begin in the Spring of 2006 and continue through the summer months.

Chase, the largest bank in Chicago, has made financial literacy a priority in its corporate philanthropy efforts.

For more information about the workshops or to register, contact Dr. Gustavo Saberstein at (773) 878-3235 or at gsaberstein@staugustine.edu.

United Way of Illinois and local United Ways will partner with the Keep Warm Illinois campaign by identifying community agencies that give utility assistance, referring people seeking energy assistance, helping individuals and businesses help others by directing donations for energy assistance, finding local agencies experienced in energy assistance, assisting in fundraising events or programs to support energy assistance and the Keep Warm Illinois campaign, distributing information regarding Keep Warm Illinois, energy assistance and conservation. The United Way has also agreed to utilize their partnerships with organizations like the Red Cross, Salvation Army, Catholic Charities and other local human service providers.

Across the state of Illinois, United Way has 50 independent community boards and is currently involved in energy assistance efforts at both the local and state levels. For example, the United Way administers the federal Emergency Food and Shelter program and oversees agencies that receive food, rent and utility assistance. Since 2002, it has administered the Ameren Dollar More Program, which will distribute \$500,000 in energy assistance to Ameren customers this year.

Historic Mesker Buildings

More than one hundred Mesker buildings have been identified by citizens since the Illinois Historic Preservation Agency (IHPA) issued an appeal six months ago to locate these historic buildings with ornamental sheet-metal and cast iron facades.

"The public response to our request has been overwhelming," said IHPA Director Robert Coomer. "These local 'history detectives' have greatly expanded our knowledge of these types of buildings, while at the same time enriching their communities' heritage."

The IHPA is compiling a database of Mesker buildings, and a section on the Agency's web site tells people how to identify them. The goal is to locate as many Mesker buildings as possible and incorporate them into an ever-expanding database. This will help recognize the historic significance of the Mesker companies in the shaping of Illinois' architectural fabric.

"Meskers," as they are often called, are found across America. Because the companies were based in the Midwest, they are particularly plentiful in Illinois and are part of the state's rich architectural history. The Mesker Brothers Iron Works of St. Louis, Missouri and the George L. Mesker & Company of Evansville, Indiana produced prefabricated architectural elements and building facades from the late 1800s to the early 1900s. The Meskers specialized in ornamental sheet-metal facades and cast iron storefront components that were ordered through catalogs and easily shipped by rail to any interested building owner.

For an updated list of all Meskers in Illinois, visit www.gotmesker.com.

Cope With Loss Of Income

The Senate passed a measure sponsored by U.S. Senators Dick Durbin (D-IL) and Evan Bayh (D-IN) to help National Guard and Reserve members cope with the loss of income during long deployments. The amendment allows reservists mobilized for more than six months to receive up to \$3,000 per month in extra pay to help close the gap between their military and civilian salaries. To qualify, a reservist must have a pay gap of at least \$50 per month.

"Many active duty troops experience an increase in income during deployments," Durbin said. "On the other hand, reservists with civilian incomes higher than their military pay actually suffer a loss. That is unfair. Many of our Guard and Reserve members are worried about their families back home. These families have less money for the monthly budget, less money for the mortgage and less money to pay gasoline and heating bills. The Senate took an important step to help correct this unfairness."

Durbin said survey data from the Dept. of Defense *Status of Forces Survey of Reserve Component Members* clearly demonstrates the need for action by Congress. The report released in September 2004 revealed that 51% of the members of the National Guard and Reserve said they suffer a loss of income when mobilized for long periods of active duty because their military pay is less than the pay from their civilian job. The average reservist loses \$368 per month but 11% report losing more than \$2,500 per month.

The Durbin/Bayh amendment was included in the Senate Dept. of Defense Authorization bill. Durbin said that he was hopeful this critical provision will become law since the House of Representatives passed a similar measure earlier this year.

Rockapella Holiday Concert

Moraine Valley Community College will host A Rockapella Holiday on Tuesday, Dec. 13th at the Dorothy Menker Theater at 7:30 p.m.

This is your 'gift of music' for the holidays. Rockapella is a New York-based a cappella vocal quintet that has recorded jingles for Folger's, Mounds and Almond Joy. They will be singing creative renditions of Perry Como's "Home for the Holidays" Rockapella's signature all-human, all-vocal sound.

Tickets are \$20 for adults and \$15 for students, seniors and staff.

Push To Solve School Funding Problems

The Illinois Association of School Boards (IASB) has resolved to push for a statewide constitutional convention in order to obtain long-sought school funding reform. More than 300 local school board representatives adopted a resolution to pursue that goal in a vote taken at this year's largest statewide conference of school leaders on Nov. 19 in Chicago.

The decision to push for a constitutional convention was one of the key actions taken by school board representatives at the policy-setting delegate assembly of IASB. The 2005 delegate assembly was part of the 73rd Joint Annual Conference of the Illinois Association of School Boards, Illinois Association of School Administrators, and Illinois Association of School Business Officials. The conference also provided training to school board members through more than 115 expert-led presentations on school governance and education.

The school board delegates also voted to urge Congress to change a provision in federal law regarding military recruitment in schools. The aim is to replace an opt-out provision with an opt-in provision for parental consent required on forms used to prevent military recruiters from gaining access to student information from schools.

Marie Slater was elected for a one-year term as president of the Illinois Association of School Boards. She has served on the Wheaton Warrenville CUSD 200 Board of Education since 1987. From 1990-94, she served as Program Chairman of the DuPage County Division of IASB. She has been a member of the IASB Board of Directors since 1994, at various times serving on the Nominating Committee, Joint Annual Conference Committee and the Executive Director Search Committee. Before being elected president of IASB she served two terms as vice president.

Mark C. Metzger was elected as Vice President of IASB for a one-year term. He has been a member of the Indian Prairie CUSD 204 Board of Education since 1991. He has served as President, Secretary and Committee Chair of every committee of his local board. Mark previously served on the IASB Nominating Committee and as an Alternate Delegate to the 2004 NSBA Delegate Assembly. Mark is frequently an invited adjunct presenter at IASB Leadership offerings and holds both Leadership Academy membership and Master Board Member status, which he has maintained since 1997.

Joseph Alesandrini was selected by the IASB board to serve as treasurer of the association. He is vice president of the Pekin CHSD 303 Board of Education, and director of the Central Illinois Valley Division of IASB. He has served as interim treasurer of IASB since May.

For more information about the Delegate Assembly, the Conference, or IASB, visit the Association's Web site at www.iasb.com.

Launch Keep Kids Warm & Safe Drive

As they lit the holiday tree at the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library, Gov. Rod R. Blagojevich, First Lady Patti Blagojevich and their daughters Amy and Annie launched the third annual *Keep Our Kids Warm and Safe* giving campaign, an effort to collect winter clothing and car seats for children who need them the most.

First launched in 2003, the governor's *Keep Our Kids Warm and Safe* campaign is an annual statewide clothing and car seat drive. Citizens, businesses and state employees are encouraged to donate new or gently used gloves, mittens, hats, scarves and new car seats. As they come in, donations will be taken to charities in communities around the state. These charities will then distribute the donations to needy families in their area. Citizens can donate clothing at the Illinois Dept. of Human Services and Illinois Dept. of Employment Security offices located throughout the state. Last year's effort netted more than 44,000 winter clothing donations from thousands of state employees, private citizens and corporate sponsors. The items were distributed to more than 100 charities around the state. During the ceremony, the governor presented Kathy Goebel of Springfield and her five-year-old twin girls, Zaria and Zandria, with new coats, hats and gloves, as well as new child safety seats.

Stress Be Gone Workshop

Kick off the holidays in a stress-free manner with Orland Township Youth and Family Services on Wednesday, Dec. 14th from 7 to 9:30 p.m. Allow yourself some time to learn "Stress Reduction and Relaxation" techniques. Indulge in body treatments, and delight your senses with aromatherapy, while learning to incorporate Eastern meditative techniques to create a more peaceful emotional state.

Also check out "In.Purseinator" handbags and "Ooh La La" lotions and candles for some last-minute holiday gifts. "Holiday Magic Stress Be Gone" workshop will cost \$10 and will be held at Orland Township Youth and Family Services office located at 14671 West Ave. Space is limited so call and reserve your spot now at 403-4001.

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The Oak Lawn Village Board Of Trustees

Pass 2006 Budget

The Oak Lawn Village Board passed the 2006 budget at the regular village board meeting on Tuesday. It was stated that expected revenues totaled \$86,397,070 while expected expenditures totaled \$88,181,164. The general fund, it was explained, was balanced at \$38,330,571 but a deficit in other funds added up to \$1,784,104. It was explained that in most of the funds the deficit would be covered by "using accumulated assets currently available in each fund."

The board also passed the annual tax levy ordinance for 2005 taxes. The levy is in the amount of \$16,568,897 which is the same amount levied in 2004. It was reported that the ordinance "provides not increase in property taxes."

Several ordinances were passed that would increase building fees and sewer rates. Building permit fees will be increased from \$10 per \$1,000 of value to \$12.50 per \$1,000 of value. Other related permits will be increased by the same amount. Sewer and water rates have been increased by four percent. The residential sewer charge was \$6.45 per month; it has been increased to \$6.70 per month. Commercial and industrial charges went from \$5.15 per month to \$5.35 per month. The sewer charge increase is to cover an increase in the cost of operations.

The cost of receiving a P-ticket in Oak Lawn has increased as well. P-ticket fines were \$25; they have been increased to \$50. P-tickets are given for parking and license violations.

In other business, the board approved a preliminary TIF eligibility analysis report for the redevelopment plan for the proposed development at 111th and Cicero. The board accepted the proposal from Kane, McKenna and Associates to prepare a "preliminary TIF eligibility analysis" of the area in order to recommend the specific boundaries for one or more TIF Districts or other redevelopment programs that may be applicable. The cost of this study will range from \$15,000 to \$17,500.

Much discussion was held on the liquor license request from the owners of the Oak Lawn Citgo at 9856 S. Cicero. The license would have allowed the convenience store to sell packaged liquor. However, the board asked if there were other gas stations in the village that actually sell liquor. Trustee Hurckes said that he was under the impression that gas stations could not sell any kind of liquor. It was explained that the convenience store was a separate building from the gas pumps. The owners were under the impression that it would be okay to sell liquor there. Hurckes asked that this be tabled until the village could determine if any gas station in the village was selling liquor. The request was tabled until the first meeting in January.

Much discussion was held on the Napleton Honda request for parking on residential streets. Bob Costa of 95th and Normandy as well as a representative from the area's homeowners association addressed the board. Costa related that he had video taped Napleton employees making illegal right turns into the neighborhood as

well as having no dealer license plates on the vehicles and other violations. He said that he is now being harassed by Napleton employees after he tried to talk to management. The resident's association was afraid that if the board let Napleton use parking up to Kolb School, which the dealership abuts, it would interfere with school busses and parents dropping off children at the school. The association was also fearful of the 'test driving' that is done down residential streets.

Mayor Heilmann reported that he would ask Ed Napleton to sit down with himself and residents to see if something equitable could be worked out. As he understood the concerns of both sides, he said that Napleton did need parking for his employees. The meeting would address the concerns of both sides of the situation. Any action on this would come after the meeting.

Mayor Heilmann reported that he, Congressman Daniel Lipinski and Senator Edward Maloney would co-sponsor a Medicare Presentation on the Drug Prescription coverage on Dec. 28th at 10 a.m. at the Oak Lawn Municipal Center, in the auditorium.

Trustee Rosenbaum reported that there is a 4th district meeting on Jan. 17th at the Salem United Church.

Village Clerk Jane Quinlan reported that Village Hall will be closed for Christmas Dec. 23rd; and for New Years on Dec. 30th and Jan. 2nd. The next meeting of the village board will be on Jan. 10th as the meeting that was scheduled for Dec. 27th has been cancelled.

She also reported that the Metra Train Station and Garage had officially opened on Dec. 5th. The dedication ceremony for the station is scheduled for Dec. 21st at 8:30 a.m.

Saint Xavier University Commencement Ceremony

Dr. Norman C. Francis, president of Xavier University in New Orleans, will be the commencement speaker at Saint Xavier University's Winter Commencement Ceremony, which starts at 2 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 18, at the Shannon Center Main Arena at Saint Xavier University's Chicago campus at 3700 W. 103rd St.

Francis will talk about the impact that Hurricanes Katrina and Rita have had on the nation's only historically black Catholic university, and efforts to reopen the university by January 2006. Listen to Francis' first-hand account of what it was like to endure the destruction of the hurricanes (all but one building on campus took on four to six feet of water) and efforts to rebuild.

Francis has also been appointed to Louisiana Governor Kathleen Blanco's Louisiana Recovery Authority, which is working to rebuild after the hurricanes. As president of Xavier University since 1968, Francis has guided Xavier's growth both in size and dimension. During his tenure, the university has more than doubled its enrollment, broadened its curriculum, expanded its campus, and strengthened its financial base.



Hurckes Joins Oak Lawn Girl Scout Troop #184 In Tree Decorating At Brookfield Zoo

Trustee Jerry Hurckes (1st District) Oak Lawn is pictured with Girl Scout Troop #184 in Oak Lawn at the Brookfield Zoo tree lighting program. Trustee Hurckes donated the tree for the Girl Scouts to decorate.

Pictured from left to right, (first row); Alina Hernandez, Olivia DeVivo, Megan Hurckes, Katie Gabel, Emma Karst, Bailey Kean, Ashley Salerno, Ashley Quinlan; (back row); Trustee Jerry Hurckes, Madison Geraghty, Jenna Hurckes, Cherri VandeWerken, Sarah Quinlan, and Amber Iracheta.

Girl Scout Troop #184 meets every other Friday at the Church of the Nazarene in Oak Lawn.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

DECEMBER 16 & 17 - Friday & Saturday - Live Outdoor Nativity Scene, Mt. Zion Church, 104th and Kostner Ave., 6:30, 7 and 7:30 p.m.

DECEMBER 17 - Saturday - Cub Scout Pack 3644 Breakfast, Evergreen Park United Methodist Church, 9358 Homan Ave., 7 to 11:30 a.m.

DECEMBER 19 - Monday - Nifty Fifties Senior Meeting, Salem United Church of Christ, 9717 S. Kostner, 1 p.m.

DECEMBER 19 - Monday - Planning & Development Commission Meeting, 9446 S. Raymond, 8 p.m.

DECEMBER 20 - Tuesday - OL Library Board Meeting, 94th & Raymond, 7 p.m.

DECEMBER 20 - Tuesday - Environmental Concerns Meeting, 9446 S. Raymond, 7:30 p.m.

DECEMBER 20 - Tuesday - Special Events Committee Meeting, 9446 S. Raymond, 7:30 p.m.

DECEMBER 20 - Tuesday - Community Mental Health Board, 9401 S. 53rd Ct., 8 p.m.

DECEMBER 20 - Tuesday - Human Services Board, 9446 S. Raymond, 8 p.m.

DECEMBER 21 - Wednesday - Oak Lawn Community High School District 229 Board Meeting, 9400 Southwest Highway, Board Room, 119, 7:30 p.m.

DECEMBER 22 - Thursday - OL Senior Citizens Commission, 5330 W. 95th St., 10 a.m.

Biggert Secures \$525,000 For Local Ecosystem Restoration Project

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New Payday Loan Protections

Attorney General Lisa Madigan reminded Illinois consumers looking for extra cash to finance their holiday spending that a new law, effective Dec. 6th, protects consumers from the outrageous finance charges and interest rates previously associated with payday loans.

Madigan, whose office helped draft the Payday Loan Reform Act of 2005, said shoppers looking to borrow extra money to pay for holiday gifts are protected by the new law, which includes a repayment plan option that stops the interest clock from ticking after 37 days of continuous debt. The new law will save Illinois consumers an estimated \$45 million a year in fees that they are currently paying for this very expensive form of short-term credit.

While payday loans remain among the most expensive form of short-term credit, consumer protections provided by the Payday Loan Reform Act of 2005 work together to limit how much and how long a consumer can be in debt. The following are the law's key provisions, which apply to every payday loan issued on or after Dec. 6th:

- A lender may charge a fee of no more than \$15.50 for every \$100 loaned;
- If a consumer repays his or her loan within two days, the lender must return the consumer's check, with the lending fee;
- A lender cannot make a payday loan if the loan would result in the consumer's being in payday loan debt for more than 45 consecutive days;
- A lender cannot make a payday loan to a consumer who has an outstanding balance on two payday loans;
- A borrower cannot borrow more than \$1,000 or 25 percent of his or her gross monthly income, whichever is less;
- When a consumer pays off the balance of all payday loans taken out in a period of 39 or more consecutive days, a lender must wait seven days before issuing that consumer a new payday loan;
- After being in payday loan debt for 35 days, a consumer is entitled to enter into a repayment plan that permits him or her to pay off any outstanding payday loans in installments, with no additional fees, interest, or charges of any kind; and
- The law provides additional protections to members of the military, including a ban on wage garnishments, deferral of collection activity for personnel deployed to a combat area, and a prohibition on contacting a consumer's commanding officer.

Madigan reminded consumers that some community banks, credit unions and small loan companies make short-term loans without exorbitant fees and interest rates. These banks will make short-term loans at comparatively low interest rates, and they require little more paperwork than the payday lenders to qualify the consumer for the loan. These lenders may prove to be far more affordable for the consumer when it comes to paying back the loan.

Clean Air In Illinois

Illinois Environmental Protection Agency Director Doug Scott announced on Dec. 7th that Illinois experienced a record best for outdoor air quality in 2004.

The Illinois EPA released its 2004 Annual Air Quality Report showing air quality in Illinois as the best since the Agency began monitoring for air pollutants. This 34th Annual Air Quality Report showed outdoor air conditions across the state were good or moderate 98 percent of the time last year.

In 2004, there were no days when air quality was deemed Unhealthy (category Red), and there were only seven days when air quality was considered Unhealthy for Sensitive Groups (category Orange), compared to 19 days in 2003. Additionally, there were no days when air quality exceeded the federal 1-hour or 8-hour standard for ozone in 2004.

Long-term trends continue to show reductions in all air pollutants, including ozone, down nine percent and particulate matter, down ten percent.

The improved air quality is being partially attributed to 2004's mild summer, during which temperatures stayed below 90 degrees for the most part. Meteorology also played a significant role in the cleaner air Illinois citizens have been breathing.

The 2004 Annual Air Quality Report consists of data collected from more than 80 different sites, using more than 200 monitoring instruments. The IEPA monitors for numerous pollutants, including federal criteria pollutants - ozone, particulate matter, sulfur dioxide, nitrogen dioxide, carbon monoxide and lead. The 2004 Annual Air Quality Report is available on the Illinois EPA web site at www.epa.state.il.us. Printed copies may be requested from the Illinois EPA's Bureau of Air at (217) 782-9315.

Human Rights Day

As millions of people all over the world observed Dec. 10th as International Human Rights Day, the Illinois Dept. of Human Rights commemorated the occasion with an informative and educational display in the James R. Thompson Center. The display features the accomplishments of human rights activists and advocacy groups, the work and achievements of the Department, and new laws recently signed by Gov. Rod R. Blagojevich that strengthen the Illinois Human Rights Act.

On Dec. 10th, 1948, the General Assembly of the United Nations adopted and proclaimed the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. This declaration represents a common statement of goals regarding human rights and other fundamental freedoms. It recognizes among other things: the fundamental rights of all people to life, liberty and the security of person; the right to an adequate standard of living; the right to own property; the right to freedom of opinion and expression; the right to education, freedom of thought, conscience and religion; and the right to freedom from torture and degrading treatment.

IDHR enforces the Illinois Human Rights Act, which prohibits discrimination on a variety of bases including race, sex, age, color, national origin, disability and against sexual harassment - in employment, housing, public accommodations, financial credit. The Agency provides individuals with an avenue to address unlawful discrimination and through education and outreach; it increases awareness among individuals and helps them recognize forms of unlawful discrimination. The Department constantly monitors its operations to ensure that staff members are trained to rapidly and effectively respond to issues of discrimination and to seek appropriate remedies for affected parties.

In 2004 alone, IDHR received over 4,000 charges of discrimination and responded to more than 17,000 inquiries. During the last three years, IDHR trained over 6,000 people on how to avoid discrimination in the workplace and in housing, and have audited public contractors and other state agencies to ensure that they follow Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO) and Affirmative Action guidelines.

Any individual wishing to file a discrimination complaint can do so in writing, by phone, or in person with any IDHR office, generally within 180 days of the date of the alleged discrimination. More information, as well as complaint forms, are available through the IDHR web site at <http://www.state.il.us/dhr>.

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CATS Approve Funding For Local Projects

The Policy Committee of the Chicago Area Transportation Study (CATS) has approved its fiscal year 2006 Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) Improvement Program. Seventy-six projects totaling more than \$105.2 million were approved for the north-eastern Illinois region, including \$53,531 for the Lake Katherine Drive/Lake Katherine bike path extension in Palos Heights.

CMAQ is a federally funded program of surface transportation improvements designed to improve air quality and mitigate congestion. CMAQ was created in 1991 as part of the Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act (ISTEA). Continuation of the program with increased funding was authorized by the Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century (TEA-21), signed into law in June 1998. The new SAFETEA-LU authorization, passed in August, continues the CMAQ program and expands its scope to include more projects to reduce particulate matter pollution.

The Village of Palos Heights was awarded CMAQ funds to construct a bicycle lane and bicycle path linking the village's existing bicycle facility on 76th Ave. to the Harlem Ave. bridge over the Cal-Sag Channel. The link will improve access to the Metra Southwest Service station in Worth.

Other projects in this area that received funding through CMAQ include:

- A commuter and bicycle bridge over LaGrange Rd. at Southwest Highway in Orland Park (\$464,000);
- Traffic signal interconnects on State St. from 127th to Illinois Sts. in Lemont (\$341,798);
- Traffic signal interconnects on Illinois Route 171/83 (Cal-Sag Road) from the Robert Kingery Highway to Bell Rd. near Lemont (\$442,704).

The full list of approved projects for northeastern Illinois can be read at the CATS web site, www.catsmpo.com. Questions or comments about CMAQ should be directed to Ross Patronsky, chief of the CMAQ

Program, at (312) 793-3474.

CATS is currently seeking project proposals for the FY 2007 CMAQ program. The deadline for submissions is Friday, Jan. 27th. Complete details are available on the CATS web site.

Compact Discs Alert

Attorney General Lisa Madigan recently alerted consumers that Sony BMG compact discs containing copy protection software raise privacy concerns and could potentially leave computer vulnerable to certain viruses. Madigan urged consumers who have purchased these compact discs to protect their computers.

Madigan said Sony BMG Music Entertainment recalled and stopped manufacturing compact discs containing extended copy protection (XCP) software after security concerns were identified. Prior to the recall, Sony BMG distributed 52 compact discs titles containing the XCP software. A complete list of titles is available online at <http://cp.sonybmg.com/xcp/english/titles.html>.

Madigan said her office is investigating the consumer protection and privacy issues related to this matter and has requested information from Sony BMG regarding its compact discs and the problematic software.

Although Sony BMG has recalled its compact discs containing XCP software, there are reports that some of these compact discs may remain on stores' shelves. Consumers are advised not to purchase any XCP compact discs that may remain on the shelves. Recalled compact discs can be identified by looking at the back of the compact disc case. If a black and white grid and the words "compatible with" appear on the back of the case, then the compact disc contains copy protection software. If "XCP" appears in the Web address at the bottom of the grid, then the compact disc contains XCP software.

Consumers who have purchased XCP compact discs should not play the compact discs on their computers because the program that must be downloaded to listen to the compact discs contains hidden technology that can leave computers vulnerable to certain viruses. If consumers already have played the compact discs on their computers, that means the XCP software has been downloaded and their computers may be vulnerable to certain viruses.

To remove the XCP software, consumers must download a customized uninstall program available on Sony BMG's Web site at <http://cp.sonybmg.com/xcp/english/updates.html>. The program cannot be removed by using standard uninstall options provided by Microsoft Windows. Sony BMG is offering an exchange program for consumers who have purchased compact discs containing the XCP software. For more information, visit <http://cp.sonybmg.com/xcp>.

Winter Storm Control

With the metropolitan region threatened by the season's first major snowstorm, the Cook County Highway Dept. was in high alert mode for winter-storm control operations - including tackling snow, ice and other roadway hazards on hundreds of miles of suburban roads. Dozens of Highway Dept. trucks were deployed, and were prepared to work through the night and prepare for the morning rush.

The Highway Dept. maintains and ensures the safety of 486 centerline miles of Cook County roads - the equivalent of more than fourteen hundred lane miles of roads. Many County roads are part of the major arterial network that leads to and from area expressways and toll roads - including two-lane highways that present unique challenges during salting and plowing operations because of limited visibility and oncoming traffic.

At the beginning of the winter storm season, Cook County activated its round-the-clock winter operations plan, and County Highway trucks and workers have been providing road salting and plowing as needed and as weather conditions dictate. Those operations, which utilize over 100 pieces of equipment and a comprehensive emergency winter storm plan, go into high gear in the wake of warnings or alerts about impending winter storms, which could wreak havoc on local transportation needs without prompt County intervention.

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Winter Ecology Walk

Two "Winter Wonder Walk" programs, sponsored by the Forest Preserve District of Will County, will be Wednesday, Dec. 28 and Saturday, Dec. 31 at 10 a.m. for each program, at Monee Reservoir. The walk, for persons of at least seven years of age, requires registration by Dec. 21 and a fee of \$3.

Life abounds during the cold winter season if you know where to look. Come out and explore nature's wonders of winter. Topics may include snow blankets, animal tracking, wildlife adaptations during winter, interrelationships of animals and plants, and plant survival tactics. If weather conditions permit, "Winter Wonder Walk" will take place on snowshoes (included in the program fee).

Upon returning from the hike, participants will be able to warm themselves before a wood-burning stove in the Monee Reservoir visitor center, and hot chocolate, coffee and refreshments will be available for purchase.

These hikes will take place over a potential snow-packed surface and varied terrain.

Monee Reservoir is located on Ridgeland Ave., west of Route 50 and south of Pauling Road, 2.0 miles south of Monee.

To register or to learn more, call (815) 727-8700, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Provides Legal Services

Since November, Catholic Charities' newly formed Legal Referral Program has been providing a way for its clients to meet with pro bono attorneys, paralegals and law students for advice. After a preliminary interview, clients' issues are evaluated to determine an appropriate referral to a legal aid agency or pro bono attorney. As the largest private social service agency in the Midwest, Catholic Charities also provides a continuum of services to help clients address their needs. This program was created as a response to a growing need the agency has seen in the lives of its clients in recent years.

According to a February 2005 report by Timothy L. Bertschy and Jennifer T. Nijman, The Legal Aid Safety Net: A Report on the Legal Needs of Low-Income Illinoisans, approximately 383,000 low-income households (those with incomes below 150% of the federal poverty guidelines, or with an income of less than \$27,600 for a family of four) experienced over 1.3 million legal problems in 2003, but received no legal assistance for more than 1.1 million of these legal issues. During this time period, low-income households received legal assistance for only one out of every six legal problems encountered.

"Each day, Catholic Charities social workers receive clients with pressing legal needs and little knowledge of where to go to have those problems answered," said Rev. Michael M. Boland, Catholic Charities Administrator, President and CEO. "It has been our goal to find a way to address those issues, and I am extremely grateful to the many members of our legal community who have come forward to help those in need."

Currently, caseworkers or clients can contact Catholic Charities' Legal Referral Program through a 24-hour hotline, (312) 948-6821. If an attorney or paralegal is not immediately available, the Legal Referral Program will return calls within 24 hours. In addition, volunteer attorneys have office hours on Tuesday from 2 to 5 p.m. and Thursday from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at 721 N. LaSalle St. in downtown Chicago. (As more volunteers are found to staff the office, its days and hours will be expanded.) The program also offers assistance at a help desk at Catholic Charities' Tuesday Night Supper Program for the hungry and homeless, held at Catholic Charities' 721 N. LaSalle St. location.

Persons interested in volunteering for Catholic Charities' Legal Referral Program can contact Antoinette Eugene of Catholic Charities' Legal Services Dept. at (312) 612-6754.

Good Samaritan Initiative

As part of the *Keep Warm Illinois* campaign, Gov. Rod R. Blagojevich recently announced the start of the Good Samaritan Initiative for the 2005-06 winter season. The initiative provides more affordable reconnection terms to Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) recipients who are customers of Ameren, Nicor Gas and Peoples Energy.

Thousands of low-income households across the state have been disconnected from utility service due to heating bill arrearages. The Good Samaritan Initiative will help many of these disconnected low-income customers by reducing the amount that the utilities require to restore service. LIHEAP beneficiaries, whose outstanding balances are too high to be covered by a LIHEAP grant alone but less than \$3,000, will need to pay only \$250 or 20 percent of the remaining balance, whichever is less, to have their service restored. Customers must also set up payment plans with their utilities for the remainder of the arrearages. The agreement with Ameren, Nicor Gas and Peoples Energy to make the Good Samaritan reconnection terms available for the 2005-06 heating season was announced by the governor in October.

Lt. Gov. Pat Quinn encouraged Illinois citizens to contribute to the Good Samaritan Trust Fund. The fund, which was established by law in 2003, allows Illinois residents and businesses to voluntarily contribute money toward the heating bills of low-income families. Contributions will benefit low-income residents of the county from which funds were donated and are tax deductible. To voluntarily contribute to the Good Samaritan Energy Trust Fund, send tax-deductible donations to the Good Samaritan Trust Fund, P.O. Box 19154, Springfield, IL 62794.

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Biggert Secures \$525,000 For Local Ecosystem Restoration Projects

U.S. Rep. Judy Biggert (R-IL-13) has announced the securing of \$225,000 in federal funding for the Orland Wetlands restoration project and \$300,000 for the Lockport Prairie Nature Preserve, two key ecosystem restoration projects in the 13th District. At Biggert's request, the funding was included in the Energy and Water Development Appropriations Conference Report, which passed the House on Nov. 14th by a vote of 399 to 17.

Orland Wetlands

"The Orland Wetlands restoration cannot be completed and reach its full ecological potential without this additional funding," Biggert said. "Few protected sites in northeastern Illinois can match the size, scale and habitat value of the Orland Tract. The sooner the project is completed, the faster my constituents throughout the area can enjoy the restored natural beauty."

This is the second consecutive year that Biggert secured funding for the Orland Wetlands, which enjoys substantial local support from the communities and residents, as well as the support of regional conservation organizations. A longtime supporter of the Orland Wetlands project, Biggert secured \$210,000 and \$225,000 for the project for fiscal years 2005 and 2006, respectively.

The Orland Wetlands is owned by the Cook County Forest Preserve and is located on the 960-acre tract in Orland Township bordered by LaGrange Rd. on the east, 104th Ave. on the west, 167th St. on the north, and 179th St. on the south. The project is a joint, local-federal project designed to restore the area to its original prairie grassland ecosystem.

Lockport Prairie Nature Preserve

Biggert also secured \$300,000 for the 365-acre Lockport Prairie Nature Preserve, a unique ecosystem that consists of wetlands and dolomite prairie situated between the Des Plaines River and its bluffs. The funding will allow the Army Corps of Engineers to process the site-specific data collected in order to complete a project report for the restoration of the Lockport Prairie Nature Preserve. This is necessary to stabilize and protect the unique ecosystem that is the Lockport Prairie Nature Preserve and the protected species it supports.

In collaboration with a technical advisory group made up of representatives of various federal and state regulatory agencies and experts on the several endangered and threatened species inhabiting the site, the Forest Preserve District of Will County (FPD) in 2000 initiated a detailed hydrologic monitoring program. The FPD collected key data on the Lockport Prairie Nature Preserve and now seeks to establish a restoration plan with the help of the technical advisory group and the Army Corps of Engineers. With the funding secured by Biggert, the Corps will be able to continue the process of developing a restoration plan.

The Senate passed the fiscal year 2006 Energy and Water Appropriations Conference Report on Nov. 14th. Now it goes to the President's desk for his signature.

Reduce Shortfall

Cook County Board President John Stroger announced recently that his administration has reduced the County's projected shortfall for 2006 from \$307 million to \$95 million. Stroger plans to release his 2006 budget next week without a property tax increase.

"I am pleased that once again we are able to balance the County's budget without an increase in the property tax levy," Stroger said. The County's property tax levy has not risen above \$720.5 million since Stroger took office in 1994. As a result of holding the levy at that level, officials estimate that the County has saved property taxpayers more than \$1.8 billion over the past 10 years. Stroger pointed to the County's bond rating as evidence that his administration has been responsibly managing County funds throughout his tenure. "This is the highest bond rating this government has had in nearly 30 years and as a result has saved taxpayers millions of dollars."

The initial shortfall of \$307 million was a combination of rising expenses, requests for additional funds by elected officials and an expected \$70 million reduction in Medicaid reimbursements. "Today's shortfall is the result of my finance team eliminating growth in the budget to less than 2% which is well below the rate of inflation and reducing funding for vacant positions," Stroger said. Additional reductions on the expense side include overtime and impersonal accounts such as office supplies, professional memberships, training and travel.

"We have cut everywhere possible without impacting services. But if we are to fulfill our mission of providing vital public health and public safety services, we will need new revenues just like other units of government have adopted," Stroger added. "At a minimum, we need to replace the \$70 million that we are losing from the federal government."

To offset the remaining \$95 million shortfall, Stroger will propose a \$1 increase on the tobacco tax and a 2% hotel tax, which combined are expected to raise \$95 million for 2006.

"I will continue to work with state and federal officials to seek additional resources but at this point we need to move forward. No one likes taxes but the County Board has an obligation to keep the healthcare system, the courts and the jail operating. These new revenues are necessary as more and more people are losing their healthcare coverage and turning to our system," he added.

Stroger is scheduled to present his 2006 budget recommendation on Monday, Dec. 19th at 11 a.m. in the County Board Room, 118 N. Clark, Room 567, in Chicago.



All Points Southwest

By THOMAS E. GAVIN

The race for the governor's mansion in the state's Republican primary is finally shaping up as Treasurer Judy Baar Topinka has announced that DuPage County State's Attorney Joseph Birkett has agreed to join with her as a candidate for Lt. Governor. Topinka will seek the governor's office; this tandem seems to be a strong contender for the March primary prize. They will be opposed by another strong duo - gubernatorial hopeful Ronald Gidwitz and State Senator Steve Rauschenberger for Lt. Governor, as well as a possible host of individuals running for the governor's chair at-large.

State Republican Chairman Andrew McKenna Jr. has urged several potential contenders to reappraise their campaign chances so that a viable Republican ticket can develop momentum for the fall campaign against Democratic Governor Rod Blagojevich. We'll keep you posted.

U.S. Senator Dick Durbin (D-IL) has informed All Points that the Senate missed an opportunity to revise the military retirement system to make it more equitable to members of the National Guard and Reserve and a more powerful incentive to continued service.

Currently, a reservist who completes 20 years of service is eligible to receive retirement pay but not until the age of 60. Durbin offered an amendment, which received 40 votes during debate on the Department of Defense Authorization Bill, offered a one-year reduction in the retirement age for each year of service beyond 20 years. Under Durbin's proposal, a reservist would have been able to begin to draw retirement pay as early as age 55 if he or she serves an additional five years.

"Today, a member of the Guard or Reserve can retire at age 38 after serving 20 years, but must wait until age 60 before receiving the first penny of any retirement pay. That's just too long. Our reserves are making enormous sacrifices, risking their lives in combat zones and dying for their country. The age to draw retirement pay must be lowered. I am disappointed that the Senate did not pass this important measure, but the fight is far from over," Durbin said.

State Comptroller Dan Hynes made it official - he's running for a third term as Illinois State Comptroller in 2006. "I run because I am convinced the state faces difficult challenges and I must do all that I can to continue a strong record of fiscal leadership in Illinois," said Hynes.

"Public service is a privilege," said Hynes. "And public service is all about priorities, about choosing, about values. I am proud of the values reflected in our accomplishments so far - promoting a state government that is more fiscally responsible, more accountable and more efficient."

Hynes reminded his audience that effective public service and straight talk on the state's pressing set of fiscal issues will continue to be a hallmark of a Hynes' Administration in its third term. He cited a variety of accomplishments recorded during his first two terms including increased efficiency in the state payment process. "Today the office processes more than 6.1 million electronic payments annually nearly double the number when I first took office." Hynes was first elected in 1998 and then re-elected in 2002.

Cook County Board President John Stroger has another fellow county commissioner coveting his job. Commissioner Forrest Claypool formally announced last week that he is a candidate for the County Board presidency. Claypool, a former head of the Chicago Park District in the 1990s,

contends that his well-run campaign organization and its resources will make him an "alternative" to the Stroger machine. Commissioner Claypool joins fellow Commissioners Michael Quigley as candidates challenging present President John Stroger in the March Democratic primary election.

State Rep. Bob Rita (D-Blue Island) will host a community blood drive at the district office in Crestwood on Saturday, Dec. 17th. Life Source Blood Center will run the drive from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Rita has been recognized as "Legislator of the Year" by the Illinois Coalition of Community Blood Centers for his work in encouraging high school students to organize blood drives. Earlier this year, he introduced and passed a law allowing many employers across the state one paid hour of leave to donate blood.

"Blood is not just needed in times of disaster. Every three seconds someone will need a transfusion," Rita said. "Please give back to your community this Christmas by donating blood. Your gift can save up to three lives."

If you would like to schedule a donation time, call Rep. Rita's district office at (708) 396-2822 or drop in at 13543 S. Cicero Ave. in Crestwood (next to Walgreen's) on Dec. 17th.

Orland Township is sponsoring a "New Year's Eve Dinner Dance" for seniors age 55 and over. The dinner dance will be held on Thursday, Dec. 29th at the Orland Chateau, 14500 S. LaGrange Rd., from 5 to 10 p.m. Tickets are necessary and may be purchased at the Orland Township Office, 15100 S. 94th Ave. Resident tickets are available for \$15 each and non-resident tickets are \$19 each. Ticket price includes a family style meal and entertainment by the Jimmy O & Rhonda Lee Duo. Door prizes and a 50/50 raffle will be offered. For more information, contact Ellen Friedl, Senior Services Coordinator or Kathy Kenyeri, Senior Services Assistant at (708) 403-4222.

Moraine Valley Community College seeks nominations for its 2006 Pacesetter and Distinguished Alumnus awards.

Pacesetter nominees must have received a degree, diploma, or certificate from Moraine Valley after June 30, 2001 - within the past five years. Distinguished Alumnus nominees must have received a degree, diploma, or certificate from Moraine Valley before June 30th, 2001 - more than five years ago.

The selection committee considers such factors as outstanding success and distinction in his/her chosen field; humanitarian service that has proven beneficial to society; and continued interest in and support of education and community colleges.

The deadline for nominations is Friday, Jan. 27th. For more information or to obtain a nomination form, call the College and Community Relations Office at (708) 974-5375.

Urge Motorists To Buckle Up

Citing preliminary statistics for fatalities on Illinois highways, Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) Secretary Timothy W. Martin and Illinois State Police (ISP) Director Larry Trent are urging Illinois drivers and their passengers to use extra caution as 2005 draws to a close. Preliminary statistics show ten more people were killed in traffic crashes through November of 2005, than for the same time period last year. State highways and interstates have seen a reduction of fatalities by 9%, while traffic deaths on local roads have increased by 10%.

Secretary Martin recently mailed letters to police agencies throughout Illinois detailing the current fatality information for all Illinois counties. In his letter Secretary Martin urged local agencies to step up their efforts on removing impaired drivers from our roadways and to take a zero tolerance approach to safety belt enforcement.

Last year saw the lowest number of traffic deaths on Illinois highways in more than 60 years with 1,356 people killed. Through the first six months of 2005 Illinois was on track to record its lowest number of traffic fatalities since 1924.

Through the first six months of this year there were 597 deaths, compared to 638 deaths during the same time period a year ago. Between July and November of this year, the number of traffic deaths has increased to 1,238, ten more than the same time period from last years, 1,228.

IDOT and ISP are urging motorists and police agencies alike to take a tough stand against impaired driving during this last month of 2005. In Illinois, 45% of our traffic fatalities are alcohol related. One way to battle the problem is a regional approach. A dozen agencies are running DUI saturation patrols along a 30-mile stretch of IL 21 (Milwaukee Ave.) from Gurnee to Chicago.

IDOT Secretary Martin noted that there were some communities making positive strides in reducing traffic deaths in their areas. He pointed out that Peoria County has seen one of the largest decreases, from 39 fatalities last year to 12 through November of this year.

Bethlehem At The Farm

The Children's Farm will host an afternoon living nativity pageant called "Bethlehem at the Farm" on Sunday, Dec. 18, from 1 until 3 p.m. The Children's Farm is located at 12700 Southwest Highway in Palos Park.

Visitors will tour through the barns where they will find the animal pens staffed by shepherds in Judean robes. Far back in the barn, they will find Mary and Joseph, and Baby Jesus lying in the manger, surrounded by singing angels. Wilbur, the farm donkey, will be there too.

A free will offering will be taken in lieu of farm admission. Punch and cookies will be served. For further information, interested persons should call The Center at (708) 361-3650.

Since Governor Blagojevich signed the primary seatbelt law in July of 2003, fatalities have decreased while seatbelt usage has increased. Before the primary enforcement law, police could not pull a driver over based solely on a seatbelt violation. At that time, seatbelt usage was just 76%. Since the Governor signed the law in July of 2003, safety belt usage climbed to 83% in June of 2004 and 86% in June of 2005.

Touch-N-Go Service

Adding value to and checking balances on Chicago Transit Authority Chicago Cards is now more convenient with new locations for reloading available throughout the CTA service area. CTA officials announced 65 locations began offering the new Touch-n-Go reloading service on Dec. 1st. Along with a promotional fee waiver period which also began on Dec. 1st, the Touch-n-Go pilot was initiated to encourage customers to make the switch to smart card technology and avoid a CTA fare increase for cash paying customers scheduled to take effect on Jan. 1st.

The 65 retail outlets participating in the Touch-n-Go pilot are Currency Exchange stores located throughout the CTA service areas. A specially designed portable device - similar to a credit/debit card machine at retail checkout counters - allows each retail outlet to provide the service. Customers give the clerk the Chicago Card and cash. The clerk uses the device to electronically add value to the card. The card along with a receipt is returned to the customers. Customers can add as little as \$1.75 to their Chicago Cards using the Touch-n-Go device.

In addition to the new 65 neighborhood locations, customers can continue to add value to Chicago Cards at the vending machines at CTA's 144 rail stations in neighborhoods throughout the service area.

Currently, more than 200 non-CTA outlets such as Currency Exchanges, Jewel-Osco and Dominick's Finer Food stores that already provide other types of CTA fare media are also offering Chicago Cards.

Chicago Cards are also available at CTA's main office at 567 W. Lake St. from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., via mail, online at CTA's web site www.transitchicago.com, or by calling 1(888) 968-7282 Monday through Friday from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Information on the pilot locations for reloading Chicago Cards are posted on the CTA web site, www.transitchicago.com. Customers also may find a location by calling 1(888) 968-7282.

"Typosquatting" Scheme

With the online holiday shopping season in full swing, Attorney General Lisa Madigan recently filed a lawsuit against a Chicago-area jewelry store that unfairly took business away from its competitors and deceived online shoppers by using copycat Web addresses to redirect consumers from their intended Internet destinations.

Perpetuating a scheme known as "typosquatting," a Chicago jewelry store targeted consumers seeking to do business with its competitors by registering several Web addresses that mimic and are almost identical to the Web addresses of other local jewelry stores. If an online shopper accidentally misspelled or mistyped another Chicago jewelry store's Web address, there was a good chance the consumer would be redirected to www.diamonds-chicago.com, Madigan's lawsuit alleges.

Madigan's lawsuit, filed in Cook County Circuit Court, names as defendants Chicago Diamonds, Inc., doing business as Diamonds Chicago, and the company's president, Michael Kelly. The lawsuit charges the defendants with violations of the Illinois Consumer Fraud and Deceptive Business Practices Act and the Illinois Uniform Deceptive Trade Practices Act.

The fraudulent practice of "typosquatting" occurs when a business registers a domain name, or Web address, similar to that of its competitor to increase traffic on its own Web site and away from the Web site of its competitor. In this case, Madigan alleges Chicago Diamonds usually only added or subtracted a single letter from the legitimate domain names of its competitors.

Madigan said her office's Consumer Protection Division received complaints from 10 Chicago-area jewelry stores alleging copycat Web addresses had been created to divert traffic away from their Web sites to the Chicago Diamonds site. For example, La Ron Jewelers in Chicago claimed that Chicago Diamonds created a copycat Web address to redirect traffic to www.diamonds-chicago.com by deleting one letter from the actual La Ron Jewelers Web address of www.laronjewelers.com.

Madigan's lawsuit asks the court to prohibit the defendants from continuing their deceptive practices and further violating Illinois' consumer protection laws. The lawsuit also seeks a civil penalty of \$50,000 and additional penalties of \$50,000 for each violation found to have been committed with the intent to defraud. Finally, Madigan's lawsuit asks the court to order the defendants to transfer the registration of all relevant domain names to the affected competitors and pay restitution to consumers.

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Thoughts On Health & Nutrition

by
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ORGANIC TURKEYS: ARE THEY SAFE?

This Christmas when you are turkey shopping, you may be considering a different kind of Tom turkey—the organic Tom! In response to growing concerns for public safety regarding antibiotics in poultry, Americans are consuming organic turkeys in record numbers. Organic birds are raised without antibiotics, fed 100 percent certified organic feed, and packaged without artificial flavors or colors. According to the organic trade association, “organic poultry sales – which includes turkey – are forecasted as the fastest growing category of organic products sales, with an anticipated annual growth of 33.2 percent through 2008.”

Antibiotics are commonly used in conventional agriculture to speed livestock growth and prevent some diseases. Public health authorities link this use of antibiotics to more persons contracting infections which resist treatment with the same drugs.

Consequently, the American Medical Association adopted a resolution in June, 2001, opposing the use of antimicrobials at non-therapeutic levels in agriculture, or as pesticides or growth promoters, and urged that such uses be ended, based upon scientific risk assessments.

Several large poultry companies announced that they will phase out one particular poultry antibiotic that the US Food and Drug Administration suspects could be to blame for generating antibiotic-resistant bacteria.

But despite the promise, farmers are not required to report antibiotic use, and consumers have no way of knowing if their poultry purchases are supporting it.

Consumers can be sure of avoiding the use of antibiotics in food production by buying organically produced meat. Antibiotics, growth hormones and artificial flavors and colors are forbidden in certified organic foods, which must comply with strict national standards.

For the health-conscious consumer, low fat, high protein organic turkey is a popular choice year-round, and it tastes the same as regular turkey. Nationwide, over 15 percent of the turkey consumed at Thanksgiving, and over 8 percent at Christmas, is organic.

For more information, and for organic holiday recipes, go to www.theorganicreport.org.

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Flu Shots Available

It's not too late to get your flu shot. The Cook County Department of Public Health still has vaccine at some of its clinics for those meeting eligibility requirements and urges those who have not gotten their shot to do so soon.

“Vaccinations are available at no-cost to residents,” said Cook County Board President John H. Stroger Jr. “No one's health should be at risk because they didn't get a flu shot. The flu puts thousands in the hospital every year and causes 36,000 needless deaths.”

The flu is caused by a virus that infects the nose, throat and lungs. Generally, the flu includes symptoms such as fever, cough, sore throat, runny or stuffy nose, headache, muscle aches and fatigue. Flu is highly contagious and spreads easily from person to person, primarily when an infected person coughs or sneezes. Typically flu season occurs between October and March, with peak season in February.

CCDPH is recommending flu shots for: people two to 65 with chronic illness (heart, lung, kidney disease, asthma); residents of long term care facilities; people 65 years of age and older; infants six to 23 months of age and anyone who lives in a household with an infant between 0-23 months of age; anyone who lives in a household with a person with chronic disease or cares for a person with high risk medical conditions; health care workers who provide direct patient care; and pregnant women.

Clinic hours and times for the remaining clinics are: Bridgeview, 5th District Courthouse, 10220 S. 76th Ave., open Thursday afternoons from 4 to 6 p.m. and the first Thursday morning of each month from 9 to 11 a.m.; Markham, 6th District Courthouse, 16501 S. Kedzie Parkway, open Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., and until 7 p.m. on Tuesdays; Maywood, Eisenhower Tower, 1701 S. First Ave., 1st floor, open Monday through Friday 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and the first Thursday afternoon of every month from 4 to 6 p.m.; and South Holland, 52 W. 162nd St., open Monday through Friday, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Clinics will be closed on Jan. 16, Feb. 13 and 20 in observance of federal holidays.

For more information on CCDPH flu clinics log onto www.cookcountypublichealth.org, or call (708) 492-2000. TDD for speech/hearing impaired: (708) 492-2002.

“Top Ten List” For Holiday Visits With Seniors

The holidays offer families a special opportunity to celebrate common bonds. But what about elderly individuals who live alone or in nursing homes? It is always important to include these individuals in family celebrations. By organizing well-planned and enjoyable visits, friends and family members can help elderly people make the 2004 holiday season memorable and meaningful. The Illinois Council on Long Term Care, a state nursing home association, offers its “Top Ten List” on how to make visits with seniors during the holidays more rewarding for everyone involved.

Help with Holiday Decorating – Visitors can help elderly individuals put up a Christmas tree, place decorations on walls, or hang up lights. Decorating could become a fun activity for several generations of a family. For seniors in nursing homes, visitors can bring holiday decorations with them to make these individuals' rooms more festive and home-like. In addition, the elderly individual may enjoy working on a craft project, such as creating an ornament for the Christmas tree or a stocking to hang on the fireplace. A simple craft activity would be a fun project for the senior to do with children.

Tape Stories or Create a Life Story Book – Seniors have a wealth of interesting stories to share. Consider tape-recording these stories for future generations to enjoy. Or try creating a life storybook, which would consist of photographs, announcements, newspaper clippings, memorabilia and text placed in a three-ring binder that showcase the senior's life history.

Bring in Photo Albums or Other Memorabilia – During a visit, consider bringing in family photo albums as a way to spark conversation, including pictures of holidays past. Provide meaningful pieces of memorabilia that will elicit positive memories, such as small antique items, a coin collection, a favorite book, or other objects that reflect the background and the interests of the individual.

Assist with Writing Holiday Cards or Letters – Because of arthritis and vision impairments, many elderly persons find it difficult to write cards and letters. During the holidays, consider helping an elderly person prepare cards for family and friends. It may be beneficial to volunteer reading letters the elderly person has received and offering to transcribe any replies back. In the nursing home, the elderly person may find it challenging to get needed supplies, so consider bringing cards, stationery, pens and stamped envelopes.

Organize a Visit or Call from Clergy – This holiday season marks a good opportunity to organize a visit or even a phone call between a senior and a favorite clergy member, especially if they haven't had a recent opportunity to visit. They can also discuss news in the congregation, describe this year's holiday events or simply catch up.

Bring in a Recipe Book and Plan Several Menus – Many seniors have a long history of holiday entertaining and would enjoy dispensing advice on what to prepare for holiday menus. Bring in some cookbooks and review the various recipes. It may be a fun activity to bring in food supplies for preparing holiday fixings together, such as preparing no-bake cookies with a person who lives in a nursing home.

Listen to Favorite Music Tapes or Old-time Radio Shows – Bring in some of the elderly person's favorite music, including holiday music from the artists of years past, and listen to it together during a visit. A tape player would be a wonderful gift for a senior who doesn't already own one. A creative approach would be to visit the local library to check out audiotapes of old-time radio shows, such as Amos and Andy, Jack Benny, or Fibber McGee and Molly. Holding a carol sing-along and recording it would be another memorable way to mark the holiday season.

Do Some Holiday Shopping from Catalogs – If the elderly person is unable to go out shopping, bring the shopping to them.

Take over a variety of catalogs and peruse the pages for holiday gifts. Ask for advice on what to get for various members of the family. Assist the senior in making his or her own purchases.

Read Aloud from Newspapers, Magazines or Church Bulletins – As elderly persons may have hardships with reading, consider reading aloud articles from the person's favorite newspapers and magazines. Large print books and periodicals make wonderful gifts for seniors during the holidays. Church bulletins can also serve as an excellent source of conversation.

Listen, Listen, Listen – Probably the most important piece of advice is to truly listen to the words the senior person has to say and to hear the feelings behind these words. Too often, visitors end up doing most of the talking during a visit, because they feel uncomfortable and may be in a rush to get several things done that day. Taking the time to really listen is one of the most generous gifts we can offer to an elderly person, helping this individual to feel appreciated, valued and loved. If the person is unwilling or unable to talk, holding a hand or giving a hug goes a long, long way.

While visits during the holidays are very important, don't forget about the rest of the year. It is important that family and friends take an active role in helping seniors who live alone or in nursing homes feel valued and appreciated. Consider buying a calendar for the elderly person for the year 2006, and marking down dates planned for future visits.

Thanks And Giving Campaign

For the second year, Westfield has partnered with St. Jude Children's Research Hospital® to raise funds through the Thanks and Giving campaign at all Chicago Westfield Shopping Centers through Dec. 31. The national promotion benefits St. Jude, the world's premier pediatric cancer research center. During this promotion a set of two unique cause bands will be available for \$2 a set at the Shopping Concierge Centers. Thanks and Giving encourages consumers to give thanks for the children in their lives who are healthy while giving to those children who are not, with the hope that some day all children will be healthy.

The Thankful for You bands are unique because they are sold in sets of two, including one adult and one child bracelet per package. This distinctive concept offers the opportunity for adults to show how thankful they are for the children in their lives and to share the concept of public support of a cause near to their family's heart.

The dual Thankful for You bands are a bright peridot green, symbolizing health and vitality. The energizing color is the symbol for this year's Thanks and Giving campaign. All proceeds from band sales going directly to St. Jude. More than 60 Westfield Centers in the United States, including the seven in Chicago, will sell Thankful for You bands at the Shopping Concierge stations to raise funds and awareness for this vital cause.



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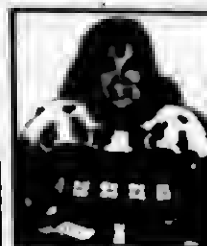
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Give Lasting Gifts This Holiday Season

In the spirit of the holiday season, the United Spinal Assn. is calling upon all Americans to remember the approximately 250,000 of their fellow citizens with spinal cord injury and the nearly half a million people with multiple sclerosis or other diseases of the spinal cord.

"It's a season of giving and we urge everyone to consider meaningful and lasting gifts," said United Spinal's Executive Director Gerard M. Kelly. "We can change an entire life forever with the gift of our time and our money to help individuals with spinal cord injury or disease."

Nearly 60 years ago a group of paralyzed World War II veterans joined together to assert their fundamental civil rights to the same opportunities their countrymen enjoyed and they dedicated themselves to building meaningful, productive lives for all of their paralyzed fellow soldiers. Through their efforts to secure better health care, accessible public buildings and transportation, and equal opportunities in the workplace, these veterans continued serving their country long after leaving the battlefield and today that legacy lives on in the United Spinal Association's expanded mission to serve not just our brave veterans but all Americans living with paralysis or other mobility impairments.

"As United Spinal approaches its 60th Anniversary

Year, we are proud to announce that we are the fastest growing organization dedicated to spinal cord injury and disease in the country. We ask our fellow Americans to bear in mind that the security and the comforts we enjoy this holiday season were – and continue to be – purchased by the sacrifice of our young men and women in uniform around the world and that if the season prompts a spirit of giving, there are few better causes than our veterans and all of our fellow citizens living with spinal cord injury and disease," Kelly said.

For more information on how to make a lasting gift this holiday season, visit United Spinal at www.unitedspinal.com.

Active Military Identity Theft

Attorney General Lisa Madigan recently urged active duty military personnel to take full advantage of their rights under the federal Fair Credit Reporting Act (FCRA) to protect their identity.

Madigan said that under the FCRA, active duty personnel can contact any or all of the three national credit reporting companies to place an "active duty alert" on their credit reports. Madigan said this assures military personnel that a business or financial institution must verify that a person applying for credit is not using a service member's credit history to run up bad credit card debt and committing other financial crimes in their name.

Military personnel can contact the three national credit-reporting companies at:

Experian, P.O. Box 2002, Allen, TX 75013, (800) 297-3742, TTY (800) 972-0322, www.experian.com

Equifax, P.O. Box 740241, Atlanta, GA 30374, (800) 685-1111, www.equifax.com

TransUnion, Two Baldwin Place, 1510 Chester Pike, Crum Lynne, PA 19022, (800) 888-4213, www.transunion.com

Madigan said that under the Act, the "active duty alert" remains in effect for one year unless cancelled by the individual or designee.

A recent amendment to the FCRA, known as the Fair and Accurate Credit Transaction Act (FACT), established the free credit report program. The program requires the three national credit-reporting firms to provide consumers, at their request, with a free copy of their credit report every 12 months.

For additional information, veterans can call Madigan's Veterans Rights Bureau Assistant Chief James Capparelli at 1(800) 382-3000.

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Address Adolescent Mental Health Issues

More than 50 suburban high school counselors gathered Friday, Dec. 9th to learn about the Mental Health Association of Greater Chicago's (MHAGC) innovative Mental Health Awareness in Education (MHAE) initiative, a progressive way for schools to address the serious and all-too-often overlooked mental health issues facing today's youth.

"Now more than ever, today's school counselors and teachers are dealing with mental health issues that impact the learning and lives of many of their students," said Dr. Bruce Lane, president of the Directors of Counseling and Student Services of Suburban Chicago. "Educators must seek the necessary tools to appropriately understand and address these issues if they are to assure the success of all students."

The first of its kind in the country, MHAE includes workshops, training sessions and a comprehensive Adolescent Mental Health Handbook to teach school personnel how to respond appropriately and effectively to the most common mental health disorders in adolescents. The unique program fills the educational gap for teachers and counselors, many of whom have no experience in dealing with mental illness; and for schools that need community mental health resources to fill the deficit between student need and the mental health resources available in schools.

As a member of the State of Illinois Children's Mental Health Partnership, Schriver's program teaches professionals, families and adolescents how to identify but not diagnose mental illnesses such as eating disorders and depression; what to say and what not to say to those who suffer; and, how to halt the downward spiral of untreated mental illness. More than 25 schools throughout the state have been involved in the program.

The MHAGC has a strategic partnership with Chicago Public Schools and has worked closely with the Institute for Juvenile Research at the University of Illinois to develop the Adolescent Mental Health Handbook, which is regarded by the UCLA Center for Mental Health in Schools as the first comprehensive mental health publication for school teachers and counselors in the country. The MHAGC has also created a 15 week Mental Health curriculum for student health education and psychology classes that is currently being piloting in three Chicago schools.

The Mental Health Association of Greater Chicago (MHAGC) is an independent, not-for-profit, volunteer Association founded in 1957. MHAGC advocates for the social and emotional health of children and families, and provides practical tools and educational training for identification, prevention, and referral of mental illness.



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Veterans And Soldiers News

By Lori Taylor

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The 82nd Airborne Division Association is looking for veterans who served in airborne units from WW II to today's troopers. Veterans from all the airborne units are members of the association, including the 11th, 13th, 17th, 101st, today's Special Forces as well as in the 82nd Division. They hold regular monthly meetings, picnics, dinner dances, many mini-reunions, a National Convention, WW II School Programs and participate in local parades. Their motto Once Airborne – Always Airborne still applies after sixty years. Airborne is the only requirement to join. For complete details on reunions and membership material write to Airborne Activities, 5459 Northcutt Pl., Dayton, Ohio 45414, or call (937) 898-5977 or email argabn@aol.com. You will probably have to contact them to find out if there are any local chapters in the area.

On Dec. 7th, at a full Veterans' Committee oversight hearing on claims processing at the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), Chairman Steve Buyer (R-Ind.) heard testimony of excessive wait times for claims decisions and clear indications that VA needs more claims adjudicators.

The backlog of pending claims and the time it takes VA's Veterans Benefits Administration (VBA) to process a claim has increased over the past two years. Major concerns cited at the hearing beyond the backlog of claims included: A lack of quality in claims decisions; A need for medical staff who conduct disability examinations to have a greater knowledge of health issues specific to veterans; The perception that some claims processors have a complacent or dismissive attitude about their work.

"Veterans just want to be treated well. They recognize that something is not right and they are making a claim. How they are treated is important. It is about quality and attitude," said Chairman Buyer.

Buyer, at the hearing's conclusion, asked representatives of veterans groups who had provided testimony, including the VFW, The American Legion, Disabled American Veterans, Paralyzed Veterans of America, and AMVETS, if they thought that VA needed more claims adjudicators.

Hearing their unanimous agreement that additional VBA staffing would help resolve the claims backlog and problems with quality decisions, Buyer said, "The increase in disability claims can be directly related to the increase in U.S. military operations abroad. Doing more with less is not a strategy of success."

"We will need to increase the staffing at both the regional compensation office level and at the Board of Veterans Appeals to attack this backlog and prepare for the anticipated increases in additional claims," Buyer said. "I look forward to working with Ranking Member Lane Evans, veterans groups, and the Administration to come to a viable solution to resolve this pressing concern."

Testimony was provided by William B. Jones, M.D., Col. United States Air Force Reserve (Ret.); Honorable James P. Terry, Chairman of Board of Veterans' Appeals; Ronald R. Aument, Deputy Under Secretary for Benefits, VBA; Donald Mooney, Assistant Director for Resource Development Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation Commission at The American Legion; James Doran, National Service Director of AMVETS; Brian E. Lawrence, Assistant National Legislative Director for DAV; Blake Ortnier, Associate Legislative Director of PVA; Quentin Kinderman, Deputy Director, National Legislative Service VFW.

Navy Seaman Apprentice Nicole C. Navarro, daughter of Colleen Crowley of Burbank and Joseph Navarro of Burbank, recently completed U.S. Navy basic training at Recruit Training Command, Great Lakes. Navarro is a 2005 graduate of Thornton Fractional South High School in Lansing.

Marine Corps Pvt. Alexis T. Castillo, son of Eva and Merced Torres of Blue Island, recently completed 12 weeks of basic training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot, San Diego, California, designed to challenge new Marine recruits both physically and mentally.

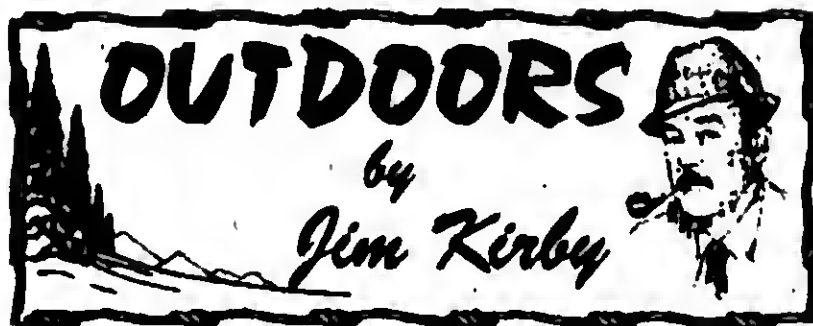
Army National Guard Pfc. Angel M. Reyes has graduated from basic training at Fort Jackson, Columbia, South Carolina. He is the son of Nancy and Gilbert Guerrero of Evergreen Park. The private is a 2005 graduate of Evergreen Park High School.

Marine Corps Pvt. Andrzej J. Lowisz, son of Halina Lowisz of Palos Hills, recently completed 12 weeks of basic training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot, San Diego, California, designed to challenge new Marine recruits both physically and mentally.

That's all for this week folks. God bless you and your loved ones and God bless America.

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SOUTHERN ILLINOIS DEER HUNTING - A TRIP DOWN MEMORY LANE: For the past 15 years, Jim Grady, Orland Park, and I have hunted deer during the second season, on the south end of Rend Lake, near Benton, Illinois. We were guests of Cyril Bowlin who I befriended as the result of a spilled fishing tackle box and a cold six pack of Stag beer (but that's another story).

Over the years, Cyril and I hunted quail, rabbits, pheasants, doves, ducks, geese, and enjoyed fishing the many lakes that Cyril guided on in the area. But the highlight of our outdoor activities was deer hunting with his dad Bud, Uncle Wendall and Cyril's many friends.

Cyril had the knack of being able to place hunters in stands that complimented the location of the other hunters, so that everybody had a good chance of getting a deer. The Bowlin family owned a large stand of woods that Cyril knew like the back of his hand, and had a pretty good idea as to what the deer would do under varying conditions.

Sadly, that all came to an end on Oct. 17th, 2004, Cyril passed away as a result of complications that had been plaguing him for quite some time. My wife Mary and I were in northern Wisconsin celebrating our anniversary (Oct. 17th), grouse hunting and muskie fishing. We didn't hear about Cyril's untimely death until our return home.

Phone calls were made to Cyril's family expressing our condolences, and expecting our deer hunt to be canceled, his family wanted to continue the tradition in Cyril's honor. The property had been sold, but the new owner gave hunting privileges to Cyril's family and said Grady and I could hunt that year.

To our surprise, Grady and I were invited back this year. Opening morning, I had a shot at a six-pointer. Just as I pulled the trigger, my left shoulder gave out, the gun dropped, and thankfully it was a clean miss. The hunter's prayer (Dear Lord, if I can't kill clean, let me miss clean) came into play here. Right then and there I resolved to give up gun deer hunting, for fear that I would wound a non-retrievable deer. I'm still in therapy after a shoulder operation on July 19th but see no improvement.

Rather than give up hunting, the boys suggested that I look into hunting with a handgun, which is perfectly legal with certain restrictions. Since coming home, I have been practicing holding and aiming a handgun - it works for me. If invited back to hunt next year, I will be using a handgun, unless a miracle happens and I get back the use of my left shoulder.



Jim Grady with his "Spike Buck"

Grady shot a nice spike buck that's being processed at Czimer's Wild Game and Seafoods on 159th St. in near-by Homer Glen, Illinois. Grady is having the deer made into butterfly chops, loins, roasts and hamburger. And being the gentleman that he is, he has offered to share the meat with me.

Throughout our hunt, the good times we had with Cyril kept cropping up. We even had dinner with his wife Gay, and daughter Adena. We learned that the Historical Society in Benton had a wall dedicated to Cyril. This I had to see, there it was with his photos, awards, mounted fish and trophies. Proclamations from the Governor and other dignitaries extolled his accomplishments and gave him credit for making Rend Lake the "fishing jewel" of Southern Illinois.



Cyril Bowlin's "Wall of Fame" in the Historical Society Of Benton, Illinois

During his years as a top fishing guide, his clients included sports stars, politicians, TV and radio personalities, as well as just plain folks who wanted to have a good time, enjoy Cyril's sense of humor and, yes, catch some fish.

During 2004, Cyril was inducted into the "Fresh Water Fishing Hall of Fame" in Hayward, Wisconsin as a "Legendary Guide," the only one so honored from the state of Illinois.

In addition to his guiding service, "CB" as he was affectionately known to his friends, Cyril starred in many TV series, radio programs, won fishing tournaments and published *Southern Outdoor Recreation News* magazine.

"Musher Mania"

"Musher Mania," a free, all-age family program sponsored by the Forest Preserve District of Will County, will be on Saturday, Jan. 14th from 12 noon to 4 p.m. at Monee Reservoir.

Hear the "call of the wild" at this winter dog-sledding program where The Siberian Club of Greater Chicago will provide presentations on "mushing." Bring the entire family to watch these trained dogs in live demonstrations of their strength and teamwork. Pull a sled at our "Human Mushing" demo, run a snowshoe race, roast marshmallows by a fire, or have a picture taken with a sled dog. A warming room will be available with coffee, hot chocolate, and snacks for sale.

The day's schedule is: 12 noon to 1 p.m., Presentation: History of Iditarod and Basic Dog Sledding; 12 noon to 4 p.m., Pictures taken with a sled dog and human mushing; 1:15 to 4 p.m., Dog run demonstrations; 1:30 to 2 p.m., Snowshoe races; 2:15 to 3:15 p.m., Presentation: Eating to Win and Skiing.

Weather doesn't stop these dogs, so don't let it stop you from joining us. The demonstrations will take place with or without snow. (If there is no snow cover, the demonstrations will be done on sleds with wheels.) For safety reasons, please do not bring your own dog to this program.

"Musher Mania" will be held out of doors, and the ground could be snow covered. Walkways will be cleared.

Monee Reservoir is located at 27341 Ridgeland Ave., west of Route 30 and south of Pauling Rd., 2.0 miles south of Monee.

For more information, call (815) 727-8700.

Holiday Sports Luncheon

The Southland Chamber of Commerce will host its annual Holiday Sports Luncheon on Tuesday, Dec. 13th from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., at the Odyssey Country Club, 19110 S. Ridgeland Ave.

The featured speaker will be Steve Trout, pitching coach for the Windy City Thunderbolts and former White Sox player.

The luncheon is \$35 per person. For more information on this event, contact the Chicago Southland Chamber at (708) 957-6950.

ThunderBolts Thursday

The Windy City ThunderBolts announce that on Dec. 15th they will be having a ThunderBolts Thursday from 5 to 7 p.m. at Joe Daniel's Neighborhood Eatery & Pub. Meet ThunderBolts staff and forget about the temperatures outside by talking baseball. Free appetizers will be provided and just in time for Christmas, ThunderBolts merchandise and gift cards will be available for purchase. Joe Daniel's is located at 12218 S. Harlem Ave. in Palos Heights.

Season and group tickets are currently on sale for the 2006 season, and can be purchased by calling the ThunderBolts office at (708) 489-2255. For the latest team news and schedule information, visit www.wcthunderbolts.com.

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SXU Sports News

Belmonte Women's Soccer All American

St. Xavier University senior midfielder Jen Belmonte was named a 2005 NAIA Women's Soccer Second Team All-American when the selection committee recently announced the honors. In addition, sophomore forward Lissa Coby and sophomore defender Cassie Rumpf both earned honorable mention recognition on the NAIA All-American Team in their respective positions.

Belmonte recorded nine goals and 14 assists playing in all 20 games during her senior season. She is the first women's soccer player in the nine-year history of the SXU women's soccer program to earn a spot higher than honorable mention on an NAIA All-American Team.

Coby led the Cougars in goals (12), assists (21) and total points (45) in 2005, but played in just 17 games due to injury. Rumpf played in all 20 games for St. Xavier at defender and tallied two assists, while anchoring a defense that allowed just over a goal a game (1.06).

St. Xavier finished the 2005 season with an overall record of 14-4-2 and was named co-champion of the CCAC with an 8-1 mark. The Cougars also qualified for the quarterfinals of the NAIA Region VII Tournament.

Best Deer Harvest Ever

Hunters in Illinois harvested a preliminary total of 114,209 deer during the seven-day firearm deer-hunting season from Nov. 18th to 20th and Dec. 1st to 4th. The preliminary harvest total compares with the record-setting harvest total of 116,675 deer taken during the 2004 firearm season.

Hunters took a preliminary second-season (Dec. 1st to 4th) harvest total of 37,158 deer compared with last year's second-season harvest total of 42,856. This year's preliminary first-season (Nov. 18th to 20th) deer harvest was 77,051 compared with a first-season harvest of 73,919 in 2004. The figures include deer harvested in the 98 counties in which firearm hunting is permitted and deer harvested on state sites where special permits are issued.

Preliminary harvest reports for the 2005 firearm season show that Pike County led the state with a total harvest of 3,737.

Deer hunters in most downstate counties registered their harvest through the new DNR Direct harvest reporting system by going online or calling a toll-free number to report their harvest.

Illinois' muzzleloader-only deer hunt was from Dec. 9th to 11th, while the Late Winter Firearm Antlerless-only Deer Season in 51 counties is from Jan. 13th to 15th. Permits were issued previously for these seasons. Resident landowners with unfilled "Property-only Hunting" landowner/tenant permits for the firearm season may use those permits to take antlerless deer on their property during the Late Winter Firearm Antlerless-only Deer Season if the property is located in one of the 51 counties open for the late winter season. Other unfilled firearm season permits will not be valid for the Late Winter Firearm Antlerless-only Deer Season.

The statewide archery deer-hunting season continues through Jan. 12th.

Special Olympics Athletes

Nearly 250 athletes from across the state competed in the 2005 Special Olympics Illinois State Bowling tournament on Dec. 3rd in Peoria.

To compete in the bowling tournament, athletes must have trained for at least eight weeks and qualified through one of 17 areas in the state. Competition gives athletes the opportunity to demonstrate the sports skills they have developed through training. Athletes are placed in divisions based on age and skill level so that each athlete can have the opportunity to experience success while competing on a comparable playing field.

Special Olympic Athletes from our area include: Keith Bilski of Worth who receive a silver medal in the Bowling Ramp competition; John Hines, Silver Medal, and Ira McKeever, Gold Medal, of Palos Heights, who placed in the Bowling Ramp Competition; Anthony M. DiGregorio of Mokena, Bronze Medal and Ashton Slusarski of New Lenox, Gold Medal, who placed in the Bowling Singles Competition; Wayne Demigh of Orland Park, 5th place ribbon, and Andrea Holmquist of Tinley Park, 4th place ribbon, who placed in the Bowling Singles Competition; Stacey Karides of Orland Park, Silver Medal and Timothy Williams of Hickory Hills, Gold Medal who placed in the Bowling Singles Competition.

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"Affinity Fraud" Victims

Attorney General Lisa Madigan and Secretary of State Jesse White recently announced that a Chicago-area man who used his religious ties with pastors and fellow church members to lure them into a web that snared 144 victims in nine states with promises of big investment returns has pleaded guilty to numerous felonies and has been sentenced to serve 7.5 years in prison.

Madigan and White said James E. Upshaw of Oak Brook pleaded guilty during a morning arraignment to the charges against him. Although some of the charges are consolidated in the plea, Upshaw originally was indicted on four counts of theft of over \$100,000, a Class One Felony; six counts of theft of over \$10,000, a Class Two Felony; and 16 counts of securities fraud, a Class Three Felony.

Upshaw's victims included a destitute woman who took her last dollars and won \$812,000 at a casino only to be taken in by the con artist, a woman represented by famed lawyer Johnnie Cochran who won a medical malpractice settlement and a pastor who invested church funds. Several of Upshaw's victims were older than 60.

Holding himself out as a preacher, praying during his presentations and implying that his investment decisions were communicated to him by God, Upshaw duped his victims into "investing" \$6.5 million with him between 2001 and 2004. Upshaw paid out approximately \$4.5 of the \$6.5 million to investors as purported returns on their investments, and in some instances, as a return of principal. Upshaw used the remaining \$2 million to run his business, pay himself and his wife, make a down payment on a \$1 million house in Oak Brook and pay other debts. It appears from thousands of records that only about \$80,000 of the \$6.5 million actually was invested. All the investors' funds were deposited in Illinois banks. Upshaw managed to pay money to early investors by using money that came in from new investors, a classic pyramid scheme. However, his failure to invest the money and his lavish lifestyle eventually caught up with him and his checks to investors started bouncing.

Known as an "affinity fraud," in which a criminal or con artist convinces people to trust him because they share a common religious or ethnic background, Upshaw not only hit Chicago-area churches but made numerous presentations across the country to preach his special brand of investment gospel.

While Madigan's office is seeking restitution for investors, at this time, there are no known assets with which to repay victims roughly \$3 million they are owed. In a civil case last year, the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) seized Upshaw's home and other assets.

Bad Check Program

State's Attorney Richard Devine warns merchants during the holiday season that more bad checks are written than at any other time of year. "In spite of taking all the right precautions, sometimes bad checks slip through the cracks and result in higher consumer costs and increased taxes to offset the costs of law enforcement and prosecution," Devine said.

To assist local merchants in their efforts to reduce the number of bad checks, the State's Attorney's Bad Check Restitution Program helps local merchants who are victimized to obtain full restitution, and holds check writers accountable for their actions without creating an added burden on the criminal justice system.

Since January 2005, nearly 34,000 checks have been processed through the program, resulting in \$655,119 in restitution paid to merchants. To avoid prosecution, over 1,800 first-time offenders have voluntarily participated in a diversion program in which they pay full restitution and costs; pay for and attend an educational class; and pay an administrative fee. More serious offenders, repeat offenders, or those with a criminal history not suitable for diversion may be prosecuted.

How the program works:

1. The victim makes personal contact with the check writer.
2. If unsuccessful in collecting money, the victim contacts the program by calling (800) 365-2960 or by emailing tocookil@checkprogram.com. Additional information is available on the Bad Check Restitution Program web site: www.checkprogram.com/cookcountyil.
3. The victim fills out a crime report, attaches originals of checks and notification documents and mails it to the Cook County Bad Check Restitution Program, P.O. Box A3984, Chicago, IL 60608-3984.

A check is eligible for this program if:

1. The amount of the check is no more than \$5,000 (or multiple checks do not exceed this limit). There are no minimum dollar restrictions.
2. The check was received in Cook County, deposited in a bank in exchange for goods or services, and was presumed "good" at the time of acceptance.
3. A courtesy notice was sent to check writer allowing 10 days to make the check good.
4. The check is submitted to the program within 90 days from the date of the check.
5. A photo I.D. (driver's license, state identification card) was recorded at the time of transaction.

In operating the program, the State's Attorney's Office partners with the American Corrective Counseling Services (ACCS). ACCS operates similar programs in about 60 counties in a dozen states. In Illinois, ACCS operates bad check programs in 19 counties.

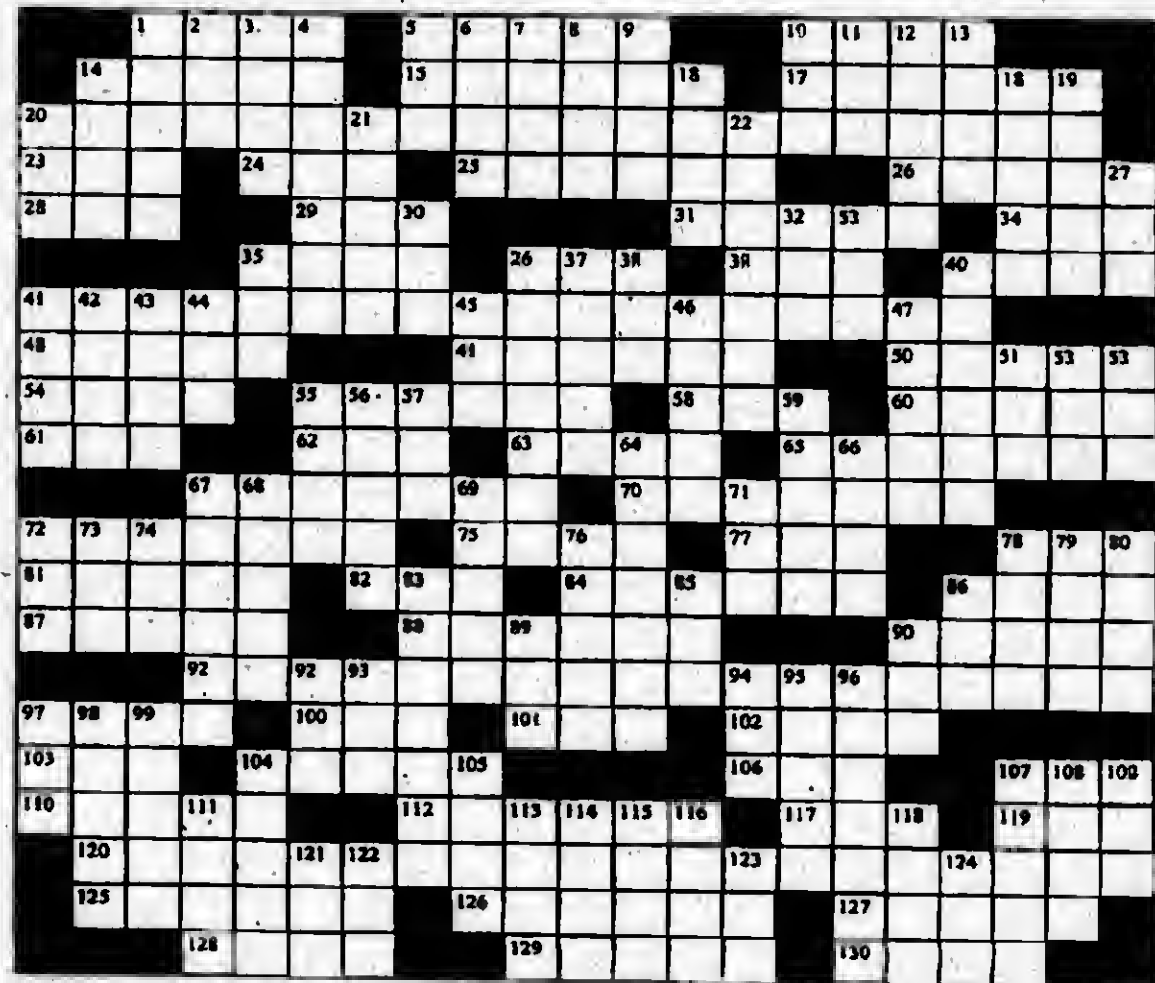
For further information on the Bad Check Restitution Program, merchants can contact the State's Attorney's Office at (312) 603-8700 or the Victim Hotline at (800) 365-2960.

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Gidwitz Chooses A Running Mate

Republican Gubernatorial Candidate Ron Gidwitz welcomed State Sen. Steve Rauschenberger (R-Elgin) as his running mate dramatically shifting the dynamics of the Republican Governor's race with a match-up that challenges the status quo with a platform for renewal and reform in the state Republican Party and Illinois state government.

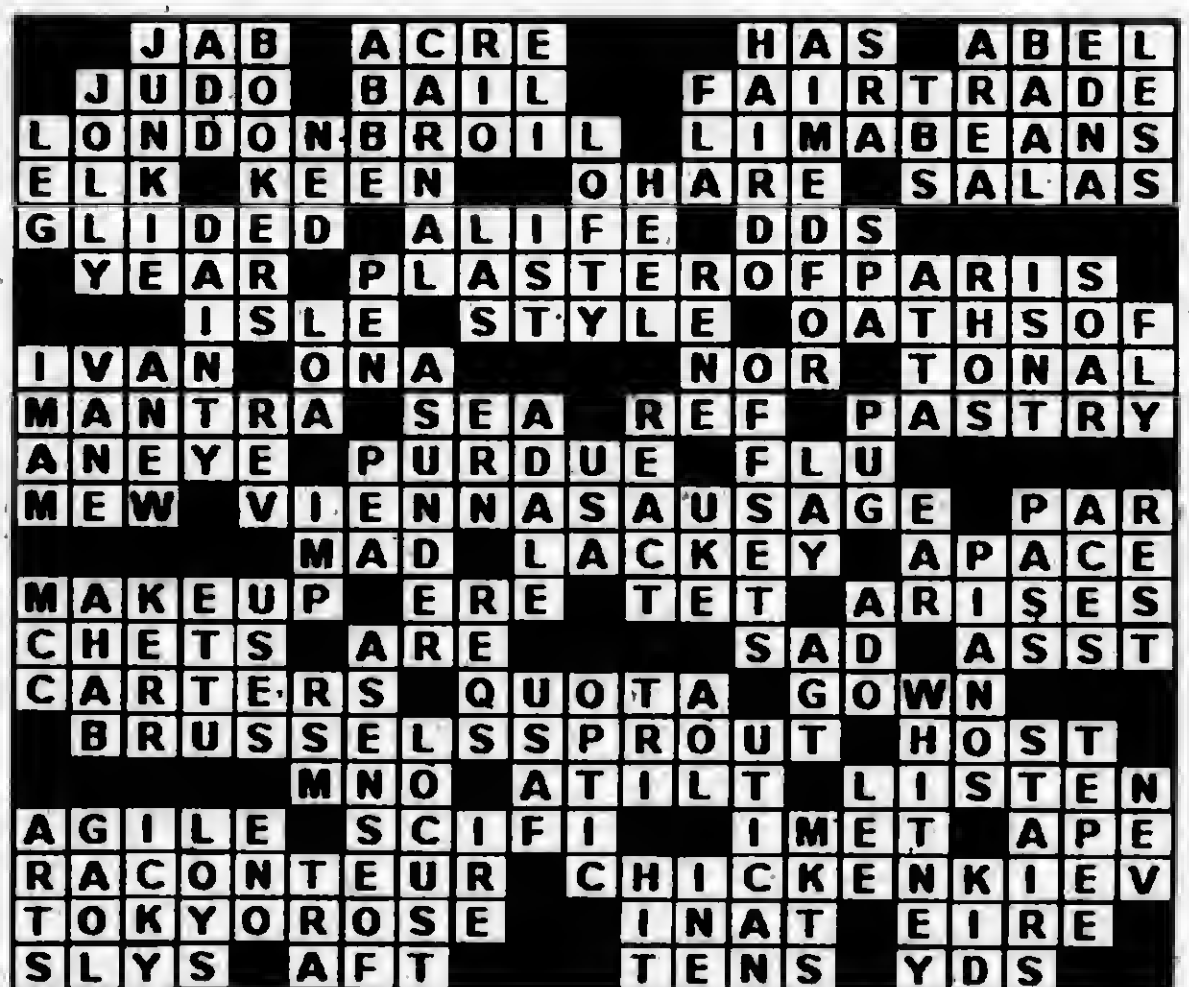
"It's time for a new day here in Illinois and that's why Steve and I are here uniting for reform," Gidwitz said. "We are the ticket of leadership, the ticket for change and our Party's best hope for a victory in November. If we are going to defeat Rod Blagojevich, we've got to have a team that can carry the ethics torch and contrast with the pay-to-play politics that have led to the erosion of public trust in our state government. Steve and I can carry that torch."

Said Rauschenberger: "I am excited about this team because, while it may be an initial surprise to some, it challenges the imagination of Republican primary voters and it breaks down stereotypes about craven all-or-nothing politicians." - The Gidwitz-Rauschenberger ticket brings together Gidwitz' chief executive experience and job creation background and Rauschenberger's legislative and budgetary expertise. Together they have worked on behalf of job creation, education and fiscal discipline for more than a quarter of a century and together they are a formidable team in the Republican primary and the General Election.

"I have known Steve for a long time and he is someone I truly respect and admire. He is a man of great intellect and a man of high principles and his legislative and budgetary experience are an invaluable asset to this campaign," Gidwitz said. "We share the desire to restore fiscal sanity back into our state government, put Illinois folks to work in better-paying jobs and better educate our children. But we recognize that before we can have progress on these issues we must have reform."

Rauschenberger added: "We now have a consolidated reform ticket with unequalled legislative and business experience; with indisputable independence; and with a vision for Illinois that speaks to the real interests and needs of our citizens. I hope Republicans throughout Illinois will be encouraged by the formation of our leadership team knowing that the battle for reform has been joined and, for the first time in a long time, a real challenge has been laid at the doorstep of those who seek to protect the status quo at the expense of progress."

Solution to last weeks puzzle



ENTERTAINMENT NEWS

Wright Plus Housewalk

The Frank Lloyd Wright Preservation Trust is pleased to announce the eight private residences to be featured on the 32nd annual Wright Plus Housewalk. This event, which supports the Trust's preservation, restoration and education programs, has attracted more than 60,000 visitors from around the world since 1975.

From 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on May 20th, guests will have the opportunity to tour homes designed by Frank Lloyd Wright and renowned contemporaries. River Forest and Oak Park, with their exceptional examples of American architecture, are just a short drive from the Chicago Loop.

The private homes open for Wright Plus 2006 are: John F. Barrett House (1893), Chauncey Williams House (1895), Hills-DeCaro House (1906), Cyrus S. Collins House (1906), Isabel Roberts House (1908), C.S. Pellet House (1916), Edward Probst House (1916), William Sloan House (1926).

The Wright Plus Housewalk is just one part of a group of events that make up the Ultimate Wright Plus Weekend. The complete weekend experience includes:

Thursday, May 18th, Wright Plus Reception - Enjoy a festive evening at an architecturally significant building.

Friday, May 19th, Friday Wright Plus Excursion - Take a trip to Crabtree Farms to view an exceptional Arts and Crafts collection, and to the nearby Ragdale artists' community. Guided tour, transportation and lunch included.

Saturday, May 20th, 32nd Annual Wright Plus Housewalk - Tour the interiors of eight magnificent private homes and two landmark buildings in historic Oak Park and River Forest.

Saturday, May 20th, Exclusively Wright Dinners - Dine on exquisite cuisine prepared by an acclaimed Chicago chef at a spectacular Wright-designed home (space is limited).

Sunday, May 21st, Wright Plus Brunch - Wrap up the weekend with an elegant brunch and entertaining presentation by Rolf Achilles, an independent art historian and curator of Chicago's Smith Art Glass Museum.

This collection of events offers visitors an opportunity to immerse themselves in several intimate Wright experiences. Events may be purchased as a package or individually.

The Ultimate Wright Plus Weekend, combined with the area's proximity to the rich architectural heritage of downtown Chicago, makes this an exceptional package for design and architecture enthusiasts, and guests looking to expand their Wright Plus experience. For more information, call (708) 848-3440 or visit www.wrightplus.org.

Tickets for Wright Plus go on sale March 1st, and can be purchased by calling (708) 848-9518, online at www.wrightplus.org or at the Preservation Trust's two museum shops: Ginkgo Tree Bookshop, 951 Chicago Ave. in Oak Park, or the Robie House Bookshop, 5757 S. Woodlawn Ave. in Chicago (Hyde Park). The ticket price is \$70 per Preservation Trust member (limit of 4 tickets at discounted price) and \$85 per non-member.

Grant Lights Up Beverly Arts Center

The Beverly Arts Center will be lit up like a Christmas tree this holiday season, and the lights will stay on all year. That's because the Center's new electronic signs were installed on Nov. 30, and messages about performances, classes, art exhibits and special events are now visible 24/7 to the more than 50,000 vehicles driving by 111th and Western every day.

Purchased with funds raised through a matching grant from First American Bank, 11821 S. Western Ave., and a benefit performance by the Beverly Theater Guild, the \$30,000 signs are located in large windows that can be read from both 111th St. and Western Ave.

"Christmas, Kwanzaa and Hanukkah all came early this year," said Beverly Arts Center Executive Director Michael Nix. "The signs are a wonderful gift for the Center. The generosity of First American Bank in offering the matching grant was incredible; the talent and commitment of the Beverly Theater Guild in creating and performing the benefit was amazing; and the way the community stepped up to the plate to purchase tickets and make donations to the sign fund was outstanding."

First American Bank is a privately held community bank with 40 Chicago area locations and more than \$2 billion in assets. In addition to their Oak Lawn location on 95th Street, they've recently expanded in southwest Chicago with branch locations in Morgan Park and Matteson, and in the South Loop at Wabash and Roosevelt. Locations will open in Evergreen Park and Archer Heights in 2006.

The Beverly Theatre Guild has been an important supporter of the Beverly Arts Center since the late 1960s when the Guild joined with other area community organizations in raising funds for the original Beverly Arts Center on the campus of Morgan Park Academy. Since its first production on the Center's stage in 1969, the Beverly Theatre Guild has performed its regular, three-play season at the Beverly Arts Center. The Guild was also active in raising funds for the new Center, which opened in 2002.

For more information on the Beverly Arts Center call (773) 445-3838, go visit www.beverlyartscenter.org, or, better yet, drive by the corner of 111th and Western Ave. and read the sign!

Music & Comedy

Comedian Royce Elliott and the BMR4 featuring jazz vocalist Typhanie Monique will perform Saturday, Jan. 14, 8 p.m., at the Beverly Arts Center, 2407 W. 111th St., Chicago (111th and Western). Tickets are \$15. For more information call 773-445-3838 or visit www.beverlyartscenter.org.

CLASS REUNIONS

St. Clement - 100-Year, All-Class Reunion, Dec. 30th from 7 to 11 p.m. If you attended St. Clement or know any alumni, call the Alumni Committee at (773) 348-8212, ext. 550, or online at alumni@stclementschoo.org.

Our Lady of Holy Mount class of 1951 is looking for classmates. Call (630) 739-7390.

St. Clare de Montefalco School class of 1971 is seeking alumni. Contact class1971reunion@yahoo.com.

Farragut High School, classes of 1952-1954, are looking for classmates. Call Carolee (Fotka) Michalek at (815) 407-1934.

Lourdes High School class of 1978 is looking for classmates. Call (708) 258-9096.

St. Christopher Alumni Association - looking for all alumni. Visit their web site at www.st.chrisalumni.org.

Musichorale Scholarship

Musichorale announces its 44th annual Scholarship Contest made possible by the Frank Stehlik Memorial Fund for amateur vocalists and instrumentalists on Feb. 25th. The instrumental contests will begin at 9 a.m. for grades 9-12 and 2 p.m. for grades 1-8. The vocal contests will begin at 10 a.m. for grades 9-12 and 3 p.m. for grades 1-8 at the Oak Lawn Community Church, 9000 S. Ridgeland in Oak Lawn. More than \$2,500 in prizes will be awarded. The application fee is only \$20 and must be postmarked by Jan. 15th. The public is invited to attend free of charge.

For further information, visit www.musichorale.org or call the 24-hour number at (312) 409-6661.

December Ticket Discount

People who purchase tickets to the Beverly Area Planning Association's 33rd Annual Snowflake Ball by Dec. 23 will pay only \$25 per ticket. After that date, prices will return to \$30 in advance and \$35 at the door. Winter's merriest party will be held Saturday, Feb. 11 at Saint Xavier University's Shannon Center, 3700 W. 103rd St., Chicago, beginning at a new time, 8 p.m. Saint Xavier University is the presenting sponsor of this event.

Two bands are tuning up their musical styles for an evening of live music and dancing: Lynn Jordan and the Shivers playing on the main stage, and the 20-piece SXU Jazz Band, a popular favorite at last year's Ball returning with smooth and sassy jazz in the Jazz Club.

To purchase tickets at the special price, call BAPA. (773) 233-3100.

A la Arte Gift Shop

For unique gifts and decorations, visit Beverly Arts Center's A la Arte gift shop, 2407 W. 111th St., Chicago. The shop is open daily during BAC hours.

Gifts include hand crafted jewelry, hand made pottery by Tom Hill, art kits for children in a variety of media, Hollywear handbags, Graffiti Zoo fine chocolates, holiday decorations, Christmas ornaments and more. Prices start at a couple of dollars. Make your selection easy by purchasing Beverly Arts Center gift cards that can be used in the gift shop, and for classes and performances.

Sales at A la Arte benefit the Beverly Arts Center as well as consigning artists. BAC members receive 10% off all purchases.

Artists who are interested in consigning jewelry, textiles, glass, fine arts or fine crafts for A la Arte are invited to contact the BAC, 773-445-3838, for more information. Volunteers are needed to assist in staffing the shop, as well as in working with consigning artists and selecting merchandise.

The Beverly Arts Center is the not-for-profit, regional arts facility. Visit the web site at www.beverlyartscenter.org or information on upcoming performances, classes and exhibits, and to purchase tickets, memberships and gift certificates online.

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ENTERTAINMENT NEWS

Historic Holidays On Prairie Avenue

The Glessner House Museum invites you to its annual Holiday Candlelight tours on historic Prairie Avenue. Rarely open to the public in the evenings, visitors will enjoy viewing the rooms of the Clarke and Glessner Houses as docents stationed in each room tell stories of holiday traditions from long ago.

Clark House, the oldest building in Chicago marks the season with a focus on the New Year as the significant day of celebration in the mid-19th century. Learn how a family in a burgeoning city on the prairie would have trimmed their home in anticipation of visiting family and friends.

The Glessner House is an original Prairie Avenue mansion and is adorned in the Victorian holiday tradition with fresh pine roping, red ribbons and a Christmas tree decorated with authentic Victorian ornaments. Hear about extravagant Christmas dinner, gift giving, and the changing tradition of the Christmas tree.

Check in is at Glessner House Museum; 1800 S. Prairie Ave. Tours will be given on Saturday, Dec. 17th and begin at 6 p.m. Tickets for the Holiday Candlelight Tours are \$18 for adults, \$14 for children ages 8 to 12. Prepaid reservations are required and can be made by calling (312) 326-1480. Complementary refreshments will be served.

If you are still looking for the perfect holiday gift, Glessner House Museum will host a holiday craft bazaar in its historic coach house. Handcrafted items such as ornaments, holiday decorations, holiday cards, jewelry, fashion accessories, soaps and candles will be available.

Winter WonderFest

Navy Pier takes on a festive façade during Navy Pier's Winter WonderFest being held Dec. 9 through Jan. 1. Navy Pier will be decked out with breathtaking ornamentation, hundreds of trees and thousands of twinkling lights. Winter WonderFest offers activities for the whole family, including indoor ice-skating at the Arctic Ice Rink, the Winter WonderFest Musical Carousel, games, and arts and crafts for kids, lively entertainment and more!

For more information, contact Navy Pier (312) 595-PIER or visit www.navypier.com.

The Craft Bazaar will be held Saturday, Dec. 17th from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Admission is free.

Celebrate the holidays the old fashioned way with a family afternoon at the Clarke and Glessner House Museums. The Museums will open their doors for an afternoon of historic holiday fun for children and adults. Activities will include a sleigh ride, storytelling, arts and crafts, parlor games, and a chance to visit with Santa. Check-in is at Glessner House Museum. The Family afternoon will take place on Saturday, Dec. 17th from 2 to 4 p.m. Admission is \$10 for adults and children. Reservations are recommended.

Take Tut Home For The Holidays

Want to receive the red carpet treatment during your visit to one of the world's greatest kings? You can - by purchasing one of two new, limited edition Museum memberships designed to maximize visitors' experience at Tutankhamun and the Golden Age of the Pharaohs.

Both the Royal Tut membership and the Tut at Twilight membership ensure easier access to highly sought-after tickets to this extraordinary exhibition via telephone or at the Museum's box office. Membership perks for both include up to four tickets to see Tutankhamun and the Golden Age of the Pharaohs for \$10 each (regular price is \$25 each). Tut at Twilight membership holders will also be given two free tickets (valued at \$50 each) to one of 20 premium viewing events scheduled throughout the exhibition period. These special evening events allow visitors to see the exquisite treasures of Tut's tomb up-close and with lower exhibition capacities to offer a better visitor experience. Tut at Twilight tickets include a complimentary exhibition audio tour.

Both the Royal Tut and the Tut at Twilight membership offer visitors normal Museum membership privileges including free general museum admission, discounts at Museum events, stores and restaurants, a subscription to In the Field (the Museum's members-only magazine), and travel opportunities with Museum researchers and curators. The Royal Tut membership costs \$125 and the Tut at Twilight membership costs \$250. These memberships will be available beginning Dec. 13. Memberships are good for one year from the date of purchase. For more information, call the Membership Department at (312) 665-7700. The Field Museum also offers King Tut corporate memberships. Call (312) 665-7120 for details.

Tutankhamun and the Golden Age of the Pharaohs opens at The Field Museum on May 26, 2006 and runs until Jan. 1, 2007. The Field Museum is open daily except for Christmas Day, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. (from 8 a.m. Memorial Day through Labor Day). The last admission is sold at 4 p.m. The Museum is located at 1400 S. Lake Shore Drive. The Field Museum is accessible via CTA bus lines #6, #12 and #146, and by the El, Metra and South Shore lines. Indoor parking is conveniently located in the Soldier Field Parking Garage.

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Radio City Christmas Spectacular

Back by popular demand, The Radio City Christmas Spectacular starring the World Famous Radio City Rockettes will make its triumphant return to the Rosemont Theatre, 5400 N. River Road, for 52 dazzling performances Nov. 25 through Dec. 24.

The Radio City Christmas Spectacular is exactly that...a spectacular. A holiday staple in New York since 1933, and a favorite among Chicagoans during its run from 1997 to 2002, the production features a cast and crew of nearly 100 people who will deliver a holiday show that is sure to give audiences holiday memories to last a lifetime. Children of all ages will be enchanted by live holiday entertainment as teddy bears dance wooden soldiers come to life, snowmen shimmy, and reindeer fly, and the Radio City Rockettes perform their fancy footwork and eye-high kicks. The New York Times says, "Brilliant! It lifts the spirit and spreads warmth, joy and good will!"

Tickets range in price from \$24.50 to \$56.50 and are currently on sale at the Rosemont Theatre box office and at all Ticketmaster outlets. For more information or to order tickets, visit the Rosemont Theatre box office, call Ticketmaster at (312) 559-1212 or visit ticketmaster.com. Groups of 20 or more call (847) 891-8916.

"Design Innovations"

"Design Innovations in Manufactured Housing" will be on display through Monday, Jan. 16th, in the Field Museum, 1400 S. Lake Shore Drive, Chicago.

Maquettes and large-scale architectural drawing created exclusively for the exhibition by eight noted architects and industrial designers are the focus of the exhibit.

Renderings depict the homes in a variety of setting, and the designers' notes explain the design of their projects. The material accompanying the designers' contributions explores how the design of these dwellings is a reflection of a society's cultural values and seeks to dispel the stigma sometimes associated with low-cost, pre-fabricated homes.

The exhibit is free with museum admission. Further information is available by calling (312) 922-9410.

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Crimes Against Senior Citizens

Not everyone is full of goodwill during the holidays. Unfortunately, the holidays are prime time for financial crimes - identity theft, robbery and fraud - and seniors are often the target.

According to the National Crime Prevention Council, seniors fall prey to fraud for a variety of reasons. They are generally more accessible by telephone and mail; are trusting and willing to listen; have limited experience with investments; and are deeply concerned with maintaining finances to last them throughout their lives. Furthermore, many older people are complacent or forgetful of details and may be embarrassed to admit they've been "had" by a scam artist.

"Consumers are reminded to Shred, Signup, Suppress and Be Sensitive" says James E. Baumhart, President/CEO of the Chicago BBB. "Shred any private documents; sign up for automatic payroll, Social Security and SSI payments through direct deposits; suppress the amount of key paperwork left in mail boxes and other accessible areas; and be sensitive to protecting your passwords and financial information from anyone without a specific reason to have that information."

To safeguard against financial crimes this holiday season the Chicago Better Business Bureau offers these time-lapse tips for seniors and those who care for them:

- Hang on to your personal information. Do not give any personal information over the phone or Internet to an unfamiliar company or caller. This includes your credit card numbers, but also the credit card expiration date, your Social Security number, driver's license number, bank account numbers, and personal information, such as your mother's maiden name. Even if you are told it is only for "identification" or "verification" purposes, this information can be used for unauthorized credit card charges or bank account debits. Tell the person to send their request to you in the mail and that you will check out their record with the Better Business Bureau.
- Use direct deposit. Your mail - both incoming and outgoing - can be vulnerable, especially during the holidays when criminal activity is heightened. If your Social Security or Supplemental Security Income (SSI) check or other payments is delivered by mail to an unlocked box, you may be at risk for theft. Direct deposit eliminates the risk of lost or stolen checks, reduces fraud and gives people faster access to their money on payment day. Direct deposit also protects against identity theft. For more information about enrolling in direct deposit of your Social Security or SSI payment, call the Go Direct helpline at 1.800. 333.1795 or sign-up online at www.GoDirect.org.

Karen Garrett Speaks

President John Stroger, Jr. of the Cook County Board of Commissioners announced Karen Garrett, a Naturalist with the Cook County Forest Preserve District, will speak before the Commonwealth Edison Retirement Club of Chicago on Wednesday, Dec. 21st at 9 a.m. in the Oak View Center Board Room, 4625 W. 110th St.

Donald Delany, coordinator, said that Karen will share her expertise on conservation and activities within the forest preserves that can be enjoyed by all.

A graduate of Governors State University with a degree in biological sciences, Ms. Garrett is enjoying gardening for wildlife and caring for the animals at Sand Ridge Nature Center in South Holland, where she began her career in 2005.

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- Pay the safest way. Many older Americans enjoy the convenience of online holiday shopping. If you're one of them, remember it's best to use a credit card as your payment option and to check that the Internet connection you will be using is secure. Under federal law you can dispute the charges if you don't get what you were promised, or if the product is not delivered within the stated time period. Many credit card issuers also have a "zero liability" policy for unauthorized charges in the event your credit card number is stolen.
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Oak Lawn Chamber Of Commerce Installation Of Officers & Directors

Members and supporters of the Oak Lawn business community will gather on Saturday, Jan. 21st to honor the 2006 Officers and Directors of the Oak Lawn Chamber of Commerce during the 60th Annual Installation. The theme for the evening is "Mardi Gras" and includes a dinner at the Hilton Oak Lawn, 9333 S. Cicero Ave.

The evening begins with cocktails at 6:30 p.m. followed by the Installation of Officers by Oak Lawn Village President Dave Heilman at 7:30 and dinner at 8 p.m. Entertainment for the evening will be provided by Hurricane Gumbo. Chamber Director Mike Gutchewsky will serve as Master of Ceremonies. Tickets for the dinner cost \$65 per person and are available through the Chamber of Commerce office, 5314 W. 95th St.

Leo Gutchewsky of "A" Service Company will be inducted as the 2006 President of the Oak Lawn Chamber of Commerce. Gutchewsky succeeds 2005 President, Jack Baker of Marquette Bank. Also inducted will be First Vice-President Peter Schwarz of Hawk Lincoln Mercury; Second Vice-President Irene Lovitt of Bank Financial; Treasurer George Cachares of Southwest Physical Therapy and Rehabilitation; and Secretary Kevin Mathers of Bally Total Fitness.

The Chamber's 24 Board of Directors also will be inducted, including Dr. Joseph Brannigan (Brannigan Chiropractic), Peggy Burke (First American Bank), Dr. Sandra Bury (Complete Vision Care), Karen Clark (Hope Children's Hospital), Carey Cranston (Fox College), John Crivellone (Illinois Security Services), Dr. David Finkelstein (Oak Lawn Foot & Ankle), Michael Gutchewsky (The Gootch Financial Group), Donna Herpich (Great Lakes Metals), Glen Kato (GlenKato.com Web Design), Rhonda Martin (Manor Care East), Gene Mondello (Geno's Decorating), Ginger Morgan (Thompson & Kuenster Funeral Home), Linda Olsen (Oak Lawn Public Library), Tom Orlowski (Men's Wearhouse), Susan Peppas (Bridgeview Health Care), Laura Roman (Archer Bank), Roscoe Rush (Oak Lawn Bank), Jerry Spearman (Standard Bank & Trust), Patricia Stasik (Oak Lawn Park District), Jackie Truty (Art Clay World), Dan Walsh (Hallberg Insurance), John Valentino (Christopher John Floral Designs) and Ted Young (Circle Creations).

For more information, or to purchase tickets for the dinner, call the Chamber office at (708) 424-8300 or email jbusk@oaklawnchamber.com

Heating Appliances Leading Culprit Of Home Fires

Frigid temperatures and rising heating costs have many looking at ways to lower home-heating bills. Safe Electricity urges extreme caution for those planning to use space heaters to help warm homes this winter.

Approximately one-third of all house fires nationwide occur during the cold home-heating season of December, January and February. According to the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA), the major cause of these winter fires can be attributed to faulty and improper use and maintenance of supplemental heating equipment, such as space heaters.

Some cities have banned the use of many types of portable space heaters, including some fuel-based heaters. Before purchasing or using any type of space heater, check with your local fire department to find out if it is legal in your community. Electric space heaters can be a good option for supplemental heating in your home.

Safe Electricity offers the following precautions when using electric space heaters:

- Purchase only space heaters that have been safety tested and rated. Make sure the unit is equipped with automatic shut-off features and heating element guards. Read and follow all of the manufacturer's instructions for operation and care.
- Before use, check to make sure the heater is in good condition, and have all problems professionally repaired.
- Place heater out of high-traffic areas and on a level, hard, non-flammable floor surface - NOT on carpets, furniture or countertops.
- Remember to keep space heaters at least three feet from all flammable items such as draperies, blankets and sofas.
- Do not overload circuits. Don't use extension cords or multiple plugs with a space heater, and make sure the unit is not plugged into same circuit as other electric appliances.
- Never leave space heaters unattended. Turn off your space heater and unplug it before leaving the room or going to bed.

Many people also use electric blankets to keep warm during cold winter nights. Before plugging in electric blankets, check for any damage and inspect cord for frays, cracks or cuts. Electric blankets should not be tucked under the mattress and nothing should be placed on top of the blanket while it is in use, including comforters and bedspreads. Also, pets should never be allowed to sleep on the electric blanket.

Safe Electricity also reminds everyone to make sure smoke alarms in the home are installed and working properly.

For more electrical safety information, visit the Web site www.SafeElectricity.org. Safe Electricity is an electrical safety public awareness program created and supported by a coalition of several dozen organizations, including electric companies and cooperatives, the University of Illinois and other entities committed to promoting electrical safety.

Christmas Programs

On Sunday, Dec. 18th, the adult Trinity Choir and Praise Choir will have special music at the 8:30 a.m. service along with the adult "Hand Bell Choir" and the children's "Chime Choir". At the 11 a.m. service, the "Praise Band" will add a contemporary flair to the worship service.

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LOCAL SCHOLARS

Illinois State Scholars

Ten Mt. Assisi Academy students have been named Illinois State Scholars: Ailia Ali (Burr Ridge), Brittany Bataoel (Oak Lawn), Mary Ellen Brown (Beverly), Kalina Dziadowiec (Garfield Ridge), Bridget Farrell (Orland Park), Jessica Kunz (Palos Heights), Lisa Piazza (Palos Heights), Kathleen Richert (Orland Park), Kathryn Rosenbaum (Oak Lawn) and Abigail Szram (Lemont). The Illinois State Scholar program recognizes students for outstanding achievement. Students ranking in the top 10 percent of the state's 139,500 graduating seniors are recognized as Illinois State Scholars. Rankings are based on a combination of ACT test scores and class rank at the end of the sixth semester in high school. "The students should be very proud of their accomplishments. The Commission congratulates them and wishes them the best as they continue their education," stated Larry E. Matejka, ISAC's executive director.

Mt. Assisi Academy principal Sr. Mary Francis Werner, OSF, said, "We are all very proud of the students. Being selected in the top ten percent of the state is an outstanding accomplishment. Mt. Assisi Academy students have always done well in the Illinois State Scholar competition, consistently having ten or more students recognized. This year was no exception. We are confident that these women will leave Mt. Assisi Academy next year ready to succeed at their chosen universities."



Oak Lawn Chamber Plans Installation

A committee of the Oak Lawn Chamber of Commerce has been meeting over the past several months to plan the first event of the new organization year. Officers, board members, past presidents, and other volunteers are working to bring an enjoyable and fun night for guests. Lending their time and ideas are (left to right, front) executive director Jennifer Ligda Busk, Ginger Morgan of Thompson Kuenster Funeral Home, incoming president Leo Gutchewsky of "A" Service Company, immediate past president Anne Casey of Annie's, Ltd., Laura Shallow of Fifth Third Bank; (left to right, back) Michael Gutchewsky of the Gooth Financial Company, Kevin Mathers of Bally's Total Fitness, Jerry Spearman of Standard Bank and Trust Company, Patricia Stasik of the Oak Lawn Park District, and event chairman Noreen Mikols of Fifth Third Bank.

This 60th annual installation is scheduled for Saturday, Jan. 21, at the Oak Lawn Hilton. A cocktail reception begins at 6:30 p.m. The program and installation ceremony at 7:30 p.m. precedes dinner. A Mardi Gras theme has been chosen. The color scheme, decorations, food selection, and entertainment, featuring the band called Hurricane Gumbo, will coordinate with this theme. In keeping with a long-standing tradition, the attire is black tie optional. Tickets, at a cost of \$65 each, include open bar, dinner, and entertainment. The traditional Chamber raffle for the year will be kicked off at this event. Reservations can be made by calling the Oak Lawn Chamber of Commerce office, at (708) 424-8300.

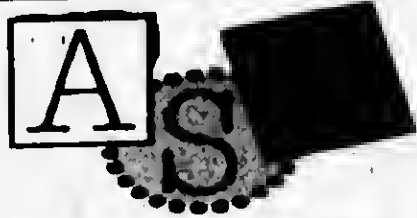
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Oak Lawn Fire Dept. Receives Grant

On Nov. 21 the Mesirov Financial and Fireman's Fund Insurance Company awarded the Oak Lawn fire department a grant of \$10,788 to purchase 30 and 60 minute air bottles. The bottles contain approximately 21% oxygen and are worn as part of a firefighters self-contained breathing apparatus. These bottles allow firefighters to breathe in a toxic environment and are also used to provide air for extrication equipment.

"Unfortunately, air bottles have a limited life span and there is a time when they can no longer be used," stated Chief Ed Folliard of the Oak Lawn Fire Department. "The Fireman's Fund Heritage Grant allows us to update our air bottles to the current lightweight technology, making it much easier for our firefighters to carry this equipment. There is no question that having sufficient, breathable air in these bottles saves lives and keeps our firefighters protected when they enter smoke-filled rooms."

The grant was funded by Fireman's Fund Insurance Company, a premier property and casualty insurance company that also provides grants to fire departments through its Firemen's Fund Heritage program. Under this program, local brokers like Mesirov Financial are able to direct grants to assist and support their local communities. The Fireman's Fund Heritage program is the company's philanthropic mission to support firefighters for safer communities. Grants are awarded for the purchase of equipment, fire prevention tools, firefighter training, fire safety education and community emergency response programs. Since 2005, Fireman's Fund and its network of independent agents have

awarded more than \$5 million in grants to local fire departments, national firefighter organizations and non-profit fire and burn prevention organizations across the country.

POLICE CALLS

On Dec. 12, Kevin Carmody, 5136 W. 63rd Pl., was arrested for the attempted theft of a charity collection box at the front counter at Huck Finn Restaurant. He tried to open it to get the money out, but couldn't. He dropped it and fled out of the door where another man was waiting for him. The cashier saw them enter a maroon van and reported the incident to the police. Police stopped the van at 99th and Kedzie. The cashier identified Carmody.

On Dec. 11th, Jose Ortega of Oak Lawn was arrested for possession of a controlled substance, no driver's insurance and driving on a revoked license.

On Dec. 10th, Thomas P. Kane of Oak Lawn was seen driving erratically. He was arrested for driving under the influence when the police stopped him.

On Dec. 10th, Laura Miller of Palos Park reported the theft of her vehicle from the parking lot of Century 21 Galaxy. She was loading her trunk with 'stuff' and left the car running to keep it warm. When she went into the building and came out again, the car was gone.

On Dec. 8th, Dominique Hayes was arrested for taking ladies clothing from Value City and stuffing it into her purse. She was stopped by store security before she could leave.

On Dec. 8th, Nadar Salah was arrested for possession of over 30 grams of a controlled substance after a traffic stop at 95th and Meade.

On Dec. 4th, Frank Cano of Chicago was arrested for driving under the influence after he crashed his vehicle into a building at 9201 S. Cicero.



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CHRISTMAS IN CHURCH

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Fr. Byron Papanikolaou, Protosyrtos
Fr. Nicholas W. Jonas, Presbyter
Ted Argiris, President, Parish Council
Peter G. Lagen, Chairman of the Board

Schedule of Services for the Christmas-Epiphany Season

*** DECEMBER 2005 ***

Saturday, December 17

6:00 a.m. First Divine Liturgy
8:00 a.m. Orthros/Second Divine Liturgy - Corporate Holy
Communion for Koras Day and Afternoon School and Sunday
School youth followed by a Christmas Lenten Breakfast

Sunday, December 18

Sunday Before the Nativity
Orthros/Divine Liturgy as usual, followed by the Sunday Church
School Christmas Pageant

Wednesday, December 21

7:00 p.m. The Sacrament of Holy Unction - Etheleon ("Prayer
Oil" Healing Service) Followed by Lenten Fellowship and presen-
tation on the "Orthodox Christian Mission Center."

Friday, December 23

8:00 a.m. Service of the Royal Hours of Christmas

Saturday, December 24 - Christmas Eve

Feastday of St. Eugenia

8:15 a.m. - Orthros/Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom.
7:30 p.m. - Great Vespers of Christmas. Our Youth Choir will chant
responses and will sing Christmas Carols following Great Vespers.

Sunday, December 25 - Christmas Day

The Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ
8:30 a.m. Orthros/Divine Liturgy of St. Basil the Great.

Tuesday, December 27

Feastday of St. Stephen, First Martyr and Archdeacon
8:15 a.m. - Orthros/Divine Liturgy

Saturday, December 31

7:00 pm. Great Vespers: St. Basil Church, Chicago

*** JANUARY 2006 ***

Sunday, January 1 - New Year's Day

Feastday of the Naming of Christ and St. Basil the Great
9:00 a.m. Orthros/Divine Liturgy of St. Basil Cutting of
Vasilopita (offered by our St. Helen Women's Philoptochas.)

Thursday, January 5

7:30 a.m. Eve of Epiphany - Reading of the Royal Hours of Epiphany
8:30 a.m. Vespers Liturgy of St. Basil followed by the Lesser
Blessing of the Waters. (STRICT FAST DAY)

Friday, January 6

Feastday of Epiphany - 8:15 a.m. - Orthros/Divine Liturgy of St.
John Chrysostom followed by Greater Blessing of the Waters.
His Eminence Metropolitan Iakovos will celebrate the Divine Liturgy.
7:00 p.m. Great Vespers - St. John Church, Des Plaines

Saturday, January 7

Synaxis (or Gathering) in Honor of St. John the Baptist
8:15 a.m. Orthros/Divine Liturgy

*NOTE: When the Feast of the Nativity
(Christmas) falls on Sunday, the
Liturgical services change. Please
note therefore of the services on the
23rd, 24th and 25th.



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(708) 448-7833

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Saturday, December 24

CHRISTMAS EVE - Lighting of the Christ Candle
4:30 p.m. Family Worship Service
10:30 p.m. String Quartet Serenade
11:00 p.m. Candle Light Service Celebrating
With Caroling and Scripture

Sunday, December 25

10:00 a.m. Combined Worship Service



PALOS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

12101 S. Harlem Avenue
Palos Heights, Illinois
(708) 448-0798

D. Joseph Snider, Pastor

Children's Christmas Program
Sunday, December 18: 11:00 a.m.

Saturday, December 24
Christmas Eve Candlelight Services
4:00 & 7:30 p.m.

Sunday, December 25
Christmas Day 11:00 a.m.



ST. STANISLAUS BISHOP & MARTYR CHURCH

14414 S. McKinley Avenue
Posen, IL 60469
(708) 597-4910; FAX (708) 597-4841
Rev. Ralph Starus, Pastor

Christmas Masses:

December 24th Multicultural Mass at Midnight
Carols begin at 11:15 p.m.
December 25th 9:30 a.m. Mass in English
12:15 p.m. Mass in Spanish

Masses for the Solemnity of Mary:

December 31st 4:30 p.m. Mass in English
January 1st 9:30 a.m. Mass in English
12:15 p.m. Mass in Spanish



SAINT PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH AND SCHOOL

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Oak Lawn, IL 60453
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Pastors: Rev. Daniel W. Gensch and Rev. John S. Moeller

Come Celebrate the Joy of Christmas with Us

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 24 - CHRISTMAS EVE
7:00 p.m. Family Communion Service
11:00 p.m. Candlelight Communion Service

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 25 - CHRISTMAS DAY
9:30 a.m. Festival Communion Service

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 31 - NEW YEAR'S EVE
7:00 p.m. Traditional Communion Service

SUNDAY, JANUARY 1 - NEW YEAR'S DAY
8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. Traditional Communion Service

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CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH

14700 S. 94th Avenue
Orland Park, Illinois
708-349-0431

Rev. Raymond M. Rohlf
Rev. Walter A. Ledogar

ADVENT 4 - SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18

Service of Lessons and Carols

8:00 a.m. Holy Communion
11:00 a.m. Holy Communion
No Christian Education
5:00 p.m. Sunday School Christmas Program
"Stars of Promise"

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 24, CHRISTMAS EVE

5:00 p.m. Family Celebration with Holy Communion
11:00 p.m. Candlelight Communion

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 25, CHRISTMAS DAY

10:00 a.m. Holy Communion

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 31, NEW YEAR'S EVE

7:00 p.m. Holy Communion

SUNDAY, JANUARY 1

8:00 a.m. Holy Communion
9:30 a.m. Worship/No Christian Education Hour
11:00 a.m. Worship

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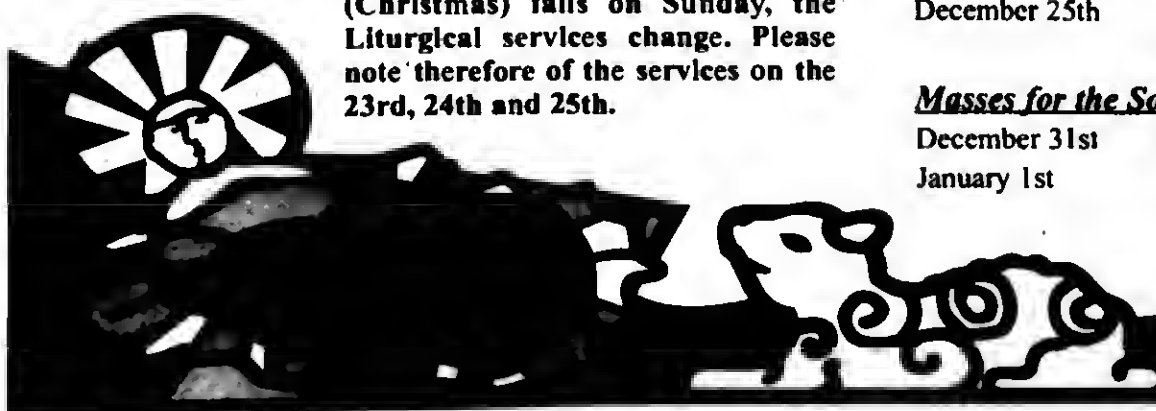
OUR LADY OF SORROWS CONVENT

5900 W. 147th St.
Oak Forest, IL
(708) 687-2877

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 24, CHRISTMAS EVE
Midnight Mass - English

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 25, CHRISTMAS DAY
9:00 a.m. Mass - English

SUNDAY, JANUARY 1, NEW YEAR'S DAY
9:00 a.m. Mass - English



CHRISTMAS IN CHURCH

IMMANUEL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

9815 S. Campbell • Evergreen Park, Illinois
708-424-3755

Joseph R. Alfred, Pastor

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SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18

10:00 a.m. The Sunday before Christmas the Church School will present their annual Christmas Play, Santa Gives Back Christmas during the morning worship. This is a wonderful way to let our children lead us to the excitement of Christmas.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 24 - CHRISTMAS EVE

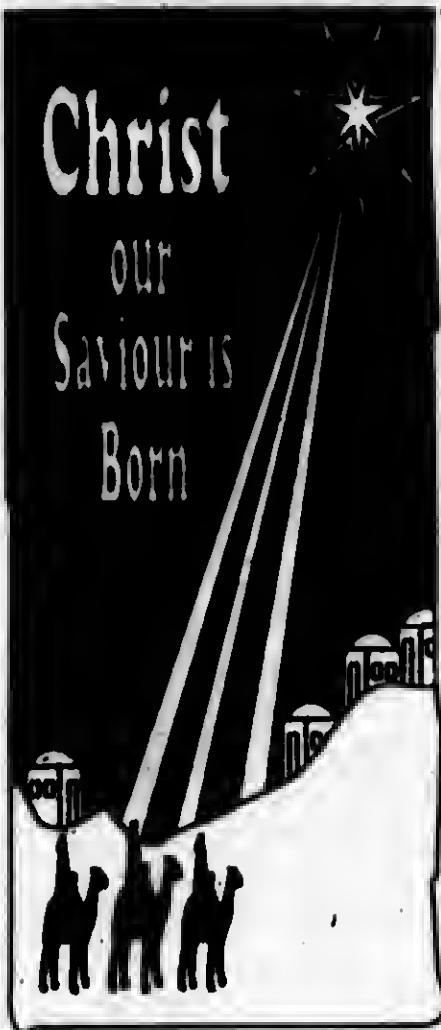
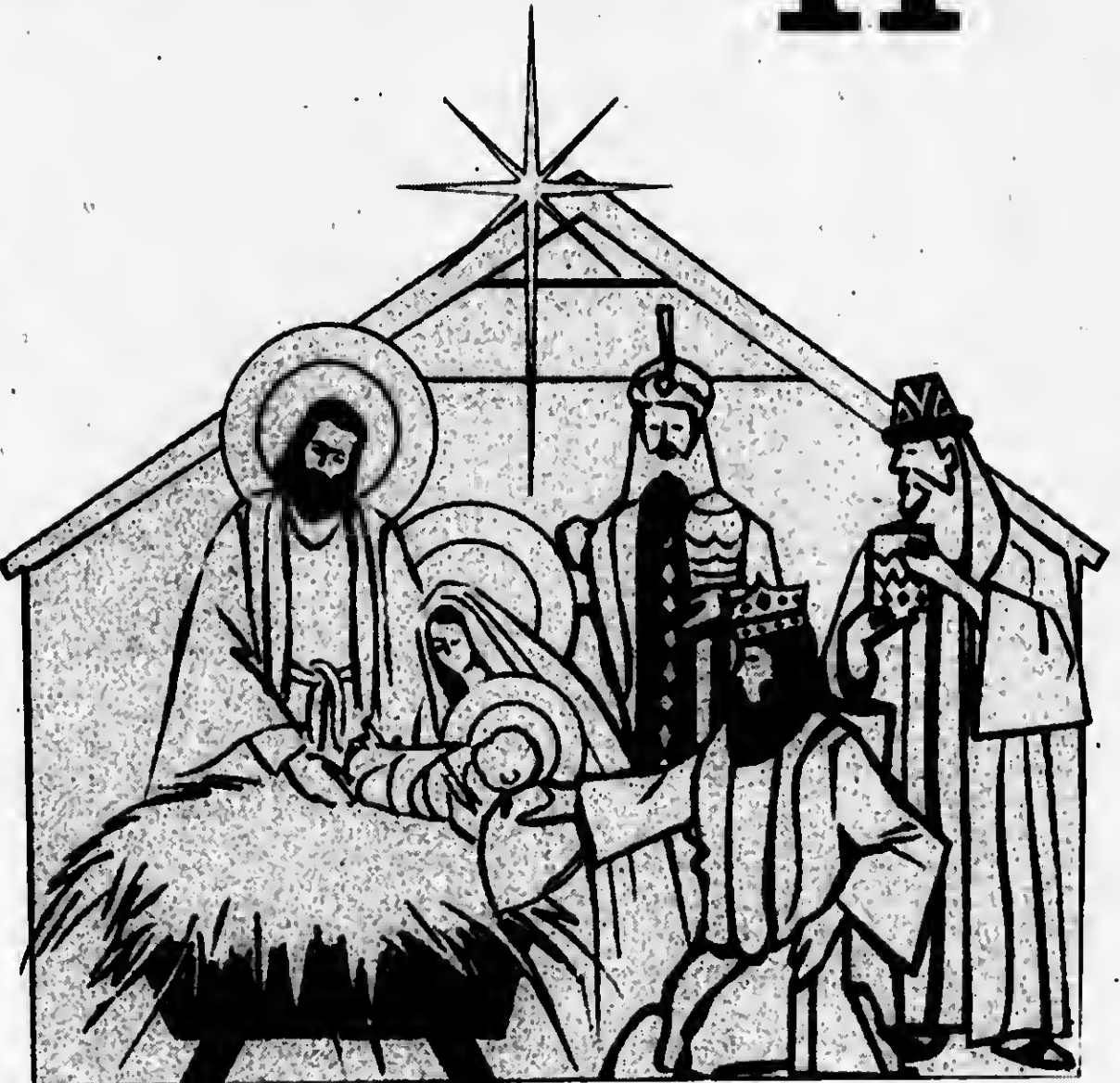
11:00 p.m. The annual candlelight service of scriptures and carols welcomes Christmas Day in a way that is both traditional and joyous. Communion at this service celebrates Christ's presence with us and opens our hearts to receive God's gift to us in Christ. All who have known God's love revealed in Christ and who are trying to live in harmony with their neighbors are welcome to join us at Christ's Table.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 25 - CHRISTMAS DAY

10:00 a.m. We will celebrate Christmas Day with carols and songs as we listen once again to the incredible story of God's love coming to share with us our common lot in the baby of Bethlehem. There will be a nursery for young children during worship, but no Sunday School on Christmas Day.

We welcome all who are looking for God to join us in celebrating God's love in these events and each week on Sunday at 10:00 AM.

GOD IS STILL SPEAKING,



SALEM UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

9717 S. Kostner Avenue
Oak Lawn, Illinois
(708) 423-9717
James E. Roghair, Pastor

Thursday, December 22
7:30 p.m. - Longest Night Service

Join us for your Christmas Celebration:

Saturday, December 24, Christmas Eve
11:00 p.m. - Candlelight Worship

Sunday, December 25, Christmas Day
11:00 a.m. - "The Word Became Flesh"

ST. CHRISTOPHER CHURCH

4130 W. 147th Street
Midlothian, Illinois
(708) 388-8190

Fr. Mark Walter, Pastor
Fr. Mike Kalck, Assoc. Pastor

MASSES FOR THE SEASON

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 17
5:30 PM

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18
7:30, 9:00, 10:30 AM, and 12:00 Noon

CHRISTMAS MASSES

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 24, CHRISTMAS EVE
4:00, 5:30 PM AND 11:00 PM
(Carols begin at 10:30)

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 25, CHRISTMAS DAY
9:00 AND 10:30 AM

NEW YEAR'S MASSES

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 31, NEW YEAR'S EVE
5:30 PM

SUNDAY, JANUARY 1,
NEW YEAR'S DAY
7:30, 9:00, 10:30 AM & 12 Noon

ARCHANGEL MICHAEL ORTHODOX CHURCH

8301 S. LeClaire Ave.
Burbank, Illinois 60459
(708) 423-2441
Father Luke Nelson

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 23
9:30 a.m. Royal Hours

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 24 - CHRISTMAS EVE
1:30 p.m. Great Vespers

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 25 - CHRISTMAS DAY
9:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy

THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF WORTH

7100 W. 112th St.
Worth, Illinois
(708) 448-6682

Pastor David B. Kaller

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 24, CHRISTMAS EVE
4:00 p.m. - Contemporary Worship Celebration
Candlelight Service and Communion
7 & 11 p.m. - Traditional Worship
Candlelight Service and Communion

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 25, 9:00 A.M.
WORSHIP

SUNDAY, JANUARY 1, 9:20 A.M.
WORSHIP

SUNDAY, JANUARY 8, 9:20 A.M.
Worship presented by our Junior Senior High Youth

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Tinley Park, Illinois 60477
(708) 532-8550

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 24 - CHRISTMAS EVE
5:00 p.m. Candlelight Services

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 25 - CHRISTMAS DAY
11:00 a.m. & 6:00 p.m. Celebration Services

HOLY TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

8659 S. Sayre • Burbank, Illinois 60459
(708) 598-8070
Rev. Dr. John M. Richy, Pastor

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18

10:00 a.m. Children's Program & Worship

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 24 - CHRISTMAS EVE
11:00 p.m. Candlelight Service

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 25 - CHRISTMAS DAY
10:00 a.m. Christmas Day Worship

SUNDAY, JANUARY 1 - NEW YEAR'S DAY
9:00 & 11:00 a.m. Worship

ALL ARE WELCOME!

OUR SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

8607 S. Narragansett
Burbank, Illinois 60459
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Dr. Earl L. Peters, Pastor
Rev. Stefan Munker, Associate Pastor

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 24
CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES
4:00pm, 6:00pm Signed for the hearing impaired, & 11:00pm
Candlelight, Children's Message,
Holy Communion

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 25
CHRISTMAS DAY
10:00am

Traditional Christmas Hymns, Holy Communion
2:00pm Free Christmas dinner for Great Lakes Military, senior
citizens, homeless persons and others who would otherwise be alone.

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CHRISTMAS IN CHURCH

**ST. DENIS
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Parish Reconciliation - Monday, December 19
7:00 p.m.

and
Parish Reconciliation - Tuesday, December 20
3:00 p.m.

Christmas Eve - Saturday, December 24
4:00 p.m. Mass and 10:00 p.m. Mass

Christmas Day - Sunday, December 25
8:00 a.m. Mass and 10:30 a.m. Mass

New Year's Eve - Saturday, December 31
4:00 p.m. Mass

New Year's Day - Sunday, January 1, 2005
8:00, 10:30 a.m. Mass



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3345 W. 83rd St.
Chicago, Illinois
(773) 737-2620
Rev. Pamela J.S. Challis, Pastor

Sunday Services at 8:00 & 10:30 a.m.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 24 - CHRISTMAS EVE
7:30 p.m. Lessons & Carols
10:30 p.m. Holy Communion

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 25 - CHRISTMAS DAY
10:30 a.m. Holy Communion

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 31 - NEW YEAR'S EVE
7:30 p.m. Holy Communion



ST. TERRENCE CHURCH

119th and Kostner
Alsip, Illinois 60803

**MASSES FOR CHRISTMAS
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 24**

4:00 P.M. - FAMILY MASS
CAROLS WITH CHILDREN'S CHOIR
BEGIN AT 3:15 PM

10:00 P.M. - NIGHT MASS
CAROLS WITH ADULT CHOIR
BEGIN AT 9:00 P.M.

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 25
CHRISTMAS DAY**
7:30 A.M. MASS
9:00 A.M. MASS
11:00 A.M. MASS

**ST. STEPHEN
LUTHERAN CHURCH**

14700 S. Kildare Ave.
Midlothian, Illinois
(708) 388-4283

Rev. Paul Ninnemann, Pastor

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18
11:00 a.m. Sunday School Christmas Pageant

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 24 - CHRISTMAS EVE
5:00 p.m. Family Christmas Eve Worship
11:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Worship

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 25 - CHRISTMAS DAY
10:00 a.m. The Nativity of Our Lord

SUNDAY, JANUARY 1 - NEW YEAR'S DAY
10:00 A.M. New Year's Worship



**SAINT CHRISTINA
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Advent and Christmas Schedule

Ornament Making,
Decorating and Lighting of
Our Parish Christmas Tree
Sunday, December 18
5:30 - 7:00 p.m.

Advent Penance Service
Tuesday, December 20
7:30 p.m.

Christmas Eve, Saturday, December 24
Masses at 4:00 & 6:00 p.m.

Christmas Day, Sunday, December 25
Masses at 12:00, 7:15, 8:30, 10:00 and 11:30 a.m.
There is no 5:00 p.m. Mass on Christmas Day

The Feast of Mary, the Mother of God
Saturday/Sunday, December 31/January 1
4:00 p.m., 7:15, 8:30, 10:00 & 11:30 a.m.
There is no 5:00 p.m. Mass on New Year's Day



**GRACE COMMUNITY CHRISTIAN
REFORMED CHURCH**

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Oak Lawn, IL
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Christmas Day 10:00 a.m. Service
Message: "The Impossible Dream"

New Year's Day 10:00 a.m. Communion Service
Message: "Our Vision for A New Year"

(Both services will be held at our Oak Lawn location.)



ST. DAMIAN CHURCH

5300 W. 155th Street
Oak Forest, Illinois
(708) 687-1370

CHRISTMAS EVE - SATURDAY, DECEMBER 24
3:00 p.m. Vigil Mass - Musical Prelude 2:45
4:30 p.m. Vigil Mass - Bell Choir Prelude 4:15
6:00 p.m. Vigil Mass - Musical Prelude 5:45
12:00 a.m. Vigil Mass - Choral Concert at 11:30

CHRISTMAS DAY - SUNDAY, DECEMBER 25
6:45 a.m. Mass - Musical Prelude 6:35
8:00 a.m. Mass - Musical Prelude 7:45
9:30 a.m. Mass - Choral Prelude at 9:20
11:00 a.m. Mass - Choral Prelude at 10:50
12:30 p.m. Mass - Youth Choral Prelude at 12:15
12:45 p.m. Mass - Fr. Shaw Hall

*Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God
Day of World Peace*

NEW YEAR'S EVE - SATURDAY, DECEMBER 31
9:00 a.m. Morning Mass
5:00 p.m. Vigil Mass

NEW YEAR'S DAY - SUNDAY, JANUARY 1
6:45 a.m. Morning Mass
8:00 a.m. Morning Mass
9:30 a.m. Morning Mass
11:00 a.m. Morning Mass
12:30 p.m. Morning Mass



ST. ALBERT THE GREAT CHURCH

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Burbank, IL 60459
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CHRISTMAS - 2005

**CHRISTMAS EVE
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 24**
4:00 P.M. (ENGLISH)
9:00 P.M. (POLISH)
11:30 P.M. CHRISTMAS CAROLS FOLLOWED
BY MIDNIGHT MASS (ENGLISH)

**CHRISTMAS DAY
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 25**
7:30 A.M. - 9:00 A.M. - 10:30 A.M. - 12:00 P.M.
1:15 P.M. (POLISH)

**NEW YEAR'S EVE
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 31**
5:00 P.M.

**NEW YEAR'S DAY
SUNDAY, JANUARY 1**
7:30 A.M. - 9:00 A.M. - 10:30 A.M. - 12:00 P.M.
1:15 P.M. (POLISH) - 5:00 P.M. (POLISH)



**TRINITY EVANGELICAL
COVENANT CHURCH**

9230 S. Pulaski Road
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www.trinitycovoaklawn.org
Pastor: Rev. Dr. James R. Sandberg

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 24 - CHRISTMAS EVE
5:00 p.m. Candlelight Service
Candles and Carols



U.S. Technological Competitiveness

Congressman Lipinski announced his co-sponsorship of two new pieces of legislation that will help keep the U.S. a competitive leader in the global economy. Both bills follow recommendations put forth in a recent report on global competitiveness by The National Academy of Sciences (NAS), *Rising Above the Gathering Storm: Energizing and Employing America for a Brighter Economic Future*. It found that the U.S. has significant work to do to maintain our global competitive edge and outlined a number of specific actions to improve innovation and education here at home.

"America has always been the world's leader in technology and we cannot afford to lose this edge," stated Lipinski. "As a former teacher and an engineer, I especially understand that Congress must take action to ensure our nation's continued dominance in science and engineering and to secure our economic future. I have worked on this legislation with my colleagues in the House Science Committee to address these issues and promote a stable and secure economic future for our children."

H.R. 4434, *The "10,000 Teachers, 10 Million Minds" Science and Math Scholarship Act*, will help increase the number of math and science teachers by 10,000, providing college scholarships to science, math, and engineering students who commit to becoming science or math teachers at elementary and secondary schools upon completion of their degrees.

"We have some of the best and brightest students and teachers in the country, but we have not adequately invested in them," said Congressman Lipinski. "H.R. 4434 will greatly improve our commitment to science and math education, putting additional teachers in the classroom to inspire the next generation of innovators."

A competitive and secure economy also requires the development of a new generation of energy technologies. America is the global leader in technological innovation and nowhere is that more apparent than in university, industry, and federal laboratories where some of the world's best minds are devoted to revolutionizing "energy" as we know it. Unfortunately, there is little incentive for private and public research programs to assume the sizeable cost and risk required for developing true long-term, transformational technologies.

H.R. 4435, *The Advanced Research Projects Agency - Energy (ARPA-E) Act*, will speed the commercialization of energy technologies to reduce U.S. dependence on foreign energy by 20% in the next 10 years. It establishes an agency within the U.S. Department of Energy modeled after the successful Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency (DARPA) in the Department of Defense.

"H.R. 4435 will encourage the development of high-risk, high-return technologies to promote cleaner and more stable energy resources for our economy," added Lipinski. "We have the most innovative and creative workforce in the world and we must ensure that these great ideas are put to use."

Environmental Summit

Scores of community and business leaders, elected officials, concerned citizens, interested students and scientists are expected to attend the third annual DuPage Environmental Summit from 1 to 4:30 p.m. on Thursday, Jan. 12th in Scholl Hall Room 101 on the campus of Benedictine University.

The topic of this year's summit is "Breathing Easier and Living Healthier - How Native Landscaping is Healthier for People, the Environment and Our Pockets" and will focus on how native landscaping reduces or eliminates the use of lawn chemicals and reduces the amount of air and water pollution created by gas mowers and over-applied fertilizer.

Speakers will discuss the aesthetic benefits of native landscaping; how varieties of native flowers attract butterflies, birds, dragonflies and hummingbirds; how homeowners can save money by eliminating water and fertilizer costs; how native landscaping reduces flooding and improves water quality; and how native plants can be incorporated into any existing landscape.

The summit is free and open to the public, but advance registration is appreciated. For more information or to register, call (630) 428-4500, ext. 10.

Appeal To Gaming Board To Consider Alternative Plan

When in 1999 the Illinois State legislature passed a law that compelled the 10th casino license holder to provide a 20% ownership stake to blacks, Latinos and women, Chicagoans like Connie Payton, Al Johnson and Althea Knowles were ecstatic. For nearly 15 years they had raised the funds and lobbied to have Illinois become the first state where minorities and women were owners of a casino and while they did not win the license, they agreed to part-ownership status and invested the millions of dollars they had saved or borrowed to comply with the legislature's mandate.

Five years later, however, rather than presiding over the opening of a casino of which they are owners, Payton, Johnson, Knowles and 15 other so-called "Statutory minorities" find themselves in grave danger not only of losing ownership but also of losing their entire \$33.5 million investment, which for many of those involved represents their entire life savings.

On Dec. 8th, with the fate of the 10th license, to which their fate is tied, in limbo, many of the 18 Statutory minorities and their attorneys appeared before the Illinois Gaming Board to urge that the Board take a path that would save their multi-million dollar investment and, as important, bring an immediate infusion of \$600 million to Illinois.

Speaking on behalf of the 18th "Statutory minorities" he represents, Attorney Langdon Neal said: "We are here to propose an alternative - a lawful alternative to revocation - not only because it is necessary to resolve the issue of the 10th license, but because simple revocation, while it might punish those determined to have engaged in wrong doing, does even greater damage to those who have done no wrong - the minority shareholders who will lose more than \$33 million of their hard-earned money and the people of Illinois who will lose more than \$600 million this year and many more million every year after - millions that mean education, health and other essential services."

According to Attorney Neal, not only will the proposal bring more than \$600 million to the State of Illinois and make the minority shareholders whole, it also will meet all the requirements that Attorney General Madigan has put forth for proper settlement of the issue.

Among the provisions of the proposal are:

1. Appointment of a trustee (through bankruptcy court) to dispose of the license as provided for by the law.
2. Amendment of the current plan of reorganization (in bankruptcy court) to facilitate the transfer of the license to a valid bidder.
3. Waiver of all equity and other legal claims by Emerald as codified in the December 2003 agreement forged by the parties and the Attorney General, except those exceptions recommended by the Gaming Board.
4. The requirement that if Rosemont continued to press a claim it must be proved in bankruptcy court and accept the court's determination.
5. The barring of any further gaming activity in the State of Illinois by those persons or entities that have been determined to have violated the provisions of the Gaming Act.
6. The claims of the statutory applicants and other creditors whose claims are not challenged by the Trustee will be allowed as currently provided in the Plan of Reorganization.
7. The Illinois Gaming Board will conduct a suitability review of Midwest Gaming and if Midwest Gaming is determined to be suitable for a gaming license in Illinois will approve the sale of the Emerald license to Midwest Gaming in accordance with its bid in the bankruptcy auction.

Neal explained that Emerald Casino has already agreed to the proposed settlement and that indications from Rosemont in the press and elsewhere are that they would not litigate a settlement of the 10th license issue.

Putting responsibility on the Gaming Board to resolve the issue, State Sen. Emil Jones made the issue very clear: "They [the statutory minorities] followed the law that the legislature passed to ensure that minorities had the opportunity to participate. It is now the Board's responsibility to ensure that their faith in government was not ill-placed!"

Midway Airport Tragedy

Thursday, Dec. 8th, not only brought a record snowfall of up to 10 inches in the Chicago area, it also brought an airplane tragedy to a busy intersection adjacent to Midway airport. An airplane slid off the runway and ended up in the intersection of 55th and Central.

The Boeing 737 with about 100 passengers aboard proceeded to land at around 7:15 p.m. after a delay, however, the weather seemed to be playing with the plane. It was snowing nearly 2 inches an hour according to some reports and the visibility was poor. As the plane tried to land, it skidded off the runway, through a runway barrier and into the intersection. The airplane struck a parked car and collided with a second car that became trapped beneath the nose of the plane.

A six-year-old boy who was later identified as Joshua Woods of Indiana was killed in the crash. He was a passenger in the car that was trapped beneath the plane's nose. His mother, father and two brothers were in the car. Joshua's father was released on Sunday from Christ Medical Center in Oak Lawn, where he was taken after the accident. He was found to have fractures to his face and head. An autopsy showed that Joshua died from the impact of the plane hitting the car, according to a Cook County medical examiner's report. Joshua's two younger brothers only suffered cuts and bruises. Approximately 10 other people who were injured on the ground were taken to area hospitals and later most were released. None of the passengers on the plane were seriously hurt. They were taken off the plane by emergency chutes and then bussed to the terminal.

The National Transportation Safety Board sent investigators to the scene on Saturday. Although the National Transportation Safety Board is continuing to investigate the cause of the accident, reports have said that the plane's reverse thrusters did not function as soon as the pilot tried to deploy them. It was felt that the delay in deploying the thrusters could have played a role in the accident. Reports also stated that although the automatic break system seemed to be working, the crew had to go to manual and 'hit the brakes hard'. Reports also cite the short length of the runway and snowy weather conditions could have contributed to the accident.

The plane remained in the intersection until Saturday afternoon when it was taken with the help of a giant crane to a nearby hangar where it will be gone over. Reports state that this is the first fatal crash in the history of Southwest Airlines. NTSB representatives stated that it could take up to a year to complete its findings on the accident.

Arrangements for Joshua Woods are to be announced. A memorial fund has been set up. If you would like to make a donation, send it to The Joshua Woods Memorial Fund, c/o Centier Bank, 1276 N. Main St., Crown Point, IN.

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On Track Singles For January

On Track Singles has announced a schedule of event for the month of January. On Track Singles is open to all single men and women ages 21 and over who have never been married, are divorced, or are widowed.

On Saturday, Jan. 7th, On Track Singles invites you to dance away some of those holiday calories at the Willowbrook ballroom. The group leaves St. Mary Star of the Sea, 6435 S. Kilbourn Ave., at 7 p.m. promptly or you can meet the group at the Willowbrook Ballroom, 8900 S. Archer Ave. (Rt. 171) in Willow Springs, at 7:40 p.m. Admission is \$5 and dress is dressy casual or suits (no jeans or gym shoes). For more information, call John Bobek at (773) 585-8242.

On Monday, Jan. 9th, attend the general planning meeting. First, the group will meet at St. Mary's Duggan Hall off the North parking lot. There will be a review of the upcoming events then the next two months will be planned. Sign-up for event already planned will be taken at this time. Afterwards, the group will meet at the Three Sons Restaurant, 6200 S. Archer Ave. (on Archer and Meade) for food and drink. For more information call John Bobek at (773) 585-8242 and let him know if you are going to the restaurant. Please note: the group is required to keep the door locked. If you arrive late, press the buzzer. This is also the deadline for the March 11th musical "Cats".

On Saturday, Jan. 14th, join the group at 115 Bourbon Street. You can meet at St. Mary's south parking lot at 6:30 or meet at 115 Bourbon Street, 3359 W. 115th St. at 7 p.m. For more information or to register, call John Bobek at (773) 585-8242.

On Saturday, Jan. 21st, join the group for dinner at Chi Tung restaurant and dancing and socializing at BG Fellows. Leave St. Mary's south parking lot by 6 p.m. or meet at Chi Tung Restaurant by 7 p.m. Chi Tung is located at 9560 S. Kedzie in Evergreen Park. Afterwards, the group will head over to BG Fellows, 5055 W. 111th St. in Alsip for dancing and socializing. For more information or to register, call Lucy Steven at (773) 778-8239 after 7 p.m. or Steve Doyle at (708) 268-9482 or e-mail at sdoyle77@yahoo.com

Letter To The Editor

Many universities are abandoning academics, eliminating the history of Western civilization, even the requirement of a core curriculum. When cut off from the past, one cannot understand the present. It is so important that students understand the philosophical and cultural currents that shaped our country. Naturalism is a philosophical assumption that binds modern science, allowing the pursuit of truth uninhibited by philosophy. Students must know the true history of our own civilization to produce character and truth in the marketplace.

Our modern universities do not and cannot cultivate character in their value-free environment. When they believe there is no truth, there is no standard of ethics by which they can measure character.

Martin Luther King, Jr. once said that "education which stops with efficiency may prove the greatest menace to society...education is not enough. Intelligence plus character - that is the goal of true education."

Gwen McNatt
Berwyn, IL

On Thursday, Jan. 26th, the group will meet at the Brighton Restaurant, 4550 S. Pulaski, at 7 p.m. for good food and conversation. For more information or to register, call John Bobek at (773) 585-8242. This is the deadline to purchase tickets for the World Champion White Sox as they make their run at back-to-back championships! The games are for June 10th and Aug. 26th.

For more information about the group, or to receive a copy of the newsletter, call John at (773) 595-8242 or Lucy at (773) 778-8239 after 7 p.m.

Brother And Sisters United Against HIV/AIDS Campaign

In order to address alarming trends that show HIV/AIDS disproportionately impacting African Americans, Gov. Rod R. Blagojevich announced on Sept. 15th an expanded social marketing effort designed to reach the African-American community with education, prevention and testing.

The campaign is called BASUAH - (Brother And Sisters United Against HIV/AIDS) - a Gov. Blagojevich initiative to fight the spread of HIV/AIDS. Numerous media outlets statewide have agreed to partner with the State of Illinois to boost this effort geared toward the African-American community. The state will increase funding efforts ten-fold to \$2.5 million, build media partnerships and form key partnerships with churches, colleges and South Africa to address this public health crisis.

In 2004, the number of reported AIDS cases declined by four percent compared to the previous year. African Americans accounted for 54 percent of the cases (772), whites 27 percent (383) and Hispanics 17 percent (241).

But while AIDS cases declined, the number of HIV cases grew. In 2004, a total of 2,662 persons reported HIV infection in Illinois, an increase of nearly 16 percent over the previous year. African Americans accounted for more than half the reported cases with 1,406 (52.8%), although they represent just 15 percent of the state's population. Whites consisted of 26 percent of the reported cases and Hispanics made up 15 percent.

Of those reported cases among African Americans, 66 percent were male and 34 percent were females. Among all female reported cases of HIV, nearly 70 percent were African Americans. Among males reported with HIV in 2004, 46 percent were African American. Nearly 72 percent of African-American females and 64 percent of African-American males, with HIV infection reported in 2004, were under 40 years of age.

A campaign targeting African Americans includes public service announcements to air on radio stations throughout the state and print PSAs will appear in newspapers statewide. Posters, transit ads, printed materials, and events will feature the campaign's slogan, web site and Illinois' HIV/AIDS hotline for testing sites and prevention information.

Indecency Forum

Focus on the Family Senior Analyst for Media and Sexuality Daniel Weiss praised Federal Communications Commission (FCC) Chairman Kevin Martin for urging greater efforts by the television industry to protect American families.

In his statement at an Indecency Forum convened on Capitol Hill by U.S. Senator Ted Stevens (R-Alaska), Martin outlined his view that protecting children and society from indecent media requires cooperation and involvement from parents, industry, and the government. He urged the television industry to provide more tools and better education for parents to control what their children watch and said the industry's lack of action was "notable."

"Kevin Martin has been a strong advocate of the family since he first became a commissioner," Weiss said. "As chairman, he has worked tirelessly to reform how the FCC handles and considers indecency complaints."

"Chairman Martin clearly understands the dangers posed to children by highly sexualized media and he also recognizes that the industry has not been acting in the best interests of children. The time has come for industry leaders to start working to find solutions to the problems they've created, rather than pushing the responsibility back to parents only." In addition to calling for greater responsibility, Martin offered three possible options to address growing concerns about television indecency: 1) that cable and satellite operators offer "family-friendly" packages of channels; 2) permit consumers to pay for only the channels they want; or 3) apply decency standards to subscription television.

"Chairman Martin is committed to working with the industry to find the best-possible solution for families," Weiss said. "We hope the industry will have the same dedication."

Apply To Retire Now

If you are planning to join the ranks of other retirees in 2006, now is the time to start applying for Social Security retirement benefits.

We usually encourage people to let us know about three months before the month they plan to retire. So if you expect to retire in January, now is the time to get started. To complete your application for retirement benefits, you can do what more than half a million people have done already - visit our web site at www.socialsecurity.gov/applytoretire and apply for benefits by using our online application.

The online application is more convenient than ever. By using an "electronic signature," you can safely send us your completed application over the Internet with no need to print it and mail it in.

So if your New Year's resolutions will focus on how to live in retirement, get an early start by applying for your Social Security retirement benefits now. Just go to www.socialsecurity.gov/applytoretire to apply online. You can also apply by calling us toll-free at (800) 772-1213, TTY (800) 325-0778, or by visiting your local Social Security office. And rest assured that your retirement payments will be waiting for you on the other side of the New Year's Eve festivities.

Solution To This Weeks Puzzle

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Poetry Contest

The Famous Poets Society announces that more than \$75,000 in cash and prizes will be awarded this year to amateur poets. Poets from the Midlothian area, especially beginners, are encouraged to enter for a chance to win.

To enter send one poem of 21 lines or less to Free Poetry Contest, 1626 N. Wilcox Ave., #126, Hollywood, CA 90028. Or enter on-line at www.famouspoets.com. A winner's list will be sent to all entrants. The deadline for entering is Dec. 17.

"Any poet, whether published or not, can be a winner," says Executive Director Mark Schramm. "When people learn about our free poetry contest, they suddenly realize that their own poetic talent can win cash prizes, as well as garner national recognition." Famous Poets Society has awarded more than \$400,000 in cash to amateur poets over the past eight years, more than any other poetry society. The society is helping Poetry, the Cinderella of the Arts, find her glass slipper.

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Southwest Area Obituaries

Ilona S. Hill

Services will be held at the Hickey Memorial Chapel, Midlothian on Friday, Dec. 16th, at 11 a.m. with interment at St. Mary Cemetery, for Ilona S. Hill of Oak Forest, formerly of Midlothian. She was a beautician.

She is survived by her husband Benjamin Hill; his children Brenda and Robert Hill; his father John (Joyce) O'Brien; his sister Tara Stavropoulos; and his brothers Todd and Jeffrey O'Brien.

Rose M. Clark

Services were held Tuesday at the Lawn funeral Home, Burbank, with interment at Chapel Hill Gardens South Cemetery for Rose M. Clark.

She is survived by her children Nancy Storms and David Clark; thirteen grandchildren and many great-grandchildren.

Eleanor H. Hughes

Mass was said at Most Holy Redeemer Church, Evergreen Park on Wednesday, with interment at Queen of Heaven Cemetery, for Eleanor H. Hughes, 81.

She is survived by her brother James (Dorothy), and her sisters Lorraine Kidoff, Jean (James) Fitzmaurice, and Patricia "Patsy" McCaverty.

Henry A. Rolowicz, Sr.

Mass was said at St. Julie Billiard Church, Tinley Park, on Tuesday, with interment at Good Shepherd Cemetery, for Henry A. "Hank" Rolowicz Sr. He was a U. S. Army Veteran of WWII, awarded the Purple Heart.

He is survived by his wife Florence; his children Marilyn (Richard) Hauser, Theresa (Martin) Walsh, Diane (James) Clasby, Henry Jr., Lauriann (Richard) Oziem-kowski and Mary Beth (Casimir) Guzik; thirteen grandchildren; one great-grandchild; and his brother Florian (Irene).

Paul T. Krynski

Mass was said at Our Lady of the Woods Church, Orland Park, on Monday, with interment at Resurrection Cemetery for Paul T. Krynski.

He is survived by his wife Ewa; his parents Val and Barbara Krynski; his brother Peter, and his sisters Joanna and DeeDee Krynski.

Alice M. Legatzek-Marren

Mass was said at St. Michael Church, Orland Park, on Monday, with interment at St. Mary Cemetery, for Alice M. Legatzek-Marren.

She is survived by her children Donna (Robert) Skowronski and Debbie Legatzke; her stepchildren Beth (Mike) Marren-Morgan and Dave (Sandy) Marren; and six grandchildren.

Ruby Pearl Swider

Services were held at the McKenzie Funeral Home, Oak Forest, on Wednesday, with interment at Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery, for Ruby Pearl Swider.

She is survived by her husband Edward A.; her children Debra (Marvin) Laycoax and Karen (John) Perrez, five grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; and her sister Laurelee Johns.

Margaret Omastak

Mass was said at St. Denis Church, Chicago, on Wednesday, with a private interment, for Margaret Omastak.

She is survived by her children Jim (Cindy), Pam (Paul) Zajec, Mike (Karen), David (Lori), Teri (Dick) Niedospial, Susan (Mark) Hoadley, Margie (Petey) Sydello and Maribeth; 17 grandchildren; two great grandchildren; her brother Martin Zibrida and her step mother Clarissa Zibrida.

Jennifer Lynn Tinsley

Services were held at the Robert J. Sheehy and Sons Funeral Home, Orland Park, on Wednesday, with interment at Mt. Vernon Cemetery, for Jennifer Lynn Tinsley, 30, who died suddenly.

She is survived by her parents Michael D. and Susan L.; her sister Jacqueline (Kevin) Gallimore; and her brother Michael J. (Tricia) Tinsley.

Thomas T. Shermer

Services were held at the Lawn Funeral Home, Burbank, on Tuesday, with interment at Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery, for Thomas T. Shermer, 88, of Burbank. He is a veteran of WWII serving with the Army. He was an avid hunter and fisherman who enjoyed working in his garden and traveling.

He is survived by his wife, Emma; his children MaryAnn (Fred) Knott, Teri (David) Brost, Gail, James and Bob (Patti) Shermer; ten grandchildren; and seven great grandchildren.

Theodore C. Sikaras

Mass was held at SS Constantine and Helen Greek Orthodox Church, Palos Hills, on Wednesday, with interment at Evergreen Cemetery, for Theodore C. Sikaras, a veteran of WWII serving with the Army. He was a recipient of the Bronze Star and the Purple Heart.

He is survived by his wife Elli and his children Helene Sikaras and Charles (Martha).

Cirino Lanzafame

Mass was said at St. Albert The Great Church, Burbank, on Monday, with interment at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, for Cirino "Charles" Lanzafame, 91.

He is survived by his wife Grazia; his children Marie (Joseph) Urso, Fred (Nancy) Lanzafame and Angela

(Michael) Foley; seven grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; his sister Angelina Torrist and his brother Guiseppe Lanzafame.

Dorothy M. Pleger

Services were held at the Christ Lutheran Church, Orland Park, on Monday, with interment at Bethania Cemetery.

She is survived by her children Dave Pleger and Carole Hoger, four grandchildren and one great grandchild.

Margaret E. Starnicky

Mass was said at St. Catherine of Alexandria Church, Oak Lawn, on Tuesday, with interment at Mt. Olivet Cemetery, for Margaret E. Starnicky.

She is survived by her children Margery (Peter) Jacobchuk, Thomas Joseph (Joyce) and Daniel J. (Kathleen) Starnicky; six grandchildren; and five great grandchildren.

Steve A. Widlacki

Mass was said at Incarnation Church, Palos Heights, on Monday, with interment at Chapel Hill Gardens South Cemetery, for Steve A. Widlacki.

He is survived by his wife Marie A.; his children Stephen H. (Nancy), James R. (Kim) Widlacki; six grandchildren; his sister Jeanette (Bob) and his brothers Robert (Diane) Widlacki and William (Joan) Widlacki.

Dorothy B. Jennings

Mass was said at St. Linus Church, Oak Lawn, on Monday, with interment at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, for Dorothy B. Jennings.

She is survived by her husband Edmond; her children Barbara (Guy) Collins, Thomas (Diane) and James (Ann) Jennings; and four grandchildren.

Eberhard Hamer

Services were held at the Beverly Ridge Funeral Home, Chicago, on Monday with interment at Fairmount Willow Hills Cemetery, for Eberhard "Eb" Hamer, a veteran of WWII.

He is survived by his wife June; his children Linda (Mike) DuPuy and Barbara (Rich) Dubec; two grandchildren; and two great grandchildren.

Michael J. Erdakos

Services were held at the Blake-Lamb Funeral Home, Oak Lawn, on Monday with

interment at Resurrection Cemetery, for Michael J. Erdakos, 55. He was a member of the Rotary Club and an employee of the Illinois Bankers Assn.

He is survived by his wife Kathleen L. "Kittie"; his children Michael and Alexander and his brother George (Cheryl).

Sheila M. Finn

Mass was said at Most Holy Redeemer Church, Evergreen Park, on Tuesday with interment at St. Mary Cemetery, for Sheila M. Finn, 72. She was a retired teacher for 27 years with the Chicago Public School with 20 years at Harper High School. She also served there as Dean of Girls.

She is survived by her husband Francis J.

Betty L. Keate

Services were held at the United Methodist Church of Worth, worth, on Monday, with interment at Chapel Hill gardens South Cemetery, for Betty L. Keate.

She is survived by her husband Edward A.; her children Linda (Kenton) Knorr, Laura (Steve) Michelsen, Leanne and Lisa (Steve) Tuttle; two grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Curt Mentzer

Services were held at the Morgan Park Presbyterian Church, Chicago, on Tuesday with a private interment, for Curt Mentzer of Mt. Greenwood. He was 54. He was a veteran of WWII. He was a member of the VFW Post #6869 and a member of the CSA Fraternal Woodrow Wilson Lodge and regional District Council #12. He was also a member of the Mt. Greenwood Lions Club and the Mt. Greenwood Chamber of Commerce. He was a delegate to the Czech American Congress and an officer of Sokol Town of Lake.

He is survived by his brother Loyd (Hazel) Mentzer and his sister Lois (Ken) Duncan.

Hugo Lanuti

Mass was said at St. Denis Church, Chicago, on Wednesday, with interment at St. Mary's Cemetery, for Hugo Lanuti, 91.

He is survived by his children James (Christine), Edward C.P.D. (Terri) and Norene (Thomas) Shader; seven grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; his sister Dena (John) Bussa and his brother Frank (Marjorie).

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Child Support Office On Illinois/Iowa Border

As part of his continued efforts to increase child support collections in Illinois, Gov. Rod R. Blagojevich on Oct. 14th announced that the state of Illinois will join forces with the state of Iowa to increase enforcement of child support laws through the opening of a new, jointly staffed child support enforcement office in Rock Island, IL. Located close to the state line, the new facility will have one full-time employee from each state that will work together to ensure improved interstate information sharing, faster collection of court-ordered child support and more efficient enforcement of child support laws.

Interstate child support cases make up about 12.3 percent of the entire Illinois child support caseload, but they represent about 22 percent of the debt. The differences in Illinois and Iowa laws and the delay in handing off cases make it more difficult to establish child support payments in interstate cases than in same-state cases. The two employees staffing the new office will have access to the other state's computer system to enhance communication between both states and increase child support payments. The shared information will also improve each state's ability to track parents who avoid their child support responsibilities by frequently moving from one state to another.

Iowa's child support program is operated by its Dept. of Human Services (DHS) and Illinois' child support program is operated through its Dept. of Healthcare and Family Services (HFS).



Chicago State Students Thank State Legislators For Their Support

On Dec. 7th, students from Chicago State University (CSU) shared the benefits of the Chicagoland Regional College Program (CRCP) with members of the Illinois General Assembly during a breakfast reception held to recognize the legislators' commitment to higher education and the program. The breakfast was hosted by CRCP and took place at Chicago State University.

CRCP brings together Chicago State University, Moraine Valley Community College, Morton College, Prairie State College and United Parcel Service in a partnership to benefit hardworking, focused students attending those educational institutions. Students who enroll in the program receive a tuition waiver, fees, books, housing allowance, transportation assistance, financial bonuses for academic excellence, a stipend and full-time employment with UPS.

CRCP, which began in the fall of 2003, presently has 481 students enrolled. "CRCP's growth has been realized, in no small part, as a result of the support provided by the Illinois General Assembly, under the leadership of Illinois Senate President Emil Jones, Jr.," said Dr. Elnora D. Daniel, CSU President. "I thank the legislators for enabling CSU to cast our net wider to enroll more of the state's deserving students in our University."

Senate President Jones was joined by several members of the Illinois General Assembly who also met with the students, some of whom live in their districts. The state legislators in attendance include Representatives Monique Davis, William Davis, Connie Howard, Kevin McCarthy, David Miller, Robert Rife, and Eddie Washington and Senators Jacqueline Collins, Kimberly Lightford, Edward Maloney and Kwame Raoul.

State's Early Intervention Program

The Illinois Dept. of Human Services (IDHS) recently released a six-year plan for the state's Early Intervention program. The Part C State Performance Plan outlines the accomplishments and improvement activities for the state's Early Intervention program for young children with disabilities.

"The Early Intervention program assists families who have infants and toddlers, birth to three, with diagnosed disabilities, developmental delays or substantial risk of significant delays," said IDHS Secretary Carol L. Adams, Ph.D. "More than 16,300 children and their families receive resources and supports that assist them in maximizing their child's development, while respecting the diversity of families and communities."

The Part C State Performance Plan has been posted for public input on the IDHS Early Intervention web site at www.dhs.state.il.us/ei. The plan is also available at each of the 25 Child and Family Connections offices located throughout the state.

Interested persons are invited to submit written comments on the plan to the IDHS Bureau of Early Intervention, 222 S. College, 2nd Floor, Springfield, IL 62704. All comments must be received by Feb. 2nd. Annual performance reports and any changes to the State Performance Plan will also be posted on the IDHS Early Intervention web site.

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Letter To The Editor:

Editor:

As stated in Bill Federer's AMERICAN MINUTE.

President Thomas Jefferson, author of the phrase "Separation of church and state," asked Congress to ratify a treaty with the Kaskaskia Indians, which they did on Dec. 3rd, 1803.

The treaty, negotiated shortly after the Louisiana Purchase by future President William Henry Harrison, stated: "And whereas the greater part of the said tribe have been baptized and received into the Catholic Church, to which they are much attached, the United States will give annually, for seven years, one hundred dollars toward the support of a priest of that religion, who will engage to perform for said tribe the duties of his office, and also to instruct as many of their children as possible, in the rudiments of literature."

The treaty concluded: "The United States will further give the sum of three hundred dollars to assist the said tribe in the erection of a church."

The notion that the state cannot be involved in church issues was clearly not the intention of Thomas Jefferson. The strong Christian influence in the founding of our nation is not being taught in schools and for the most part, adults are equally misinformed.

Mrs. Joyce Morrison
Fieldon, IL

Travel From Ancient Rome To The Ruins Of Pompeii

The Midwest Institute for International/Intercultural Education is sponsoring a food, wine, and cultural tour of Italy. Michael Wade, professor of Business and Restaurant/Culinary Arts at Moraine Valley Community College, Palos Hills, will lead the trip, which is from May 24 to June 2, 2006.

According to Wade, the international experience will include eight night's accommodations, daily breakfast at hotels, four group dinners, private long distance motor coach, services of licensed English-speaking guides, full-time tour escort, entrances to many museums, round trip coach air fare from Chicago's O'Hare Airport to Florence/Rome, and health and accident insurance. The cost of the travel package is \$2,600. Additional insurance for trip cancellation/interruption is available upon request.

The itinerary includes a visit to the 'Duomo' (Michelangelo's David) in Florence, Piazza del Campo in Siena, the excavations in Pompeii, Sorrento, the Vatican Museums with Sistine Chapel, the Coliseum, the Basilicas of St. Francis and St. Chiara in Assisi, the Monastery of Montecassino, the Perugina Chocolate Factory (where the famous 'Baci' are made), and visits to a winery, olive oil and cheese production facilities.

The Midwest Institute for International/Intercultural Education was established in 1992 as a regional consortium of two-year colleges for the purpose of expanding and strengthening international and intercultural education

among member colleges. With the leadership and guidance of the institute, faculty of member schools, including Moraine Valley, the institute produced over 270 international curriculum modules representing approximately 40 disciplines.

The tour, sponsored by the Midwest Institute for International/Intercultural Education, is open to everyone. A \$250 deposit (\$100 non-refundable) is due by Feb. 15, to hold one of the limited spots on the trip.

For more information, including a full itinerary and application, contact Michael Wade at (708) 974-5594 or e-mail wade@morainevalley.edu.

Avenue Of Lights

The Quincy Chamber of Commerce brings the North Pole to Western Illinois at the awe-inspiring Avenue of Lights, Nov. 24th through Jan. 1st. The two-mile-long animated light festival held in Waverling-Moorman Park features three tunnels, nine arches and a 15 ft. poinsettia among the 100 display groupings decorated with more than one million lights.

For more information, contact the Quincy Area Chamber of Commerce at (217) 222-7980 or visit www.quincychamber.org.

Prepare Homes For Winter

Before winter arrives with its higher home heating bills, the Safe Electricity program encourages people to take steps now to improve both home energy efficiency and safety during the home-heating season.

Energy dollars can pour out of homes through drafty doors, windows, un-insulated attics, walls, floors, and basements while safety risks to unnoticed. A small investment of time now can pay big dividends in keeping your home safe and warm this winter.

Approximately one-third of all house fires nationwide occur during the cold, home-heating season. Many of these winter fires can be attributed to faulty and improper use and maintenance of heating equipment.

Before firing up your heating system, make sure furnace and heaters are in good working order, and check ducts, flues and chimneys. Have a professional inspect and service your furnace each Fall for safety and efficiency. Regularly clean or replace furnace filters during high winter use. An efficient heating system means greater comfort at lower cost. Keeping heating equipment clean and in good repair will ensure peak efficiency and safety.

If an electric space heater is used, make sure the wiring is adequate, and check for fraying cords, splitting wires or overheating. Don't place a portable heater in high-traffic areas, and keep it clear of flammables such as curtains, bedding, clothes and furniture. Never use extension cords with electric heaters.

Safe Electricity offers information year-round to help consumers use electric energy efficiently and safely.

Dorothy Brown Honors Clerks



Dorothy Brown, Clerk of the Circuit Court of Cook County, recently held a ceremony honoring former clerks. The "Past Clerks of the Circuit Court Photo Unveiling Ceremony," was enjoyed by the former clerks and their family members. This was the first time recognition and memories of days gone by was celebrated.

Pictured is Betty Finley, left, former clerk, Morgan Finley; Dorothy Brown; Matthew Danaher Jr.; Ellen Tully and Mary Pat Follett, the children of former clerk, Matthew Danaher.

Holiday Festival Of Lights

Rockford's Sinnissippi Park will be aglow with dozens of lighted holiday displays during the Holiday Festival of Lights beginning Nov. 27th through Jan. 2nd. Visitors can take a leisurely drive through the park.

After marveling at the festive light displays, children can leave their letters and wish lists for Santa in the North Pole Express mailbox.

For more information, contact the Rockford Park District at (815) 987-8800 or visit www.rockfordparks.org.

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Simple Ways To Reuse & Recycle

The holidays are upon us and, with the festivities, often come an increase in the amount of garbage we all produce in our homes. It has been estimated that Americans throw away 25 percent more trash between Thanksgiving and New Year's Day than during any other time of the year. In fact, 38,000 miles of ribbon alone is thrown out each year - enough to tie a bow around the Earth!

The Illinois EPA would like to help offer some simple ways for you to cut waste and conserve resources during this busy holiday season. Many of the ideas can be used year-round!

When you go shopping, bring your own reusable bags from home. When buying gifts, consolidate your purchases into one bag rather than getting a new bag at each store.

Think durable! Consider how long an item will last before you make a purchase. Often, a cheaper item will wear out long before its more durable equivalent.

Not sure what to get someone? How about a gift certificate to a favorite store or restaurant? That way, you know the gift will be used.

Consider wrapping gifts in recycled or reused wrapping paper or funny papers. Also remember to save, or recycle used wrapping paper.

If you send holiday cards, buy recycle-content cards and envelopes. Or, make your own cards out of last year's cards and the wrapping paper you saved.

Buy rechargeable batteries to accompany your electronic gifts, and consider giving a battery charger as well.

Take the foam peanut and bubble wrap from your purchases and take them to a mailing or shipping store where they can be reused. Save boxes and bows for reuse.

Got a new microwave, toaster, clock radio, toy or coat? Consider giving away your old appliances, toys, games, or clothing to a local charity or thrift store.

Give cookies and baked goods in holiday tins that can be reused.

Consider using energy saving, solid-state LED (Light Emitting Diode) holiday lights and strands that use about 99 percent less energy than larger, traditional incandescent holiday bulbs.

If you plan on entertaining, have clearly marked recycling containers at your party for guests to recycle their cans and bottles. Send leftover items home with guests in reusable containers.

If you're shopping by mail order catalog, remember to cancel the ones you don't need.

After the holidays, look for ways to recycle your tree instead of sending it to a landfill. Check with your local solid waste department and find out if they collect and mulch trees.

Additional tips for making your holiday season "greener" can be found on Illinois EPA's web site at www.epa.state.il.us.

Conserve Energy And Save Money On Heating Bills

With energy costs on the rise this winter, it is more important now than ever to conserve energy and save money on your holiday heating bills. You may already know about ways to save energy, including investing in a new furnace and winterizing your windows. But have you heard of these simple and very economical ways of cutting down on your heating bills?

Bathroom vents and range hood fans can drain your entire house of heated or cooled air in just one hour. Make sure to turn them off as soon as you are done using them.

Remember to close the chimney flue when the fireplace is not in use. An open flue is like an open window, allowing warm air to escape - 24 hours a day!

On windows that face the sun, leave draperies open during the day. At night, close drapes to help keep heat inside.

Consider a humidifier. Properly humidified air makes your home feel warmer and more comfortable, so you can keep your thermostat setting lower. A humidifier can make a 68-degree room feel like it is 76 degrees.

Lower your thermostat temperature. Every one degree results in savings of between four and five percent on your energy bill. For example, lowering from 72 degrees Fahrenheit to 68 degrees Fahrenheit could save you 18 cents on the dollar. For an average size home, the annual savings would be approximately \$131.

For more information on conserving energy or to sign up for one of Nicor's budget-assistance programs, visit Nicor's web site, www.nicor.com.

Lipinski Will Host Medicare Seminars

U.S. Rep. Dan Lipinski (IL-3rd) will host three Medicare Prescription Drug Seminars in the next two weeks to assist seniors in enrolling in the new program.

"I invite my constituents to come to these seminars and ask questions and discuss the Medicare drug plan," Congressman Lipinski said. "No one should feel pressured into making a bad decision about enrolling in this program. Given the current confusion, it is imperative we allow beneficiaries to take their time, check their facts, and know their options without being rushed to choose."

At 10 a.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 28, the Congressman and his staff will join Oak Lawn Mayor Dave Heilmann and experts on the new drug program in providing assistance in registering at the Oak Lawn Senior Center, 5330 W. 95th St. At Noon on Dec. 28, Rep. Lipinski will join Hometown Mayor Donald Robertson in assisting seniors applying for the program at Hometown City Hall, 4331 Southwest Highway.

At 10 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 3 the Congressman's staff will be at the Bedford Park Library, 6721 W. 65th Place, with Village President David Brady to assist seniors in enrolling.

More information on Congressman Lipinski's Medicare Prescription Drug Seminars may be obtained by calling (312) 886-0481.

Weekly E-mail Club

Stay informed about park district happenings by signing up for the Oak Lawn Park District's weekly e-mail club. There are two ways to sign up, either go to www.olparks.com and click on the yahoo group link or e-mail your e-mail address to info@olparks.com. Each week you will receive an e-mail detailing upcoming events, programs and registration deadlines.

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DECEMBER 27 - Tuesday - Village Board Meeting
Cancelled - Next Meeting Jan. 10th.

DECEMBER 29 - Thursday - Worth Township Regular Board Meeting, 11601 Pulaski Road, 7:30 p.m.

JANUARY 3 - Tuesday - Civil Service Commission, 9446 Raymond, 5:30 p.m.

JANUARY 4 - Wednesday - Appeals Board, 9446 Raymond, 8 p.m.

JANUARY 5 - Thursday - Alzheimer Support Group, Christ Hospital, 4440 W. 95th St., 6 p.m.

JANUARY 5 - Thursday - Historic Preservation Commission, 9446 S. Raymond, 7 p.m.

JANUARY 5 - Thursday - Athletic Club Meeting, VFW Hall, 9514 S. 52nd Ave., 8 p.m.

JANUARY 5 - Thursday - Traffic Review Committee Meeting, Municipal Center auditorium, 9446 S. Raymond, 8 p.m.

JANUARY 6 - Friday - Worth Township Senior Citizens Org. Meeting, Worth Township Center, 11601 Pulaski Rd., 12:30 p.m.

JANUARY 7 - Saturday - District II "Trustee Is In," Municipal Center, 9446 Raymond, 9 a.m. to noon.

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Governor Launches New Mortgage Program

Building on his commitment to help working families realize the American Dream of homeownership, Gov. Rod R. Blagojevich on Dec. 11th launched a new mortgage program designed to help hardworking, taxpaying individuals and families from the immigrant and minority communities. The program, called *Opportunity I-Loan*, will help those individuals and families who do not have a traditional checking account or have not been able to establish a credit history, qualify for low-interest mortgage loans and buy their first home. This program will make Illinois only the second state in the nation to provide affordable, 30-year fixed rate mortgage loans for qualifying individuals and families that live and work and pay taxes but have no credit history or Social Security numbers. The program will also offer further protections from predatory home loans.

The *Opportunity I-Loan* will target populations that live and work in a cash economy, under the radar of credit reporting companies. These groups are traditionally wary of banks and prefer to cash their paychecks at the local grocery store and pay their bills in cash. Because mainstream financial institutions cannot qualify them for mortgages, they are at the highest risk for predatory loans, unaffordable ARM and interest-only products, and other loans that threaten the safety of working families and the prosperity of the communities where they live and work.

Applicants to this program must show that they have paid income taxes for the past two years. The Illinois Housing Development Authority (IHDA) will accept tax returns with Social Security numbers or ITINs.

Opportunity I-Loans have a below market interest rate (currently 5.95%) for a 30-year fixed rate mortgage. The interest rate varies depending on market interest rates but is always at least a half of a percentage point below market interest rates. Through the program, homebuyers are eligible for \$1,000 down payment assistance for a slightly higher interest rate. Additional down payment assistance is available through community organizations including

Spanish Coalition for Housing and LUCHA.

Homebuyers using *Opportunity I-Loans* do not need a bank account or a Social Security number to qualify for the loan, removing major obstacles to homeownership. IHDA expects to help 100 families buy homes with \$15 million in *Opportunity I-Loans* in 2006.

IHDA does not originate loans directly to consumers. Rather, to receive a home mortgage through this program, borrowers must go through an IHDA-approved partner bank that originates IHDA's loans. Currently, seven banks are trained to accept applications for *Opportunity I-Loans*. The seven banks that currently originate the *Opportunity I-Loan* are:

First Bank Mortgage, Frank Montanez, 5310 W. Cermak Rd., (708) 656-6330

Harris Bank, Roselyn Lockett, 111 W. Monroe St., Chicago, IL 60603, (312) 461-6394

Hemlock Bank, Ana Garcia, 3030 W. Cermak Rd., Chicago, IL 60623, (773) 277-0606

Letty Deagueros, 234 Bolingbrook Drive, Bolingbrook, IL 60440, (630) 739-3400

LHI Mortgage, Emily Annerino, 2700 W. Higgins Rd., Hoffman Estates, IL 60195, (847) 884-9300

Mid America, Alex Gardner, (630) 663-5589

Second Federal, Leo Escobedo, 4811 W. Cermak Rd., Cicero, IL 60804, (708) 222-6340

Mother McAuley Entrance Exam

Any eighth grade girl interested in attending Mother McAuley High School should take the entrance exam on Saturday, Jan. 14th at 8 a.m. The entrance exam that will be used for acceptance and admission into Mother McAuley will be the EXPLORE test, developed by ACT. This test will be used to assess the student's academic standing.

As a high school intake measure, EXPLORE gives educators the means to structure high school planning and career exploration for students and parents. It serves as a baseline to monitor academic progress. EXPLORE consists of four timed tests: English, Mathematics, Reading and Science.

There is a \$25 test fee and students should bring two #2 pencils and a pen. Students are allowed to use calculators. Along with the entrance exam, McAuley also relies upon the student's 6th, 7th and 8th grade report cards and elementary standardized test scores.

For more information, contact Colleen Quinlan White, Recruitment Coordinator, at (773) 881-6511.

Healthy Choices Need Encouragement

According to recent research, Parenting-styles may affect children's food choices. More than 200 African-American and Hispanic parents of children participating in Head Start completed a questionnaire that assessed family food choices as they related to two feeding styles: Authoritative (encouraging) and Authoritarian (controlling). The encouraging style included behaviors such as reasoning and giving choices, and was associated with offering more fruits and vegetables; more attempts to get children to eat fruits, vegetables and dairy; and an increase in children's dairy and vegetable intake. In contrast, the controlling style included behaviors such as restricting certain foods and forcing children to eat other foods and was associated with offering fewer fruits and vegetables and a decrease in children's vegetable intake. The authors suggest that parents who use encouraging feeding style may have more success helping children to enjoy a variety of healthy food.

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Careers In Technology Open To Female Students

The male-dominated field of computer-aided design (CAD) used to be a bit intimidating for Moraine Valley student Dory Moeller. But the college's Women in Technology dual mentoring program is giving her the support and tools she needs to succeed in a technical career.

The Women in Technology project was developed four years ago to increase female students' interest and enrollment in Moraine Valley's new and revised mechanical design programs, specifically Mechanical Design/Drafting and CAD courses. Students in the group get support and guidance from female industry professionals working in technical fields and from peer student mentors who have participated in the program for at least a year.

Industry mentors are paired with students who have similar career goals, so they can tell the student specific information about opportunities, job descriptions, salary, which classes to take, and programs on the market that are most important to companies in their field.

The student mentors, of which Moeller is one, are another resource for incoming students to ask questions about classes and other college-related issues. "I volunteered to be a peer mentor because I've been here for a year now, and I think I can help other women who are coming into the program," she said.

Sixty-eight students and mentors have benefited from the program since its inception in 2002. "Women in Technology is a worthwhile resource tool for students who decide how much they want to get out of it," said Maria Vlamakis, the Women in Technology coordinator and associate professor of Computer Integrated Technology. "We have definitely seen an increase in female participation in the mentoring groups, suggesting this kind of networking is fulfilling certain needs. So, we're planning to expand this program to other areas in the department."

For more information about Women in Technology, visit www.morainevalley.edu/cad/nsfmentors. To learn more about the Computer-Integrated Technology courses offered at Moraine Valley, call J.C. Malitzke, department chair, at (708) 974-5454.

Respect Life - Choose Life

Respect Life - Choose Life is the title and message of the latest free News Note published by The Christophers. It is designed to inform people about the often-overlooked practical and moral support that exists for those facing unplanned pregnancies.

This latest issue in the continuing series of Christopher News Notes points out that there are over 3,000 crisis pregnancy centers throughout the U.S. These centers are ready to assist by providing alternatives to abortion while offering friendship, emotional support, and medical referrals within comfortable and reassuring environments. There are also over 2 million couples waiting to adopt children. Choosing to give a baby up for adoption offers an immeasurable gift to so many people.

Respect Life - Choose Life also examines some social positions that do not receive much attention. For example, Feminists for Life (FFL) has campaigned to create more choices for women facing unfair situations. While one out of every five abortions is performed on a college woman, society has not responded to the crisis with specialized housing, on-site daycare, or even maternity coverage in health insurance that would allow women to continue their studies without having an abortion. The News Note also examines how both men and women are profoundly affected by abortion and what support groups exist to help them cope.

To obtain a free copy of *Respect Life - Choose Life*, write to: The Christophers, 12 East 48th Street, New York, NY 10017, email mail@christophers.org, or call toll free 1 (888) 298-4050. Be sure to mention the News Note by title or number (#481).

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Native American

Bag Making Workshop

"Native American Bag Making," a multi-session workshop sponsored by the Forest Preserve District of Will County, begins Wednesday, Jan. 11, and meets on seven successive Wednesdays through Feb. 22, with each session running from 6 to 8 p.m. Registration by Jan. 10 and a fee of \$25, which covers all sessions, are required.

Participants will learn to make a beautiful, colorful, and fully woven bag. Native American woodland cultures made many types of containers for storing their goods. Early European accounts of these storage containers describe beautiful baskets and bags woven from natural fibers and trade cloth when available. This workshop will explore the technique of twining with yarn, a very common style of pouch or bag making in the 1700s here in the Midwest.

The workshop will provide a loom, yarn, and instruction in this ancient art. Participants are free to bring their own yarn if they wish, two skeins of any two-colors of a heavier weight wood yarn.

Classes will meet on Jan. 11, 18 and 25, and Feb. 1, 8, 15 and 22.

To register or to receive additional information, call the Forest Preserve at (815) 727-8700, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Isle a la Cache Museum is fully accessible and is located at 501 E. 135th St. (Romeo Road), 0.5 mile east of Route 53, in Romeoville.



"Breakfast Meeting Focuses On Partnership"

The Chicago Regional College Program recently held a breakfast at Chicago State College, 500 E. 95th St., in Chicago. The breakfast was held for students and legislators. This program (CRCP), a public/private partnership between higher education and business, enables Illinois residents to further their education and gain sustained entry into the Illinois workforce. The program provides its goal-oriented participants, a comprehensive student assistance package, to obtain a degree at an Illinois college/university. Furthermore, the employment component of the program provides students with valuable work experience and transportable skills, while meeting the needs of business. With their newly-acquired skills, program graduates will be able to fill employment shortages across the state.

The CRCP has a goal to provide each student with a quality educational experience leading to the achievement of individual academic goals in life skills.

The benefits of those who participate in this program are many. The program started back in July of 2003 and has served 1,300 students since its inception. There are four partner schools, Chicago State U (CSU); Moraine Valley Community College (MVCC); Morton College (MC); and Prairie State College (PSC). Over 25% of the students are UPS management.

Genevieve Lopardo, Executive Director of the council introduced Dr. Vernon Crawley, President of MVCC; Dr. Elnora Daniel, President of CSU; and John O'Neill III, a representative of UPS. Johnny Brown, a student of CRCP, addressed the audience.

Illinois State Senate President Emil Jones Jr. has played a major part in this educational program.

Pictured (front left), Dr. Crawley and John O'Neill; (back left) State Representative Boh Rlita (28th Dist.), Senator Edward Maloney (18th Dist.) and Emil Jones Jr. (14th Dist.).

Cook County Statement On The Arrest Of Former POET Employee

In early 2005, management in the President's Office of Employment Training (POET), a federally funded program within the Cook County Bureau of Administration, identified an active bank account that had not been reported as a depository account pursuant to the Cook County Taxpayers Interest Assurance Ordinance. POET, through the Chief Administrative Officer, asked the Office of the County Auditor to review the situation.

Subsequently, the Office of the County Auditor reviewed financial activity pertaining to the said bank account to determine the source of deposits and the nature of disbursements.

Prior to fiscal year 2001, the purpose of this account was to provide supportive services to participants enrolled in the Job Training Partnership Program (JTPA). The JTPA program was replaced by the Workforce Investment Act (WIA) during fiscal year 2001. A separate bank account was opened at the time to provide supportive services for the WIA program. It was assumed by POET administrators that within a short appropriate time when JTPA activity ceased, that said bank account would be closed.

During its review, the Office of the County Auditor identified several irregularities. Among them was the ability of an employee to authorize requests for checks and deposit them into the account in question. Furthermore, the Office of the County Auditor identified approximately \$180,000 in questionable transactions for purposes unallowable by federal regulations.

Upon the conclusion of the Office of the County Auditor's review, President Stroger immediately ordered that the matter be turned over to the County's Inspector General and the Cook County State's Attorney's Office. Subsequently, a joint criminal investigation has been underway between the Cook County Inspector General's Office and the State's Attorney's Financial Crimes Unit. Activity on the account in question has been suspended.

The employee was suspended without pay in June of 2005 and has subsequently resigned from Cook County Government.

"I applaud the quick action on the part of the POET Director, the Cook County Inspector General, County Auditor, the State's Attorney and all involved in bringing rapid closure to this matter," said Cook County Board President John H. Stroger, Jr. "Moreover, I urge the State's Attorney's Office to do everything possible to reclaim the funds to help underscore the fact that corruption and impropriety will not be tolerated within Cook County Government."

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To keep you warm and safe this winter season, follow these suggestions:

- Install a carbon monoxide detector.
- Repair leaks promptly.
- Don't use a stove or fireplace that is not vented.
- Never heat your house with a gas oven or range.
- Consider purchasing a vented space heater.
- Don't warm your car up or keep it running inside a garage, even with the garage door open.
- Have a trained service technician annually inspect your heating system, including chimney and vents.

But all year long, be on the lookout for these warning signs that carbon monoxide is seeping into your home:

- Gas flames that usually burn blue are orange or yellow instead.
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Bid To Attract Clean Coal Project

Chances for the Midwest attracting the \$1 billion FutureGen project got an important boost with the signing of an agreement on Dec. 14th through which Illinois and Indiana will make a united bid to attract the breakthrough clean-coal development to the Illinois Coal Basin. The Memorandum of Understanding between Illinois Gov. R. Blagojevich and Indiana Gov. Mitch Daniels states that Illinois' strong financial support and appealing geologic features make the state the ideal host for the federally supported FutureGen project - the near-zero emissions power plant that will also provide hydrogen fuel and allow capture and possible use of carbon dioxide.

Through the agreement, Indiana supports Illinois' application to site the state-of-the-art, public-private electric generating facility in Illinois, while Illinois supports carbon dioxide sequestration projects related to FutureGen in Indiana. An ongoing collaboration over the past two years will continue to develop sequestration in Indiana, Illinois and Kentucky to ensure that FutureGen can meet its near-zero emissions goal.

The FutureGen Industrial Alliance, an industrial consortium, was recently designated by the U.S. Dept. of Energy (DOE) to choose a site for what is being described as the coal-fueled power plant of tomorrow. The Alliance also will select technology for the project, hire a design-construction team to the facility and operate it when it is complete.

The Alliance and DOE will launch the site selection effort in 2006, with an aggressive schedule to start construction within three years and have the plant in operation by 2012. The Alliance is a non-profit coalition of the world's largest coal and energy companies. Its members have committed more than \$250 million to project development. The U.S. government would invest about \$700 million.

Public and private entities in 14 states have expressed interest in hosting or participating in the project, according to the Alliance. Gov. Blagojevich recently joined with U.S. Sen. Richard Durbin (D-IL), U.S. Sen. Barack Obama (D-IL), U.S. Rep. Jerry Costello (D-Bellefonte) and U.S. Rep. John Shimkus (R-Collinsville) in sending a letter to the Alliance emphasizing Illinois' advantages as a site for the prototype facility.



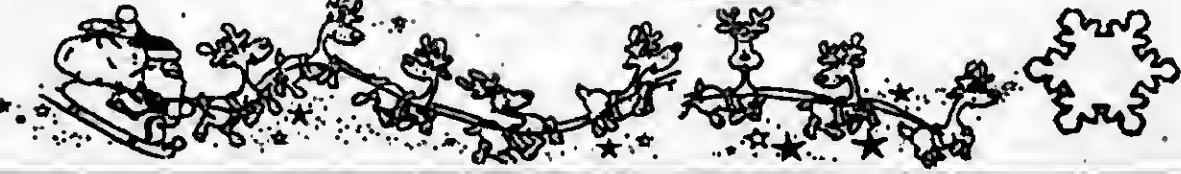
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Rosa Parks Stamp

Congressman Bobby L. Rush (D-IL) along with original co-sponsors, Congressman John Conyers (D-MI) and Joe Barton (R-TX) came together in support of H.R. 4343, which calls for a commemorative postage stamp in honor of Rosa Parks, the late mother of the Civil Rights Movement.

Joining the ranks of distinguished and celebrated heroes, Rush said it is a befitting tribute for a luminary such as Rosa Parks to be immortalized in American history with her own postage stamp.

Having just celebrated the 50th Anniversary of Mrs. Parks' historic December 1, 1955 day of refusal to move to the back of the bus in Montgomery, Alabama, Rush expressed a sense of urgency for passage of this legislation.



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MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL!

In churches and homes, in city streets and stores, across the countryside - the spirit of Christmas spreads its joy and its contentment. Soon now, the last-minute hustle and bustle will give way to the highest moments of holiday celebration. It's a time for fun and feasting, a time for light-hearted laughter and heartfelt prayer, a time when friendships are renewed and family ties are strengthened.

Throughout this community, and indeed throughout all the communities where Christmas is celebrated, the spirit of the season finds expression in innumerable ways - among them, the gladness of the gift-giving, the merriment of parties, the happiness of hearth and home and, above all the solemn hush of midnight, traditionally the symbolic time for heralding the Birth of Christ.

From the holly wreath on the door to the packages under the tree, from the gaily decorated scenes in the churches, the customs of Christmas contribute to the meaning of the Day - just as early Christian leaders meant that holiday customs should.

When Christmas first began to be observed on December 25th, churchmen welcomed the idea of incorporating ceremonies and traditions from earlier beliefs into the celebration. They thought that people would feel closer to the new religion if former ways and rituals were not abolished, but instead united with the new rites to honor the birth of Christ.

Today, nearly everyone celebrates Christmas because Christmas belongs to everyone.

For the Christian believer, Christmas is cherished as a religious holiday of paramount importance and as a time meant for joy and festivity, too.

For people of many different faiths, Christmas is beloved as a happy holiday, a secular celebration that gives meaningful expression to universal good will and good cheer.

None of us, in our human limitations, can fully comprehend the meaning of the coming of the Christ. The event is too big, too overwhelming, too tremen-

dous for us to completely understand. But if we are aware of this fact, we are already on the road to understanding. We know, for instance that in the coming of the Child is to be found the clue to the meaning of life, that in Jesus' life is the secret of the universe. It was Bishop Robinson, the author of HONEST TO GOD, who said that in Jesus Christ we have a window into ultimate reality itself, into God, and that in Christ we reach rock bottom - that rock of love on which the whole universe is constructed.

In our secularized society today, we are prone to celebrate Christmas in a most materialistic fashion, often with no understanding at all of the religious significance of the day, and so often we take the great gifts of life without even thinking of what they mean. We accept the love of parent or mate and do not realize what it has meant until they are gone. We accept food and clothing and shelter without ever knowing what it means to be hungry and cold and homeless. We accept the Divine Love without ever thinking what life would be like without it.

But in unexpected moments of revelation, we are struck with wonder and love and praise. Christmas can be such a moment, and to those who receive this revelation, all of life takes on new meaning and purpose, and we receive with humble gratefulness and a new sense of responsibility, God's gifts to us.

ALL POINTS ANNUAL Christmas story was written by Elmer Lysen, Messenger Newspapers Editor, who passed away in 1976.

"Good Tidings Of Great Joy" The Gospel According To St. Luke King James Version

And it came to pass in those days, that there went out a decree from Caesar Augustus, that all the world should be taxed.

And this taxing was first made when Cyrenius was governor of Syria. And all went to be taxed, every one into his own city.

And Joseph also went up to Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judea, unto the city of David, which is called Bethlehem (because he was of the house and lineage of David), to be taxed with Mary his espoused wife, being great with child.

And so it was that, while they were there, the days were accomplished that she should be delivered.

And she brought forth her first born son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn.

And there were in the same country, shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night.

And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and round about them and they were sore afraid.

And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people.

For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord.

And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger.

And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of heavenly hosts praising God, and saying:

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.

And it came to pass, as the angels were gone away from them into heaven, the Shepherds said one to another, Let us now go even unto Bethlehem, and see this thing which is come to pass, which the Lord hath made known to us.

And they came with haste, and found Mary and Joseph and the babe lying in a manger. And when they had seen it, they made known abroad the saying which was told them concerning the child.

And all they that heard it wondered at those things which were told them by the shepherds. But Mary kept all these things, and pondered them in her heart.

And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things that they had heard and seen, as it was told unto them.

And when eight days were accomplished for the circumcising of the child, his name was called Jesus, which was so named of the angel before he was conceived in the womb.

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Holiday Lane Closures

The Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) announced on Dec. 19th that highway construction work will be suspended wherever possible to ease traffic congestion and make holiday travel easier for Illinois motorists during the Christmas and New Year's holidays.

In the greater Chicagoland area, all lanes on the Edens, Eisenhower, Kennedy, Stevenson, Dan Ryan, and Bishop Ford expressways, as well as I-80 and I-57 will be open.

Various construction zones will be open for Christmas from 3 p.m. Friday, Dec. 23 through Midnight, Sunday, Dec. 25. For New Year's zones will be open from 3 p.m. Friday, Dec. 29 until Midnight, Sunday, Jan. 1.

Motorists are advised to check IDOT's website www.illinoisroads.info for information regarding winter road conditions and updates on road construction. Interstate road condition information is also available at 1-800-452-IDOT (4368).

However, due to the nature of some projects, there will be construction zones throughout the state that will continue to operate. IDOT is urging motorists to slow down and drive with caution through these zones. Holiday travelers are reminded that work zone speed limits are still in effect.

Areas that will continue to have lane closures are as follows:

Torrence Ave. IL 83 at Kingery (I-80-94) in Lansing, roadway and interchange reconstruction, two lanes in each direction open with bridge, ramp and median work continuing. Entrance ramp from Torrence Ave., to WB 180/94 is closed with detour posted.

Bishop Ford, reconstruction in South Holland, this stays the same. Two lanes each direction from 159th to I-80. Ramp from NB Ford to EB 159th closed. Ramp from SB Ford to EB Kingery reduced to one lane.

IL-394, reconstruction in Thornton/Lansing. One lane in each direction between Glenwood-Lansing Rd. and I-80. NB IL-394 to EB I-80/NB I-294 closed with detour posted. Ramp from NB 394 to WB I-80/NB 294 is closed with detour posted.

Kingery, reconstruction in Lansing, Thornton, South Holland, Hammond, and Munster. Stays the same. Three lanes in each direction with some narrow lanes and lane shifts from US 41 (Calumet Ave.) in Indiana to I-94. Two lanes in each direction from I-94 to I-80/294 (Tri-State Tollway). Ramp from EB I-80/SB I-294 to WB I-94 (Bishop Ford) closed with detour posted.

Dan Ryan Expressway, reconstruction in Chicago, left lane closures on State from 71st to 87th and Lafayette from 71st to 99th Wentworth Ave. NB Halsted entrance ramp; NB 87th entrance ramp; NB 87th exit will close on Jan. 3; NB 75th entrance and 71st exit will be closed; SB Wentworth exit ramp; SB 87th exit ramp; SB 87th entrance ramp (detour to 79th) SB 75th exit and 71st entrance ramps will be closed; 76th St. Bridge will be closed; all four ramps at 55th/Garfield and at 47th will be open. SB 95th exit and NB 59th entrance ramps are permanently closed. SB 95th entrance and SB 63rd exit and NB 59th exit and NB 63rd entrance will be closed. Left lane and full closures on Wentworth and Wells from 63rd to 47th. SB & NB 51st St. exit and entrance ramps are permanently closed. NB 39th entrance, NB 35th exit, SB 35th entrance and SB 39th exit will be closed.

Online Wish List

Warm bedding. Socks for little feet. A wished-for baby doll or basketball. Because simple gifts can mean so much, on Nov. 25th, Target and The Salvation Army launched their partnership for the Target/Salvation Army Wish List, an online site to provide essential items for those impacted by recent hurricanes, and other individuals and families in need across the country.

From now through Jan. 25th visitors to www.Target.com/salvationarmy can view and purchase clothing, household items, personal products and Gift Cards to be donated to families across the country. Visitors to the site will have the opportunity to ship items to any of 13 designated Salvation Army distribution centers across the country, each serving large regional areas with items specific to that region. The Salvation Army will distribute the purchased items. In addition, guests can directly connect to The Salvation Army's web site to make a financial donation.

In the Chicago area, children and adult clothing are on their Wish List.

Moraine Valley Assists Divorced, Separated Women In Job Training

Women who have lost income due to divorce, separation, death, or the primary earner becoming disabled or laid off can access education and training needed to re-enter the workforce and become economically self-sufficient through Moraine Valley's Illinois Support Training and Employment Program (ISTEP) for Disabled Homemakers.

Funded through the Illinois Department of Labor, ISTEP offers financial assistance, support services such as transportation or childcare, individual counseling, peer support groups and help with finding or upgrading employment.

All of the college's credit and non-credit vocational education and career exploration classes are open to participants who can receive financial assistance with items such as tuition and books. To receive assistance through this program, a displaced homemaker must have been married and must show a loss of income. Those who are still married must show proof of their spouse's disability or unemployment.

Displaced homemakers in the program meet with a case manager who helps them plan their education and employment paths and provides them with information about other services that may be beneficial such as domestic violence programs or food stamps. Participants also attend workshops and support groups where they can talk to others who are going through similar situations. Moraine Valley's center is one of 10 in Illinois and serves about 120 people annually.

Registration for the spring semester is currently underway. Classes begin the week of Jan. 17. In-district tuition is \$64 per credit hour plus fees and books. Students can register in person at the Admissions, Records and Registration Office, located in the College Center on campus, 9000 W. College Pkwy., Palos Hills, or by calling (708) 974-2110; TT/TDD for the hearing impaired (708) 974-9556. Previously enrolled students also can register online at www.morainevalley.edu.

Information on all classes is available in the spring 2006 class schedule or online at morainevalley.edu.

For more information about the Displaced Homemakers program, call Tamika Montgomery in the Moraine Valley Illinois Employment Training Center at (708) 974-5738.

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Driver Services facilities outside of Cook County and also the Chicago West, Midlothian, Diversey Express and Niles facilities, which are normally open Tuesday through Saturday, will be closed Saturday, Dec. 31st. They will resume business hours Tuesday, Jan. 3rd.

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Celebrate 40 Years Of King's Chicago Dream

It was a sweltering Chicago afternoon in mid-July. Newspapers reported temperatures reaching into the 90s. The vendors charged with supplying refreshments to the growing crowd at Soldier Field were overwhelmed by the demand for ice cream, cold drinks and straw hats. But the heat could not stifle the excitement and determination of the thousands of people gathered in the stadium seats. It was July of 1966, and Martin Luther King Jr. was about to speak.

"(We) must declare our own emancipation and make any sacrifices necessary to change Chicago," King declared from the middle of the massive arena. With those words, King launched the Chicago Freedom Movement, the earliest, most comprehensive civil rights campaign to tackle racism in the northern states.

In commemoration of the 40-year anniversary of this illustrious movement, The Field Museum is proud to present a four-day event designed to spotlight King and his civil rights initiatives. The event will be sponsored by Ariel Mutual Funds, and will take place at 2 p.m. on Friday, Jan. 13th; Saturday, Jan. 14th; Sunday, Jan. 15th; and Monday, Jan. 16th (Martin Luther King Jr. Day). The program is being held in collaboration with Fulfilling the Dream, a series of programs designed to commemorate the 40-year anniversary of King's Chicago Freedom Movement.

The event features actor and singer Kevin McIlvaine, who is known for his enthralling portrayals of Dr. King. McIlvaine's performances combine the intensity of King's words with the power of gospel music. He will be joined by The Metropolitan Apostolic Community Church Choir of Chicago.

Last year, thousands of visitors came to The Field Museum to hear McIlvaine's moving renditions of King's speeches. This year, event organizers anticipate the program's new focus on the Chicago Freedom Movement will draw an even bigger crowd.

The Martin Luther King Jr. Day-centered event is only one of the cultural programs and exhibitions offered by The Field Museum.

This event is free with general museum admission. General museum admission for Chicago residents is \$10 for adults and \$6 for children ages 4-11, seniors and students with ID. The cost for non-Chicago residents is \$12 for adults and \$7 for children ages 4-11, seniors and students with ID. For more information, call (312) 922-9410 or visit www.fieldmuseum.org.



Radio Holiday Special

Gabrielle Consentino, a primary level student at Keller Gifted Center, Chicago, is interviewed by Ken Masson on the topic of Santa Claus. The interview will be included in the 26th Annual Radio Holiday Special to air at 10 and 11 a.m. and 9 p.m., Christmas Day on WCKG(FM) 105.9 MHz.

CLASS REUNIONS

Chicago Vocational High School class of 1981 is looking for classmates. Email cvs1981@aol.com.

Loretto High School class of 1956 is looking for classmates for a 50th reunion. Call (773) 586-8404.

DuSable High School class of 1985 is looking for classmates. Call (312) 603-0523 or (773) 544-3086.

Incarnation Alumni are looking for graduates for an Alumni Directory. Call the school at (708) 385-6250 or e-mail to alum@incarnationcatholic.com.

Bloom High School class of 1939 seeks alumni. Call (708) 756-2315.

Last Chance To Get Crabby At Shedd

Feeling crabby now that winter is closing in? Claw your way over to Shedd before the aquarium's popular special exhibit, CRABS! closes on Sunday, Jan. 1st.

Shedd Aquarium's special exhibit, CRABS! highlights these ancient animals that are like high-tech machines, with adaptable parts and onboard tools. Experience this unusual and intriguing animal that can live everywhere: from the harshest environment on the planet, hydrothermal ocean vents, to freshwater streams and ponds, as well as on land. Learn why these arthropods (animals with jointed legs and bodies that are divided into sections) have their skeleton on the outside, how some can "drink" with their legs and eject their claws at will to escape from predators. Get up close and personal with these fascinating creatures that boast 19 body segments, eyestalks like periscopes, a removable and renewable carapace and the ability to regenerate lost legs. Hurry up, though, this crabby feeling won't last forever!

While at Shedd make sure to join King Neptune and his Royal Court this holiday to make the season merry!

CRABS! hours: Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Saturday and Sunday from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. CRABS! closes permanently at 6 p.m. on Sunday, Jan. 1st.

Neptune's Holiday Kingdom family festivities will run now through Jan. 1st (except Dec. 25th) from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m.

Shedd is closed on Sunday, Dec. 25th. For more information, call (312) 939-2438 or visit www.sheddaquarium.org. Advance tickets recommended by calling Ticketmaster at (312) 559-0200 or www.ticketmaster.com.

New Year's Eve Party At Stony Creek

Come Ring in the New Year at Stony Creek on Saturday, Dec. 31. Enjoy a prime rib dinner complete with a four-hour open bar from 8 p.m. to Midnight and entertainment. The cost is \$65 per person or \$120 per couple. Space is limited. Buy your tickets early.

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Cinderella Auditions

The Beverly Hills University Club Scholarship Foundation will present the spectacular "Cinderella" at the Beverly Arts Center, 2407 W. 111th Street, on March 24th through March 26th and March 31st through April 2nd.

Auditions for "Cinderella" will be held at the Trinity United Methodist Church, 9848 S. Winchester Ave. Adults will audition on Sunday, Jan. 15th from 2 to 5 p.m. and Monday, Jan. 16th, from 7:30 to 10 p.m. Call backs, if needed, will be Thursday, Jan. 19th.

Teenagers from 13 to 17 will audition on Tuesday, Jan. 17th; from 7:30 to 10 p.m. Children will audition by appointment on Sunday, Jan. 22nd from 2 to 5 p.m. Call (773) 544-1058 to schedule an appointment.

Be prepared to sing a song from the show. If dancing, wear proper attire.

The Beverly Hills University Club Scholarship Foundation has been awarding college scholarship to local high school students for over 80 years. More than 1000 scholarships have been presented with a total value of more than one million dollars.

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ENTERTAINMENT NEWS

Chicago Symphony Orchestra Fellowship Auditions

The Chicago Symphony Orchestra Assn. has announced the fourth year of its Orchestra Diversity Fellowship Program, a training initiative for promising, young orchestral players from diverse backgrounds. The 2006-07 Diversity Fellowship Program offers fellowships for violin, viola and cello. Applications for the program are due on Jan. 13th with live auditions at Symphony Center scheduled for February. In an effort to increase ethnic and cultural diversity in American orchestras, special consideration for this program will be given to fellowship candidates who are African-American, Latino or from other groups that are traditionally underrepresented in symphony orchestras. The Chicago Symphony Orchestra Diversity Fellowship Program receives generous support from the Lewis-Sebring Family Foundation. The CSO is pleased to name one 2006-07 fellow the Lewis-Sebring Fellow.

Through this fellowship, the Orchestra hopes to interest these musicians in auditioning for permanent positions in major symphony orchestras and increase the pool of musicians qualified to contend for those positions. This program is part of the CSO's ongoing education, community relations and diversity efforts, designed to break down the barriers, both real and perceived, that limit opportunities for musicians from diverse backgrounds.

The CSO's Diversity Fellowship Program will be open to musicians ages 18-32. Up to two fellows will be selected for the yearlong program, which will provide multiple opportunities for participants to work closely with members of the Chicago Symphony Orchestra, and to perform in concerts with the Orchestra on a substitute basis during the 2006-07 season. Fellows may also participate in training activities with the Civic Orchestra of Chicago, the CSO's training orchestra for young, pre-professional musicians.

Two fellowship options will be made available, based on the level of musical performance demonstrated during the live auditions. The CSO Fellowship will include: rehearsing and performing as a substitute with the CSO for a significant number of weeks during the season; coaching and mentoring from members of the CSO; and participating in the Orchestra's education and community relations activities. The stipend for the CSO Fellowship is \$36,000, with additional allotments for medical coverage and travel allowance for auditions. The CSO Apprentice Fellowship will include: participation in Civic Orchestra performance and training activities; coaching and mentoring from members of the CSO, including specialized preparation for auditions; and involvement with the music programs of local universities and other educational institutions. The stipend for the CSO Apprentice Fellowship is \$12,000. Both fellowships will be customized to best suit the needs and interests of the individuals selected to participate, and may be extended for an additional year by mutual consent.

Tickets On Sale For 33rd Annual Snowflake Ball

Tickets are now on sale for the Beverly Area Planning Association's (BAPA) 33rd annual Snowflake Ball on Sat., Feb. 11, 8 p.m. to 1 a.m., at the Shannon Center, Saint Xavier University, 3700 W. 103rd St., Chicago.

Performing dance music that night will be Lynn Jordan and the Shivers, and the SXU Jazz Band. Tickets are \$30 in advance or \$35 at the door. They can be reserved by calling (773) 233-3100, or during business hours at BAPA, 10233 S. Wood St., Chicago.

The Snowflake Ball is hosted by the Beverly Area Planning Association with the generous support of co-host and presenting sponsor Saint Xavier University and Grande Snowflake Sponsor Gilhooley's Grande Saloon at Saint Xavier University.

The Snowflake Ball is BAPA's major annual fundraiser. BAPA is a not-for-profit community based organizations founded in 1947 to serve the Beverly Hills/Morgan Park neighborhood of Chicago. For more information, call (773) 233-3100.

Applications for the 2006-07 season will be accepted from all interested musicians, ages 18-32, for violin, viola and cello. Completion of high school is a prerequisite for participation in the Diversity Fellowship program. Applications, including Fellowship Application form, resume and \$50 application fee, must be received by Jan. 13th. Prospective fellows are strongly encouraged to submit a performance tape for pre-screening. Based on the results of the taped pre-screening, some applicants may be offered travel assistance to and from Chicago for live auditions. The live auditions will be scheduled for February, and will take place at Symphony Center, 220 S. Michigan Ave. in Chicago. For more information, visit the CSO's Web site at www.cso.org/fellowshipauditions.

Ski For Research

The 21st annual Ski for Research is scheduled for Thursday, Feb. 9 through Tuesday, Feb. 14, at Beaver Creek Resort in Colorado. This annual men's only event, founded in 1986 by Gerald Brin of Mundelein, honors the memory of Alan Brin, his 10-year-old nephew, who lost his battle with leukemia. Proceeds from the event benefit the Donald Davidson - Alan Brin Memorial Chapter of the Leukemia Research Foundation.

Skiers of all abilities will experience the fun and camaraderie of the sport, along with the first-class accommodations available at Vail Resorts, while raising funds for the Leukemia Research Foundation. The package cost of \$1,825 includes a donation to the Leukemia Research Foundation, roundtrip airfare from O'Hare to Denver, ground transportation to Beaver Creek, five days/nights lodging at The Charter at Beaver Creek, five-day lift ticket, several meals including a picnic and a farewell dinner and auction, and Nastar Slalom Race, award medals, BBQ lunch, group photo, discounts on lessons and equipment rentals, full health club facilities and much, much more.

This fantastic ski adventure is made possible through the generosity of great sponsors including The Charter at Beaver Creek, Charter Sports, Vail/Beaver Creek Ski Area, Rossignol Ski Company and The Resort Company.

For more information contact Jerry Brin at (847) 566-5467, e-mail Geeb@aol.com or visit the Leukemia Research Foundation website at www.leukemia-research.org.



Snowflake Ball Holiday Special

Making a Christmas list and checking it twice for great gift giving ideas are Snowflake Ball ticket chairs Robert and Maura Hall. Offered as a holiday special, tickets to the 33rd annual Beverly Area Planning Association community event, set for Saturday, Feb. 11, are selling for \$25 until Dec. 23rd. After that date, admission to the mid-winter party, taking place at Saint Xavier University's Shannon Center, 3700 W. 103rd St., will be \$30 in advance and \$35 at the door. Call BAPA at (773) 233-3100 to purchase tickets at the special price.

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REWARDS OFFERED FOR INFO ABOUT ECO-TERRORISTS: The FBI and a building advocacy group will offer monetary awards for information leading to the arrest and conviction of eco-terrorists, especially those involved with the Earth Liberation Front (ELF). It was ELF activists who claimed responsibility for recent construction site fires in the state of Washington.

Authorities in the FBI's Seattle office and the Building Industry Association of Washington (BIAW) have posted \$100,000 rewards to combat eco-terrorism, particularly ELF attacks. For more than a decade, ELF has claimed responsibility for dozens of arsons and eco-terror attacks that have caused upwards of \$100 million in damages.

The FBI and BIAW officials are concerned about the escalating severity of ELF's alleged activities. They fear future eco-terror attacks could result in injury or death. The FBI considers ELF and other radical environmental activist groups the top domestic terrorist threats in the United States.

NEW MICHIGAN FISHING REGULATIONS APPROVE DROP SHOTTING: Changes to the gear restrictions order were made to allow anglers to suspend a weight below a hook tied directly to the main line, without using a 3" dropper line, on certain waters.

The method is called "drop shooting" and will now be legal to use on inland lakes, the Great Lakes and connecting waters. However, the gear restriction is still in effect on all rivers, streams and drowned river mouths where snagging potential is highest.

ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES EMPLOYEES HONORED: The IDNR honored 101 Department employees during the 2005 Service Awards Ceremony conducted at the IDNR headquarters in Springfield. Employees recognized were honored for state service of 25, 30, 35 and 45 years.

"Our employees make valuable contributions each day to help us achieve our mission of managing, protecting and sustaining the state's natural and cultural resources," said Joel Brunsvold, IDNR Director. "The long-term employees we are honoring merit the thanks of those of us who work with them and the citizens of Illinois who have benefited from their service."

"Added together, these 101 employees have provided nearly 2,700 years of service to the people of Illinois. We are all impressed by their effort and dedication to our constituents and the help they provide to each other in getting their jobs done," added Brunsvold.

SOUND AND BUBBLE BARRIER DETERS CARP: Research experts with the Illinois Natural History Survey have found that an underwater acoustic barrier is effective in deterring Asian carp. These researchers tested sound-bubble technology in fish raceways where it proved 95% effective in causing bighead and silver to turn around. Continued work should get the effectiveness closer to 100%. If funding becomes available and the technology continues to prove effective, an acoustic barrier may augment the electric barrier at its site, or downstream where it can protect the Chicago Sanitary and Ship Canal as well as the Des Plaines River.

SNOWMOBILES CAUTIONED AGAINST WILDLIFE HARASSMENT: As snowmobilers get out and enjoy the winter landscape, this is a reminder that winter is a very stressful time for wildlife.

Snowmobilers running their machines near, through or around winter habitat such as thickets, cattails, and wooded areas, may inadvertently scare wintering wildlife, causing them additional and unnecessary stress or injury. Snowmobilers were being asked to take this into consideration and to give wildlife a little comfort space when out enjoying their sport. (Credit: Great Lakes Basin Report.)

OFF-HIGHWAY VEHICLE RECREATIONAL TRAIL GRANTS: Governor Blagojevich awarded more than \$1.3 million in grants from the state's Off-Highway Vehicle (OHV) Recreational Trails Program to fund improvements at three facilities in downstate Illinois.

The OHV Recreational Trails Program is funded through the title fees on all-terrain vehicles and off-highway motorcycles, and through the sale of public access stickers. The program provides up to 100 percent reimbursement for approved project costs, which may include land acquisition, construction and maintenance of OHV trails and related facilities, restoration of areas damaged by OHV use, and for education and safety programs.

At the risk of being politically in-correct, I want to take this opportunity to wish you and yours "A Very Merry Christmas."

Football Season Special

Every Sunday, now through SuperBowl Sunday, enjoy five domestic beers and 20 buffalo wings for only \$19.99 at the Stony Creek Clubhouse. Bring your family and friends and watch your favorite team on one of the seven TVs - including the Big Screen.

Stony Creek is located at 5850 W. 103rd St. For more information call (708) 857-2433.



Shepard Senior Signs Letter Of Intent

Ramle Hamdan, a senior at Alan B. Shepard High School, recently signed a national letter of intent accepting an athletic scholarship to Bradley University.

Hamdan, a pitcher for the Shepard baseball team, plans to study marketing at Bradley.

Pictured left to right Shepard baseball coach Frank DiFogglo, Ahmad Hamdan (father), and Samla Hamdan (mother) and, seated, Ramle Hamdan.

Winter Baseball Camp

John Cangelosi, former White Sox player and member of the 1997 World Champion Florida Marlins, will conduct his fourth annual winter clinic on Friday, Jan. 6th and Saturday, Jan. 7th at 8402 W. 183rd St., Suite C, in Tinley Park.

Joining Cangelosi will be Chicago Cubs AAA Pitching Coach Alan Dunn and St. Rita High School Head Coach Mike Zunica.

The camp is divided into two groups. Group I is open to children in grades 6 through 8, from 4 till 6:30 p.m. both days. Group II is open to all high school baseball players, from 6:30 till 9 p.m. both days.

Cost for the two-day camp is \$115. Campers need to bring their own bat, glove and batting gloves. Catchers need their own gear. Space is limited. Call (708) 774-0357 for more details or email cbal0@comcast.net with any questions.

Cross Country Awardees

The Millikin University cross-country teams recently announced their award winners and letter winners for the 2005 season.

Included with the letter winners were Sophomore Ashley Schmidt of Burbank, graduate of Revis High School who won a second letter; and Senior Cassie Gonzales of New Lenox, graduate of Oak Lawn High School, who won her fourth letter.

Ten Star All Star Basketball Camp

Applications are now being evaluated for the Ten Star All Star Summer Basketball Camp. The camp is by invitation only. Boys and girls ages 10-19 are eligible to play. Past participants include: Michael Jordan, Tim Duncan, Vince Carter, Jerry Stackhouse, Grant Hill and Antawn Jamison. Players from 50 states and 18 foreign countries attended the 2005 camp. College basketball scholarships are possible for players selected to the All-American Team.

Camp locations include: Champaign, IL, Prescott, AZ, Thousand Oaks, CA, Sterling, CO, Bridgeport, CT, Babson Park, FL, Gainesville, GA, North Manchester, IN, Towson, MD, Ypsilanti, MI, Glassboro, NJ, Schenectady, NY, Hickory, NC, Lebanon, TN, Commerce, TX, Blacksburg, VA, Lyndonville, VT and Beloit, WI. For a free brochure, call (704) 373-0873, anytime.

White Sox World Series Trophy At Gaelic Park

Chicago Gaelic Park the Irish Cultural Center, 6119 W. 147th St., Oak Forest, is delighted to be part of the White Sox World Series Trophy Tour. Transported by its own dedicated security team, and sport utility vehicle, the trophy will be on display in the Emerald Room at Gaelic Park, on Monday, Dec. 26th from 10 a.m. until 12 noon. Fans can pose for pictures next to the silver trophy, but should bring their own cameras. There is no admission charge; however, the White Sox are requesting a cash donation for the White Sox Charities.

The Carriage Pub will be open, and tea, coffee, donuts and lunch will be available for purchase. For more information, contact Gaelic Park at (708) 687-9323.

SXU Sports News

Dooley To Be Inducted Into Hall Of Fame

St. Xavier University baseball coach Mike Dooley will be officially inducted into the Illinois High School Baseball Coaches Assn. (IHSBCA) Hall of Fame at the Hall of Fame Dinner and Induction Ceremony on Saturday, Feb. 4th at the Hickory Ridge Marriott Conference Hotel in Lisle. Dooley was chosen for this prestigious honor for his selfless efforts and longstanding commitments to improving high school baseball in Illinois.

Dooley has directed the SXU baseball program since 1993 and has been associated with the team for 25 years. As head coach, he has had plenty of success compiling a career record of 520-305-1 over 13 seasons (.630 winning percentage) and sent 15 players on to professional careers. Last spring, Dooley had one of his best seasons at SXU with the team finishing 39-23 overall and advancing to the NAIA Super Regional for the first time since the new post-season format was adopted in 2000.

Dooley's success as a coach has not been limited to the baseball diamond. He has coached eight NAIA All-American Scholar-Athletes during his tenure and, as an instructor in the physical education department at SXU, is committed to teaching and the values of higher education.

Tony D'Anza and John Morrey, assistant baseball coaches at SXU under Dooley, have already been inducted into the IHSBCA Hall of Fame. Dooley was inducted into the Chicagoland Collegiate Athletic Conference (CCAC) Hall of Fame in 2002 for his outstanding coaching career at St. Xavier.

SXU Drops Tough Game

Despite a career-high tying 17 points by freshman forward Adam Gregoriou (Burbank/Brother Rice), the No. 19 ranked St. Xavier University men's basketball team lost a tough, non-conference game to Calumet College of St. Joseph (Ind.), 68-59, on the road Thursday in Hammond, Ind. The Cougars (8-5 overall) had trouble shooting the ball the entire game hitting only 35 percent (18-for-51) of its shots from the field, while the Crimson Wave (6-9 overall) shot an impressive 54 percent (25-for-46).

Gregoriou shot 7-for-9 from the field to lead SXU and pulled down six rebounds, while senior guard Jason Reiter (Lemont/Lemont) was the only other Cougar in double figures with 14 points and five boards. Freshman guard Jason Genova (Chicago/St. Patrick) led St. Xavier on the glass with seven rebounds to go along with his seven points. Senior forward Mike Oppland, who finished with a game-high 24 points, led Calumet College of St. Joseph.

Millikin Letter Winners

Millikin University's football team has named its 2005 varsity letter winners. The Big Blue finished the 2005 season with a 5-5 record.

Letter winners from this area are: Matt Renderman (Chicago/Marist) received one letter; Troy Stuewe (Oak Forest) received two letters; and Jake Polich (Burbank/Reavis) received one letter.

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Mobile Cyber Cafe

A \$5,000 SBC Beyond the Call grant awarded to Moraine Valley will enable the college's Blue Island Education Center to create a mobile Cyber Café, which will consist of a mobile storage unit for 10 new laptop computers and a wireless network.

The addition of a mobile Cyber Café will more than double the number of computers that are available for students, providing greater access to the college's library and additional online resources. More technology classes also can be offered at the center because the Cyber Café can be moved to different classrooms.

The Blue Island Education Center was chosen for a mobile Cyber Café because a majority of students who attend classes there do not have computer access outside the center; therefore, it will help decrease wait times to use a computer.

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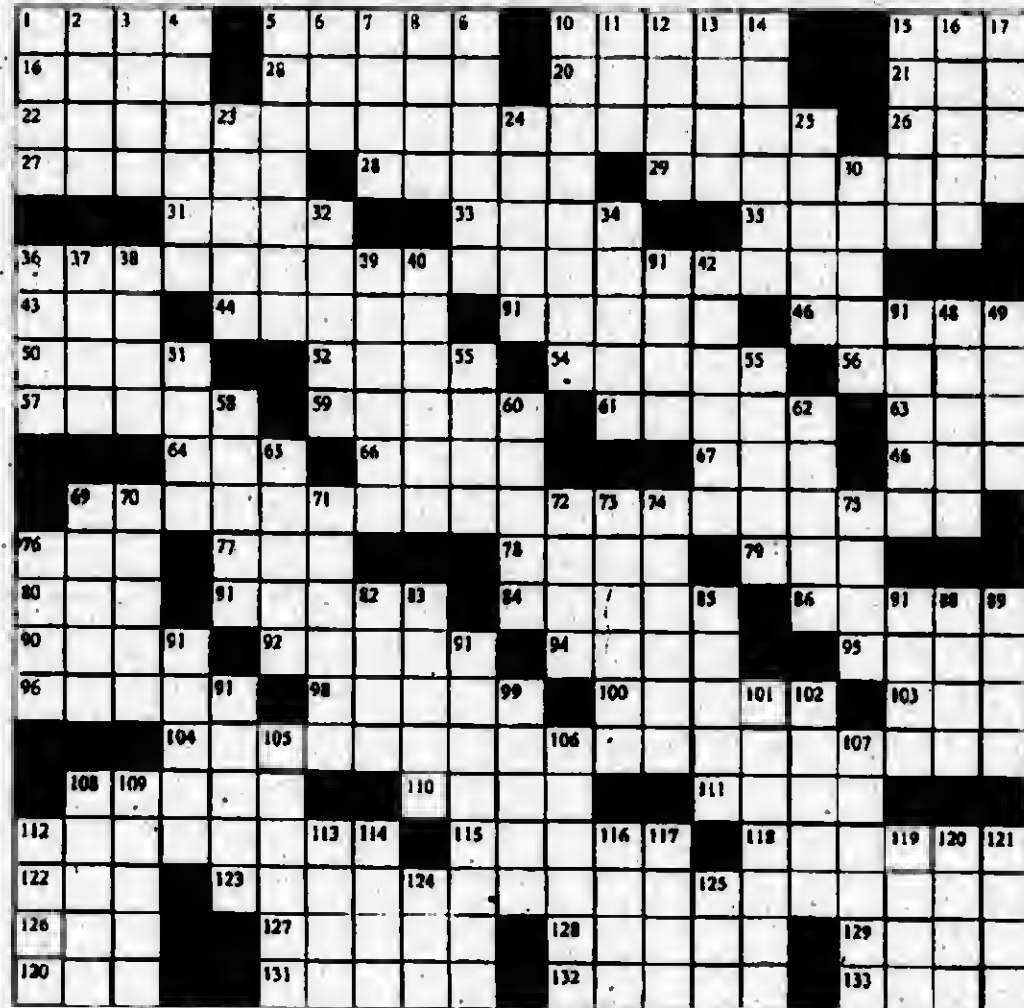
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Out Of The Darkness Overnight Walk

The American Foundation for Suicide Prevention (AFSP) has announced their plans for the upcoming National Out of the Darkness Overnight Walk (www.theovernight.org) in Chicago. The 20-mile fundraising walk will benefit AFSP, the only national organization dedicated to funding suicide prevention research, education and awareness programs and to supporting survivors of suicide loss.

The Overnight in Chicago will begin at sundown on Aug. 12 and end at sunrise on Aug. 13. A similar overnight walk will also take place in

San Francisco on July 22-23. Registration is open for both walks at www.theovernight.org or by calling 888-NIGHT-05.

Last summer, more than 1,700 people from across the country journeyed to Chicago and walked through the night raising over \$1.35 million for suicide prevention. Funds supported the dissemination of an educational video to college campuses, new treatment research, and new training programs for survivor support group leaders. Funds are also being used to establish a regional office in Chicago in early 2006. Funds from next summer's walk will be earmarked for research aimed at improving knowledge of biological, genetic and psychosocial factors that contribute to suicide, expanding AFSP's National Survivors of Suicide Day Program and advancing the development of national centers to evaluate the effectiveness of suicide prevention interventions and treatments.

In the U.S. suicide is a serious national health problem. It is estimated that close to one million people make a suicide attempt each year and that every

18 minutes someone dies by suicide. Untreated depression is the leading cause of suicide. More than 20 million people suffer from depression each year. Tragically, suicide is the third leading cause of death among teens and young adults, the second leading cause of death for college students and accounts for 20 percent of deaths among people over age 65.

Many of the participants in The Overnight will be walking or volunteering in memory of loved ones they have lost to suicide or that have suffered from

depression, while many others will participate because they have personally battled with depression themselves. Each walker must raise a minimum of \$1,000 to participate. Volunteer "crew" positions are also available and do not have a fundraising requirement. Walkers must be over the age of 16 to participate.

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Thoughts On Health & Nutrition

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HOLIDAY WEIGHT MAINTENANCE REVISITED

We are coming in to the "home stretch" of the holiday season, with Christmas and New Year's right around the corner. Planning ahead is the name of the game when it comes to sticking to your weight goals and avoiding excess weight gain, as I have emphasized in previous columns. Here are some friendly reminders for healthy eating:

*Plan ahead. Know your limits on portions before festivities begin. If this is done, you can avoid impulse eating at a gathering.

*Limit portions. An entire meal can consist of over 1500 calories if you do not do this. You will also feel better that day and the next day if you don't overeat.

*Design a fruit and cheese tray for yourself. Try low fat cheeses which taste good and low fat crackers. Use dips made with fat free yogurt, cottage cheese, or fat free sour cream.

*Don't forget to exercise. Try not to stray from your exercise routine despite the busy holiday season. Walk an extra ten minutes daily to burn an additional 500 calories per week. The extra exercise can help compensate for added calories from holiday treats.

Ideas for recipe modification include:

*Using applesauce, crushed pineapple or non-fat yogurt in baked goods instead of butter, oil, or margarine.

*Using low fat soups in recipes which called for condensed cream soups.

*Using evaporated fat free milk instead of heavy cream in recipes will save 620 calories per recipe.

*Using 8 ounces of fat free ricotta cheese or cream cheese instead of regular cream cheese can save about 600 calories per recipe.

*Substituting one pound of lean ground turkey for one pound 80% lean ground beef can save about 850 calories per recipe.

*Healthy choices for foods at the party are:

*Low fat cheese and low fat crackers

*Pretzels

*Fruit

*Finger sandwiches made with lean meat

*Shrimp cocktail with minimal cocktail sauce

Don't let the holidays budge your weight or increase your size in clothes for the New Year! Good planning, motivation, and sticking with an exercise routine will help control the extra pounds.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

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Dairy's Role In Diets

A new clinical trial published recently in the *American Journal of Clinical Nutrition* by researchers at Purdue University found that women burned more fat and more calories after a meal when their diets included 3-4 servings of dairy daily.

"From the results of this study, we put together a rough calculation based on the increased fat burned from a meal that suggests a high dairy diet followed over a year could potentially result in the loss of 10 pounds of fat a year," commented Dorothy Teegarden, Ph.D., lead investigator and professor of nutrition at Purdue University.

The purpose of this study was to investigate the mechanism by which dairy and calcium may impact body composition through the body's ability to burn fat and use calories. This study was not designed to induce weight loss. In the yearlong study, researchers compared the effects of a prolonged low dairy (1-2 servings) diet to a prolonged high dairy (3-4 servings) diet among 19 normal-weight women (aged 18-30 years old). The study participants' ability to burn fat and calories after a meal was measured at the beginning and end of the trial to determine the impact of increasing dairy and calcium consumption during the one year trial. They found that women who consumed 3 servings of dairy each day over the course of a year burned more fat and calories from a meal compared to women who fell short of government recommendations, consuming less than three servings of dairy per day. The subjects who consumed more dairy over the year burned more fat and calories after a meal.

Results from this study add further support to the body of research on dairy's role in weight management providing insight into the mechanism of fat metabolism. Increased calcium decreases parathyroid hormone (PTH) and Dr. Teegarden discovered that the decreased PTH that occurs with increased dairy consumption increases fat burning. Dr. Teegarden's discovery builds on other research demonstrating the role of calcium regulating hormones as potential mediators of the relationship between an increase in dietary calcium and greater fat burning.

Laser Treatment Brings Relief For Varicose Veins

If you are one of the millions of Americans living with unsightly and uncomfortable varicose veins, you'll be glad to know that St. Francis Hospital now offers a revolutionary new laser treatment that puts an end to the discomfort once and for all.

Varicose veins are recognizable by their blue, twisted appearance and usually are accompanied by small red and blue spider veins. They develop when the valves in the veins, as well as the vein walls, weaken or fail. Normal veins have one-way valves that keep blood moving, against gravity, up toward the heart.

When these valves function ineffectively, blood flows backward and pools in the veins leading to a build-up of pressure. This weakens them and they become twisted, enlarged and uncomfortable.

The development of varicose veins is progressive. In the earliest stages, they can be treated with regular exercise, compression stockings, and leg elevation.

If the condition worsens, interventions are available including a new, minimally invasive laser treatment at St. Francis.

Done on an outpatient basis, the procedure utilizes a thin, thread-like catheter that is fed into the malfunctioning vein. Laser energy is sent through the catheter, sealing the vein and redirecting blood flow to healthy veins in the leg. The procedure takes about 45 minutes and patients can walk immediately. There is no scar, minimal pain, quick recovery, and almost immediate relief from symptoms.

Address Adolescent Mental Health Issues

More than 50 suburban high school counselors gathered Friday, Dec. 9th to learn about the Mental Health Association of Greater Chicago's (MHAGC) innovative Mental Health Awareness in Education (MHAIE) initiative, a progressive way for schools to address the serious and all-too-often overlooked mental health issues facing today's youth.

The first of its kind in the country, MHAIE includes workshops, training sessions and a comprehensive *Adolescent Mental Health Handbook* to teach school personnel how to respond appropriately and effectively to the most common mental health disorders in adolescents. The unique program fills the educational gap for teachers and counselors, many of whom have no experience in dealing with mental illness; and for schools that need community mental health resources to fill the deficit between student need and the mental health resources available in schools.

As a member of the State of Illinois Children's Mental Health Partnership, MHAGC Executive Director Martha T. Schriver's program teaches professionals, families and adolescents how to identify but not diagnose mental illnesses such as eating disorders and depression; what to say and what not to say to those who suffer; and, how to halt the downward spiral of untreated mental illness. More than 25 schools throughout the state have been involved in the program.

The MHAGC has a strategic partnership with Chicago Public Schools and has worked closely with the Institute for Juvenile Research at the University of Illinois to develop the *Adolescent Mental Health Handbook*, which is regarded by the UCLA Center for Mental Health in Schools as the first comprehensive mental health publication for school teachers and counselors in the country. The MHAGC has also created a 15 week Mental Health curriculum for student health education and psychology classes that is currently being piloting in three Chicago schools.

The Mental Health Association of Greater Chicago (MHAGC) is an independent, not-for-profit, volunteer Association founded in 1957. MHAGC advocates for the social and emotional health of children and families, and provides practical tools and educational training for identification, prevention, and referral of mental illness.

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Veterans And Soldiers News

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Air Force Airman Michael J. Lonak has graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas. He is the son of Mark and Vivian Lonak of Justice. Lonak is a 2003 graduate of Argo Community High School in Summit.

Marine Corps Reserve Pvt. Pablo A. Del Valle recently completed 12 weeks of basic training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot, San Diego, California, designed to challenge new Marine recruits both physically and mentally. Del Valle is a 2005 graduate of Bogan High School in Chicago.

Marine Corps Pvt. John W. Campbell recently completed 12 weeks of basic training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot, San Diego, California, designed to challenge new Marine recruits both physically and mentally. Campbell is the son of Bridget Campbell of Evergreen Park.

Navy Petty Officer 3rd Class Fredrick M. Lacey, son of Jeanette Strono of Blue Island, and his fellow shipmates entered the U.S. 5th Fleet area of operations to conduct maritime security operations (MSO) during a scheduled deployment while assigned to the amphibious transport dock USS Austin, home-ported in Norfolk, Virginia. Lacey joined the Navy in August 2002.

Navy Seaman Apprentice Jonathan B. McKinney, son of Andre Bonner of Chicago, and his shipmates concluded Annual Exercise (ANNUALEX) 2005, while assigned to the aircraft carrier USS Kitty Hawk, forward deployed to Yokosuka, Japan. McKinney joined the Navy in September 2003.

Marine Corps Reserve Pvt. Joseph A. Klem recently completed 12 weeks of basic training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot, San Diego, California, designed to challenge new Marine recruits both physically and mentally. He is the son of Alan Klem of Oak Lawn.

Marine Corps Reserve Pvt. Michael T. Laney recently completed 12 weeks of basic training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot, San Diego, California, designed to challenge new Marine recruits both physically and mentally. Laney is a 2002 graduate of Stagg High School in Palos Hills.

Army Pfc. Jessica M. Maynard has graduated from basic combat training at Fort Jackson, Columbia, South Carolina. She is the daughter of Mike and Teresa Szydelko of Crestwood. The private is a 2004 graduate of Stagg High School in Palos Hills.

Marine Corps Pfc. Jeffrey P. Kirk recently completed 12 weeks of basic training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot, San Diego, California, designed to challenge new Marine recruits both physically and mentally. Kirk is a 2002 graduate of St. Rita High School in Chicago.

Marine Corps Pvt. Kenneth Brown, Jr. recently completed 12 weeks of basic training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot, San Diego, California, designed to challenge new Marine recruits both physically and mentally. The private is the son of Kathy Jackson and Kenneth Brown of Chicago.

On Dec. 19th, House Committee on Veterans' Affairs Chairman Steve Buyer (R-Ind.) hailed the decision by Congress to exempt the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) budget from the 1 percent across-the-board reduction that was applied to other fiscal year 2006 discretionary spending. "America's veterans have safeguarded our liberties and made possible the blessings we give thanks for this holiday season," Buyer said. "Safeguarding the funds our nation has generously provided for veterans' health care was a top priority for me and the members of the Veterans' Committee."

Veterans' health care is funded each year through discretionary budgeting, which reflects budget proposals made by the Administration, and then considered and developed in Congress. Spending for veterans' health care has risen from \$19.3 billion in FY2001 to approximately \$30 billion in FY2005, a 55 percent increase. President Bush just signed into law the appropriations bill providing VA more than \$70 billion in total funding for FY2006, which includes an increase in veterans' medical care spending of 18 percent over the past two years.

In addition, Chairman Buyer led the effort to provide VA \$1.5 billion in supplemental funds in August 2005 after a health care funding shortfall was discovered. VA, unable to use the entire amount in FY2005, will roll more than a billion dollars into FY2006.

"We thank the leadership of the House of Representatives for sharing this priority and ensuring that veterans will continue to be able to count on their VA to be there for them," Buyer said. "More important, we thank our nation's veterans and those who serve in our armed forces this holiday season for their faithful service to America."

Good-bye for this week. May you and your family be blessed with joy and peace during this holiday season. God bless you and God bless America.

All Kids Health Insurance Coverage Bill

U.S. Senator Durbin (D-IL) and Congressman Rahm Emanuel (D-IL) have introduced the All Kids Health Insurance Coverage Act of 2005, modeled after Illinois Governor Rod Blagojevich's All Kids health insurance legislation. Durbin and Emanuel's bill will help states provide access to health insurance for all children by expanding the State Children's Health Insurance Program (SCHIP).

"Of the 9 million uninsured children in this country, a majority come from families where at least one parent is working full time. These families are often ineligible for Medicaid and unable to afford private health insurance. It is time for Congress to act," said Durbin. "This bill will create a way for states and the federal government to work together to provide every uninsured child in the country with access to affordable, comprehensive health insurance."

The All Kids Health Insurance Coverage Act proposes to eliminate the federal eligibility cap of 200% of the federal poverty level so that all children can be eligible for SCHIP, regardless of family income. States that commit to offering every uninsured child in their state with access to SCHIP or Medicaid will receive additional federal subsidies in the form of a five percent increase over their current SCHIP or Medicaid matching rate for children above 200% of the federal poverty level.

The All Kids bill also provides incentives for states to expand enrollment of eligible kids in their SCHIP programs by providing more money to states that implement simplification measures and streamline the SCHIP enrollment process. States that implement the following policies will receive an additional five percent increase in their current SCHIP matching rate: presumptive eligibility, 12 month continuous enrollment, automatic renewal and eliminating the asset test. This will greatly assist states in providing health insurance for the 6.8 million children who are currently eligible for SCHIP or Medicaid but not enrolled.

The All Kids Health Insurance Coverage Act will be fully funded by eliminating two expensive tax cuts that have not yet taken effect. Approximately 97% of the benefits of the repeal of the Personal Exemption Phaseout (PEP) and the "Pease" provision, named for its author, the late Rep. Donald J. Pease (D-Ohio) will go to families with annual incomes exceeding \$200,000. These tax cuts are scheduled to begin in 2006. Eliminating these cuts will generate approximately \$30.6 billion in revenue between 2006-2010. It is estimated that the All Kids Health Insurance Coverage Act will cost \$21 billion, which will be more than covered by canceling the tax cuts. Funds generated but not expended on the All Kids program will be dedicated to deficit reduction.

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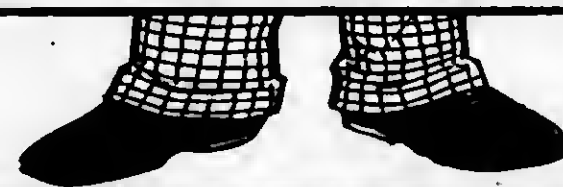
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Pet Proofing Your House

It may be the season to be jolly, but for your pets it's the season for curiosity, and that can lead to trouble, says Dr. Raquel Brown, a veterinarian at the College of Veterinary Medicine & Biomedical Sciences at Texas A&M University.

Decorations make your house look festive, but they can be hazardous to your pet. "Decorations are interesting things to investigate for your pet," says Brown. "Pet-proofing your house for the holidays is very important."

She suggests that pet owners: keep candles, potpourri pots and decorations out of reach; anchor the top of the Christmas tree to the ceiling so it will not fall on your pet; put away children's toys; make sure small objects, medications, chocolates, etc. are kept out of reach.

Holiday plants also pose a threat to your pets. "The most

notable poisonous plants are holly, poinsettia, mistletoe, ivy and hibiscus," says Brown. "If your pet ingests a plant or decoration, you should immediately call your local veterinarian or the ASPCA emergency hotline at 1-888-4ANI-HELP."

Turkey and stuffing may be your favorite holiday meal, but don't share it with Sparky or Fluffy, she adds.

"Bones can cause serious injuries, even death if the bones perforate the intestinal tract," says Brown. "You should also avoid feeding animals table scraps because the high fat content may predispose pets to pancreatitis, or an inflammation of the pancreas."

With all of the guests coming in and out of your house, it is likely your pet may get out. "It is a good idea to make sure your pet has proper identification especially during the holidays," Brown says.

If you're thinking about giving a puppy or kitten as a present, Brown advises against it. "A pet is a lifetime commitment, maybe as much as 18 years," she says. "Taking on a responsibility of such magnitude is a personal decision and must be made with great forethought." Instead, Brown recommends giving a person pet supplies or a gift certificate for veterinary care if he or she decides to get a pet.

If you already have a pet and want to reward him or her with a gift, Brown recommends giving the gift of attention. The most important thing you can give your pet is your time," she says. "Whether it's a walk in the park, a good belly rub, or just some quiet time sitting or playing ball, your pet will appreciate it."

She says that holidays can be a stressful time for both you and your pet. "Remember to provide your pet with adequate attention and activities," says Brown. "If it has something to do, it will be less likely to get into trouble investigating all of the new surroundings."

**Merry Christmas &
A Happy, Healthy New Year**

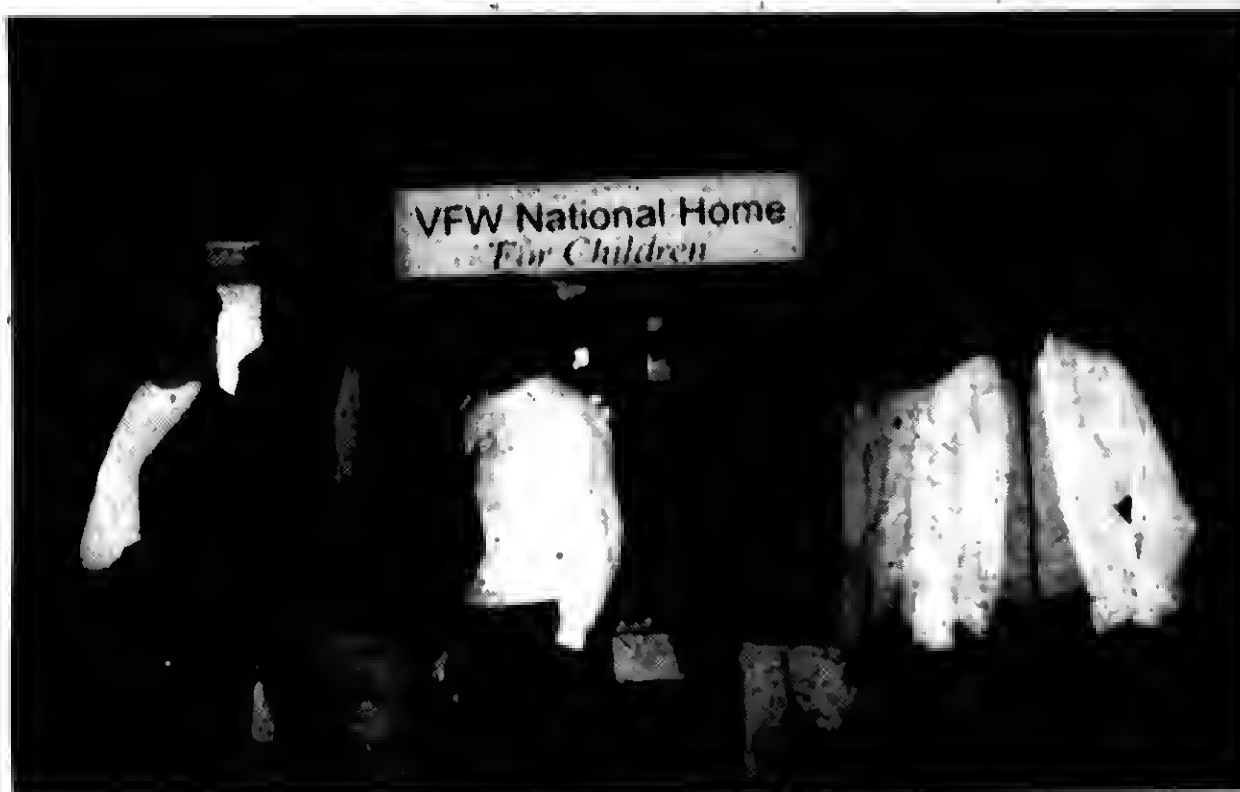


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Hometown VFW & Aux. Visit National Home For Children

This past October Hometown VFW and Ladies Auxiliary Post #9773 visited the VFW National Home for Children in Eaton Rapids, Michigan for Illinois Day (Oct. 1st). The National Home for Children is a private, non-profit, licensed residential child care agency providing long and short term residency to the children; grandchildren and great-grandchildren of VFW and Ladies Auxiliary members, as well as active duty military service personnel who can not provide adequate care for their children. The Home is funded by gifts of the VFW, Ladies Auxiliaries and other private organizations as well as individual contributors. They receive no government funding. For more information and to contribute to our veterans and disadvantaged military families call 1-800-424-8360 or visit www.vfwnationalhome.org. Support our troops by supporting their families.

Pictured left to right: Hometown-Murray VFW and Ladies Auxiliary members, Geraldine Gelsier, Aux. Sr. Vice President and Past VFW Aux. 3rd District President; Curt Martyn, Post Trustee and 3rd District Commander; Patricia Martyn, Aux. Secretary and State of IL Past President; Patricia Schoenbaum, Aux. President and 3rd District Sr. Vice President; Helen Dillard, Aux. Trustee, and Past 3rd District President Betty Foster, Aux. Conductress.

MVCC Offers Associates Degree

The U.S. Dept. of Labor has estimated that employment in information technology will grow faster than average through 2010. Moraine Valley is preparing students to successfully enter and excel in that field by offering a Management Information Systems Associates of Applied Science degree and 11 certificate programs: AS/400 Specialist, C++ Programmer, E-Commerce Generalist, Java Programmer, RPG Programmer, Software Developer, Microsoft Application Developer, Visual Basic.NET Programmer, Website Designer, and Website Developer.

Required coursework for the Management Information Systems degree, which requires 62 credit hours, includes Programming Principles, Networking for Business, Systems Analysis and Design, and Internet Technologies.

In addition to the required career courses, students will choose a concentration in E-Commerce Development, Midrange Application Development, PC Application Development, or Web Development.

Another feature of the degree program is the Internship/Seminar component that provides on-the-job training and offers students who are new to the field the opportunity to work in and evaluate a professional setting. Employers also

can assess students' performance for possible full-time employment upon graduation.

Graduates of the Management Information Systems program will be qualified to work as applications trainers, technical support staff, software support staff, and programming and Web applications trainees. Because information technology skills are in high demand for all industries, jobs may be found in a variety of fields such as hospitals, schools, manufacturing, and financial institutions.

Management Information Systems certificate programs vary from 15 to 36 credit hours, and each has its own set of required courses. For specific information about the certificates, visit www.morainevalley.edu/IMS.

Registration for the spring semester is currently underway. Classes start Jan. 17th. In-district tuition is \$64 per credit hour plus fees and books. Students can register in person by visiting the Admissions, Records and Registration Office located in the College Center on campus, 9000 W. College Parkway in Palos Hills, or by calling (708) 974-2110, TT/TDD (708) 974-9556. Previously enrolled students can register online via the college's Web site at www.morainevalley.edu.

AARP Meeting

The AARP Oak Lawn Chapter 3558 will meet on Monday, Jan. 9th at 1 p.m. at the Johnson-Phelps VFW Hall, 9514 S. 52nd Ave.

If you are a paid-up member of AARP, you are invited to join the chapter, you do not have to live in Oak Lawn. Members are from Chicago and other suburbs. Dues for the year are \$5.

At the Jan. 9th meeting, Molly Hofer, from the Extension Education Dept. of the University of Illinois will discuss the topic "Building a Better Memory."

For more information, call Felix Waitches at (708) 422-4121

New Year's Day Bingo

The Our Lady of Loretto Women's Guild will host New Year's Day Dabber Bingo at the church, 8925 S. Kostner in Hometown. Bingo will take place on Jan. 1st; doors open at 2 p.m. and games begin at 4 p.m. There will be 15 games for \$20; two of the games have \$500 pots.

Sandwiches and other refreshment will be available.

For more information, call (708) 424-7471.

United Methodist Church Hosts Blood Drive

To maintain an adequate blood supply, Heartland Blood Center, a not-for-profit medical organization serving 34 hospitals in a thirteen-county region in Illinois and Indiana, urges all area residents to donate the gift of life this January at local blood drives.

During January, blood centers tend to struggle with blood collections because holiday vacations, poor weather conditions, and higher incidents of colds and flu can prevent donors from giving. To help increase donations, January has been declared National Blood Donor Month. Every two seconds, someone in the United States will need blood. Make it your New Year's resolution this year to donate blood every eight weeks.

Founded in 1943, Heartland Blood Centers' mission is to provide and maintain an adequate supply of blood and blood products for area hospitals to draw upon to meet the needs of patients. For additional information, call (800) 7 TO GIVE or visit www.heartlandbc.org.

In our area, blood donations will be taken at the First United Methodist Church, 10000 Central Ave., on Jan. 7th, from 9 to 2 p.m.

To be a blood donor, individuals must be at least 17 years old or 16 with written parental permission; weigh at least 110 pounds; be symptom free of cold, flu and allergies; and be in general good health. Donors who have traveled outside the United States within the past 12 months should contact Heartland to determine eligibility.

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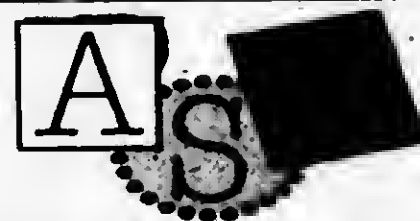
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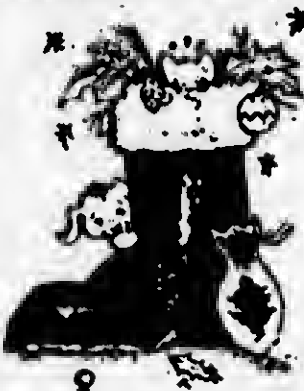
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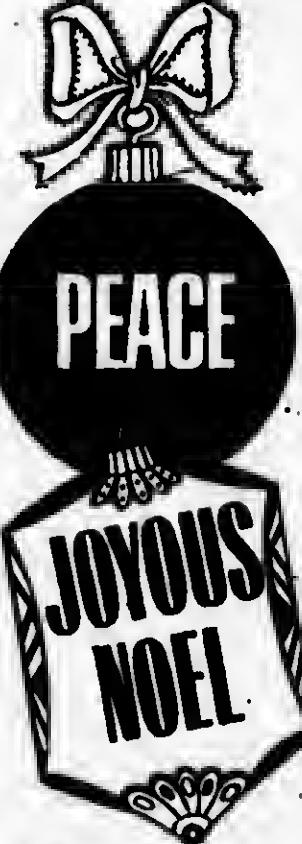
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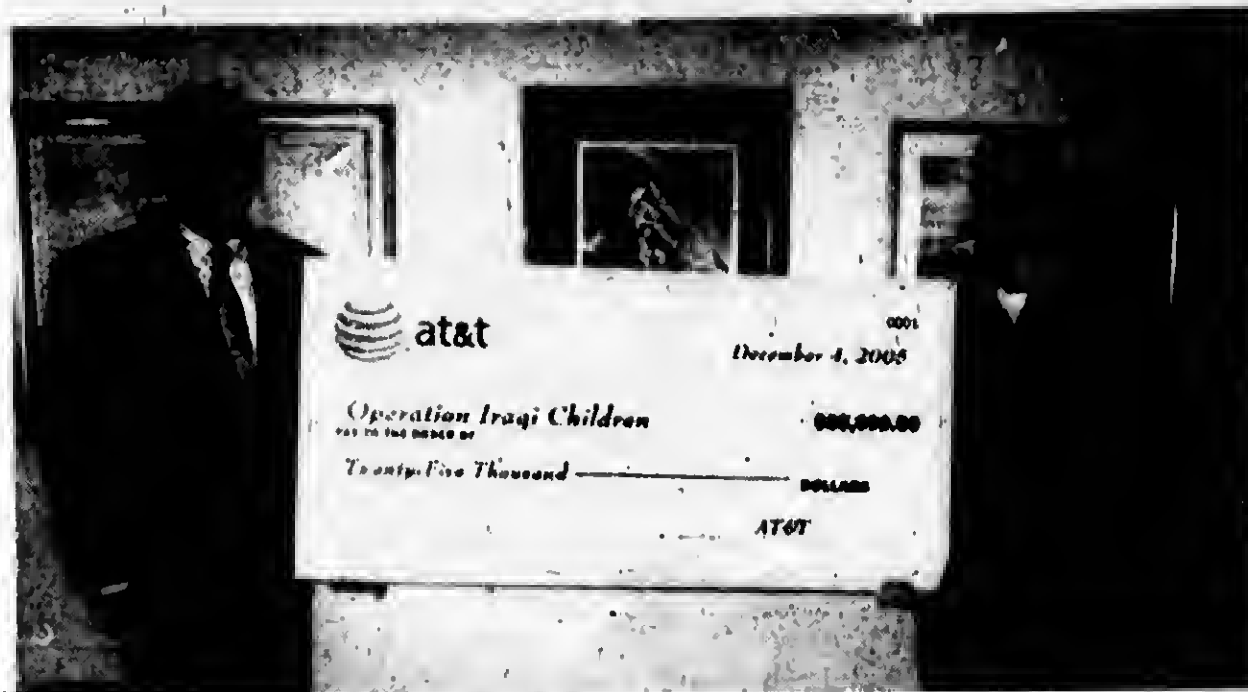
Open Road Tolling

On Sunday, Dec. 11th, Gov. Rod R. Blagojevich was joined by Indy 500 champion Bobby Rahal at the Touhy Avenue toll plaza on the Tri-State Tollway to debut the three new Open Road Tolling lanes that will allow drivers with I-PASS to get to their destinations faster on I-294 because they no longer will have to slow down or stop at tollbooths. Rahal christened the new lanes by driving north on I-294 from the O'Hare Oasis, after receiving the all-clear signal from Gov. Blagojevich to drive through the new, non-stop tolling lanes in a red 2005 Indianapolis 500 Chevrolet Corvette Pace Car provided courtesy of General Motors.

The Touhy Avenue Plaza is the fourth of eight toll plazas to deliver Open Road Tolling lanes by the end of 2005 which also include Irving Park Road on I-294, Boughton Road on I-355 and Edens Spur on I-94. Drivers will also soon be able to drive through without stopping at the following plazas: Cermak, 2nd St., 83rd St. (I-294) and at Army Trail Rd. (I-355), with the remaining mainline plazas to be converted by fall 2006. Illinois is the first state in the nation to convert a barrier toll plaza system to the new Open Road Tolling technology.

The conversion of the Tollway's traditional toll plazas to a barrier-free system allows I-PASS users to travel at highway speeds while their tolls are collected electronically by a monotube overhead, reducing congestion and travel times. Vehicles with I-PASS or that need to exit shortly after the plaza will pull right into smaller traditional toll plazas where they can pay cash to toll collectors or use I-PASS, and not impact the free-flow of traffic on the mainline. Separating I-PASS traffic from vehicles paying cash also improves safety at toll plazas.

Rahal is an I-PASS customer and Tollway user. He is only the second person ever to win the Indianapolis 500 as a driver (1986) and as an owner (2004) when driver Buddy Rice took the crown for the Rahal Letterman Racing team.



Gary Sinise And "Operation Iraqi Children" Receive AT&T Grant

Actor and Chicago-area native Gary Sinise was in Chicago Sunday, Dec. 11th to accept a \$25,000 donation from AT&T on behalf of Operation Iraqi Children (OIC), an organization he co-founded in 2004. Operation Iraqi Children brings school supplies and other basic essentials to the children of Iraq.

"Basic school supplies like pencils and notebooks bring such big smiles to the children of Iraq, who are the innocent victims of a nation in conflict," said Sinise, who envisioned OIC after a USO tour of Iraq in 2003 where he witnessed a lack of basic essentials. "Many Americans want to know how they can help with the rebuilding efforts in Iraq. OIC offers this opportunity by allowing citizens and businesses like AT&T to contribute to this effort in a simple yet profound way."

AT&T's \$25,000 donation to Operation Iraqi Children will help the organization provide Iraqi children with the basic learning tools they need to learn and grow.

"We are thrilled to be working with Gary Sinise to support Operation Iraqi Children's efforts to bring school supplies to the children of Iraq," said AT&T Midwest Vice President Brendan Reilly. "Every September, American school children return to their classrooms with rulers and scissors, pencils and notebooks. But most Iraqi school children lack these basic essentials. OIC is making a difference by working with U.S. and Coalition troops to distribute supplies across the country - providing these children with some basic necessities, while helping our troops build a rapport with the Iraqi people."

Packages of school supplies and other items like teddy bears, shoes and soccer balls, are delivered by American soldiers throughout Iraq. "Bringing OIC packages to the children who need them, American soldiers are building the bonds of friendship between our nations," said Sinise. "Our troops become the messengers of goodwill, and it benefits everybody."

"AT&T has a long and proud history of supporting the brave men and women of the U.S. military. By contributing to the efforts of Operation Iraqi Children, we are also supporting our soldiers who are serving as ambassadors of education by helping these children while risking their lives for freedom," said AT&T's Reilly.

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Indoor Garage

A new indoor parking garage opened its doors on Sunday, Dec. 18th giving the Midway Airport 6,300 more parking spaces. The garage is located at the corner of 55th St. and Laramie Ave.

The opening increased the parking at Midway by 50 percent. The building was paid for through the sale of revenue bonds totaling approximately \$100 million. Included with the garage is a bridge that will accommodate shuttle busses powered by alternative fuel.

Rates for the new parking tower are \$2 for the first hour; \$5 for the first two hours and \$12 for 24 hours.

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Drunk Driver Can Face Criminal Charges

Enjoy the holidays and be of good cheer, but don't drink and drive. Illinois has stiff laws for those charged with a DUI or "driving under the influence." Furthermore, penalties will become even stiffer beginning Jan. 1st, especially for drunk drivers responsible for fatalities.

If you are arrested and convicted of a DUI, and it is your first offense, you nonetheless can lose your driver's license for up to one year, face possible imprisonment of up to 12 months, be required to perform 100 hours of community service and pay a fine of up to \$2,500.

Furthermore, you may have to lose work time, have your vehicle impounded and be required to carry high-risk auto insurance for 36 months. The penalties are more severe for second and third convictions. A fourth conviction will result in the driver's license being permanently revoked. If the impaired driver is involved in an auto accident involving great bodily harm or one or more deaths, the penalties are even more severe.

According to Illinois law, if the driver fails, or refused to submit to a blood alcohol test, the driver will be issued a law enforcement sworn report, notifying him or her of a Statutory Summary Suspension. In Illinois, when you get a driver's license, you consent implicitly to take a breath or blood test if requested. Failure to do so, when asked by a police officer with probable cause, can result in a statutory suspension no matter what the ultimate result of the case would be.

In some cases, a driver may request a judicial hearing to challenge the suspension within 90 days after the first notice date. If applicable, such a hearing must be conducted within 30 days of the request or on the first court date scheduled.

The sentence which the court imposes is affected by a number of factors, including what transpired leading up to the DUI charge, policies of the local court, and weaknesses in the case uncovered by a person's defense attorney. The punishments take into consideration whether the person charged had a prior DUI conviction within the last seven years, whether the person was speeding, whether there was a child under age 14 in the car and other matters.

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NOTICE OF REGIONAL PUBLIC HEARINGS
COOK COUNTY CONSOLIDATED COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
PLAN AND ANNUAL ACTION PLAN FOR
2006 FEDERAL FISCAL YEAR PROGRAM

North/Northwest Region Hearing
Date: Thursday, January 5, 2006
Time: 5:00 p.m.
Place: Third District Courthouse
2121 Euclid Avenue
Rolling Meadows, IL 60008
Courtroom 110

West Region Hearing
Date: Thursday, January 12, 2006
Time: 5:00 p.m.
Place: Fourth District Courthouse
1500 South Maybrook Drive
Maywood, IL 60153
Courtroom 102

South Region Hearing
Date: Thursday, January 19, 2006
Time: 5:00 p.m.
Place: Sixth District Courthouse
16501 South Kedzie Parkway
Markham, IL 60426
Courtroom 101

Purpose: Cook County will hold regional hearings to solicit needs and priorities and to provide information on the application process for the Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG), the Emergency Shelter Grants Program (ESG), and the HOME Investment Partnership Program (HOME) for the 2006 Federal Fiscal Year which begins October 1, 2006.

Cook County receives federal funding from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for programs administered by the Cook County Department of Planning and Development.

The 2006 allocations for CDBG, HOME, and ESG have not been made by HUD. Approximate amounts are as follows: CDBG - \$11,970,108; ESG - \$464,246; and HOME - \$5,843,247; and American Dream Downpayment Initiative (ADDI) - \$227,313. If available, unobligated program income and deobligated funds from prior program years will be added to these 2006 funding amounts.

CDBG Program categories that are eligible for funding are:

Housing and Residential Rehabilitation Related Activities
Economic Development Activities
Capital Improvement Activities
Commercial Rehabilitation
Real Property Acquisition
Demolition and Clearance
Public Service Activities
Fair Housing Activities

ESG Program categories that are eligible for funding are:

Rehabilitation, renovation or conversion of buildings for use as emergency shelters.
Maintenance or operation expenses directly related to emergency shelters.
New or expanded essential services provided by the shelters.
Development and implementation of homeless prevention activities.

HOME Program categories that are eligible for funding are:

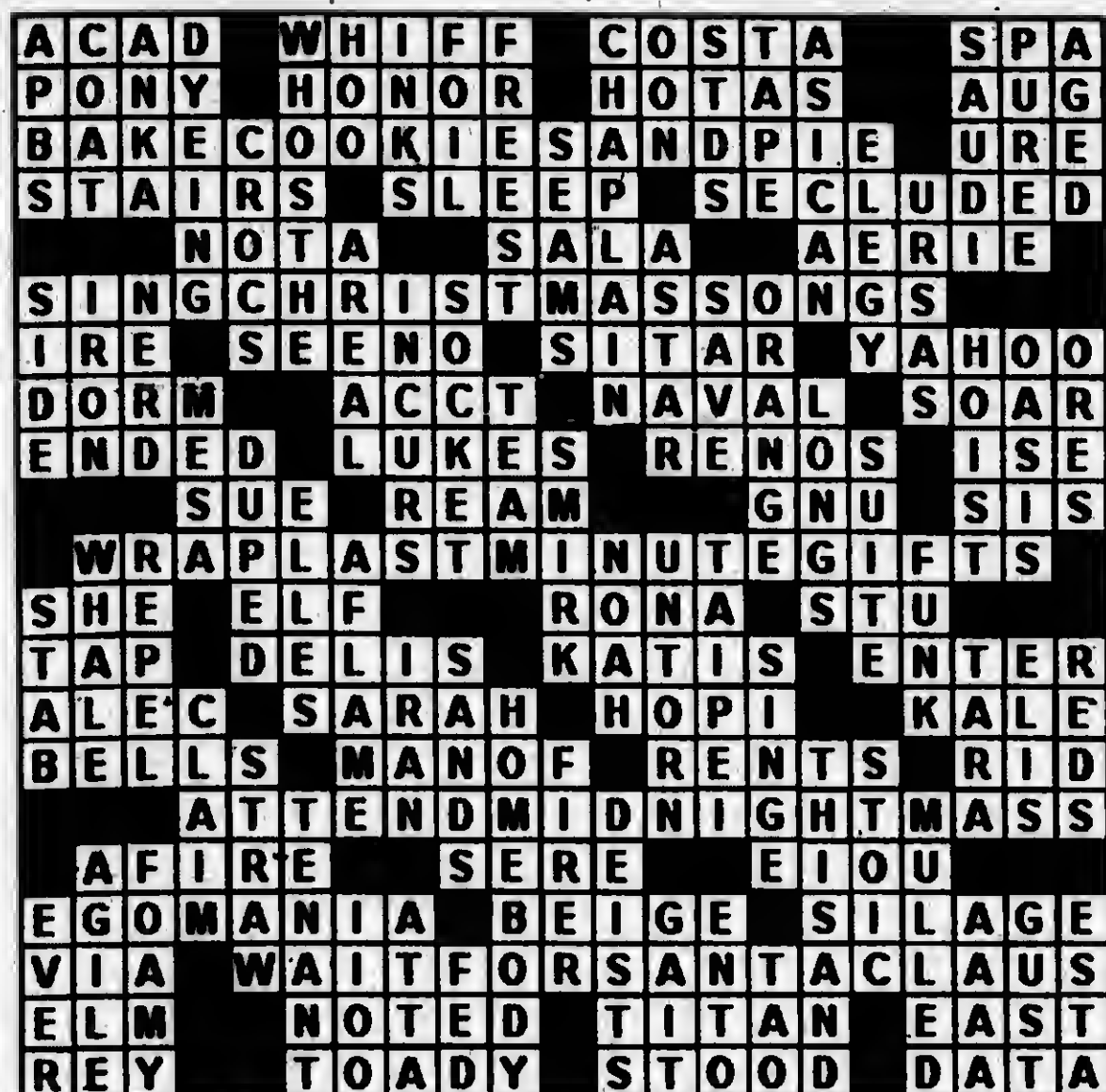
Construction or rehabilitation projects involving single and/or multi-family low and very low income residential housing.
Special needs housing projects.

All interested persons, groups, not-for-profit agencies and municipalities are invited to attend. Any comments may also be submitted in writing to:

Cook County Bureau of Administration
Department of Planning and Development
69 West Washington, Suite 2900
Chicago, IL 60602
Attn: Mr. Timothy W. Kleist

The Cook County Annual Action Plan applies only to those suburban municipalities of less than 50,000 in population, plus the Town of Cicero and the City of Berwyn.

Solution To This Weeks Puzzle



Adults Book Discussion Group

Calling all nature lovers and reading buffs. "Nature Works Café" is a free, book-discussion group for adults. Here participants discuss classic books on nature, both non-fiction and fiction alike, historical and contemporary. The discussions are provocative, interesting, many times philosophical, and mostly fun. So bring your comments, ideas, and general feelings about the selected reading. The next "Nature Works Café," sponsored by the Forest Preserve District of Will County, will be held on Thursday, Jan. 12, 7 p.m., at Plum Creek Nature Center, in Beecher.

The selection to be discussed at the program is *Original Wisdom: Stories of an Ancient Way of Knowing*, by Robert Wolff and Thomas Hartman. Participants should read the book beforehand and bring a copy to the program.

Pastries and gourmet coffee, tea, and hot chocolate will be served. Plum Creek Nature Center is located in Goodenow Grove Forest Preserve, 1.25 miles east of the intersection of Routes 1 and 394 on Goodenow Road, south of Crete. The nature center is fully accessible.

Jackson Plan For New Airport Foiled

Any hopes that U.S. Rep. Jesse Jackson Jr. (D-2nd) had regarding his plans to build a south suburban airport have been halted by Attorney General Lisa Madigan. In a 37 page opinion released last week, Madigan's office contends that Jackson's airport commission group failed to follow state bidding guidelines when choosing two developers.

According to reports, Madigan's office also stated that they could not legally transfer land acquired for the Peotone airport to Jackson's Abraham Lincoln National Airport Commission. The document, it was stated, did not 'shut the door' on combining Jackson's plans with those of the proposed airport in Peotone.

Jackson was attempting to gain a favorable opinion that would prompt the governor to hand over land acquired for the Peotone airport to his commission and to partner with Jackson to build the Lincoln airport. Although the Madigan opinion was not totally favorable to Jackson's plans, he is urging Blagojevich to negotiate with his group.

Jackson's commission presented a model of the airport that would have one runway with five gates. These plans would have to start from scratch. According to Madigan's opinion, the commission 'violated state procurement laws when picking SNC Lavalin and LCOR to design and to build the airport.' The team was chosen by Jackson's commission to oversee the development. The Madigan document stated that for any partnership to be legal, Jackson and his commission needed separate design and construction contracts.

However, statements issued by Gov. Blagojevich stated that his office will continue to work with Jackson and others who share the goal until a south suburban airport in Peotone is a reality."

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Schedule of Services for the
Christmas-Epiphany Season

*** DECEMBER 2005 ***

Saturday, December 17

6:00 a.m. First Divine Liturgy

8:00 a.m. Orthros/Second Divine Liturgy - Corporate Holy
Communion for Koras Day and Afternoon School and Sunday
School youth followed by a Christmas Lenten Breakfast

Sunday, December 18

Sunday Before the Nativity

Orthros/Divine Liturgy as usual, followed by the Sunday Church
School Christmas Pageant

Wednesday, December 21

7:00 p.m. The Sacrament of Holy Unction - Efheleon ("Prayer
Oil" Healing Service) Followed by Lenten Fellowship and presen-
tation on the "Orthodox Christian Mission Center."

Friday, December 23

8:00 a.m. Service of the Royal Hours of Christmas

Saturday, December 24 - Christmas Eve

Feastday of St. Eugenia

8:15 a.m. - Orthros/Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom.
7:30 p.m. - Great Vespers of Christmas. Our Youth Choir will chant
responses and will sing Christmas Carols following Great Vespers.

Sunday, December 25 - Christmas Day

The Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ

8:30 a.m. Orthros/Divine Liturgy of St. Basil the Great.

Tuesday, December 27

Feastday of St. Stephen, First Martyr and Archdeacon

8:15 a.m. - Orthros/Divine Liturgy

Saturday, December 31

7:00 pm. Great Vespers: St. Basil Church, Chicago

*** JANUARY 2006 ***

Sunday, January 1 - New Year's Day

Feastday of the Naming of Christ and St. Basil the Great
9:00 a.m. Orthros/Divine Liturgy of St. Basil Cutting of
Vasilopita (offered by our St. Helen Women's Philoptochas.)

Thursday, January 5

7:30 a.m. Eve of Epiphany - Reading of the Royal Hours of Epiphany
8:30 a.m. Vespertal Liturgy of St. Basil followed by the Lesser
Blessing of the Waters. (STRICT FAST DAY)

Friday, January 6

Feastday of Epiphany - 8:15 a.m. - Orthros/Divine Liturgy of St.
John Chrysostom followed by Greater Blessing of the Waters.
His Eminence Metropolitan Iakovos will celebrate the Divine Liturgy.
7:00 p.m. Great Vespers - St. John Church, Des Plaines

Saturday, January 7

Synaxis (or Gathering) in Honor of St. John the Baptist
8:15 a.m. Orthros/Divine Liturgy

*NOTE: When the Feast of the Nativity
(Christmas) falls on Sunday, the
Liturgical services change. Please
note therefore of the services on the
23rd, 24th and 25th.

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CHRISTMAS EVE, DECEMBER 24

7:00 p.m. Family Candlelight Service
Children's Story - Carols
Choirs & Handbell Choir

11:00 p.m. Traditional Candlelight Service
Lessons and Carols

CHRISTMAS DAY, DECEMBER 25

10:00 a.m. Informal Service

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Saturday, December 24

CHRISTMAS EVE - Lighting of the Christ Candle
4:30 p.m. Family Worship Service
10:30 p.m. String Quartet Serenade
11:00 p.m. Candle Light Service Celebrating
With Caroling and Scripture

Sunday, December 25

10:00 a.m. Combined Worship Service

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Children's Christmas Program
Sunday, December 18: 11:00 a.m.

Saturday, December 24
Christmas Eve Candlelight Services
4:00 & 7:30 p.m.

Sunday, December 25
Christmas Day 11:00 a.m.

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Christmas Masses:

December 24th Multicultural Mass at Midnight
Carols begin at 11:15 p.m.
December 25th 9:30 a.m. Mass in English
12:15 p.m. Mass in Spanish

Masses for the Solemnity of Mary:

December 31st 4:30 p.m. Mass in English
January 1st 9:30 a.m. Mass in English
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7:00 p.m. Family Communion Service
11:00 p.m. Candlelight Communion Service

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 25 - CHRISTMAS DAY

9:30 a.m. Festival Communion Service

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 31 - NEW YEAR'S EVE

7:00 p.m. Traditional Communion Service

SUNDAY, JANUARY 1 - NEW YEAR'S DAY

8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. Traditional Communion Service

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5:00 p.m. Family Celebration with Holy Communion
11:00 p.m. Candlelight Communion

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 25, CHRISTMAS DAY

8:00 a.m. Holy Communion
10:00 a.m. Holy Communion

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 31, NEW YEAR'S EVE

7:00 p.m. Holy Communion

SUNDAY, JANUARY 1

8:00 a.m. Worship
10:00 a.m. Holy Communion
No Christian Education Hour

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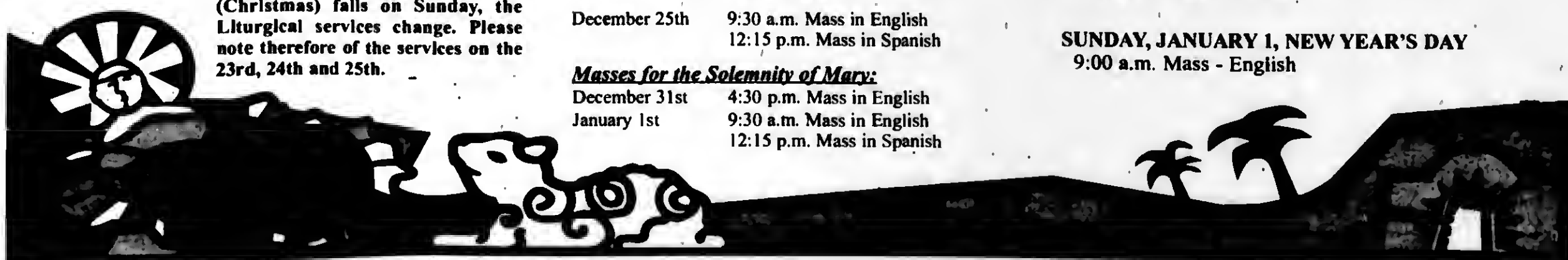
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SUNDAY, DECEMBER 25, CHRISTMAS DAY
9:00 a.m. Mass - English

SUNDAY, JANUARY 1, NEW YEAR'S DAY
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10:00 a.m. The Sunday before Christmas the Church School will present their annual Christmas Play, Santa Gives Back Christmas during the morning worship. This is a wonderful way to let our children lead us to the excitement of Christmas.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 24 - CHRISTMAS EVE

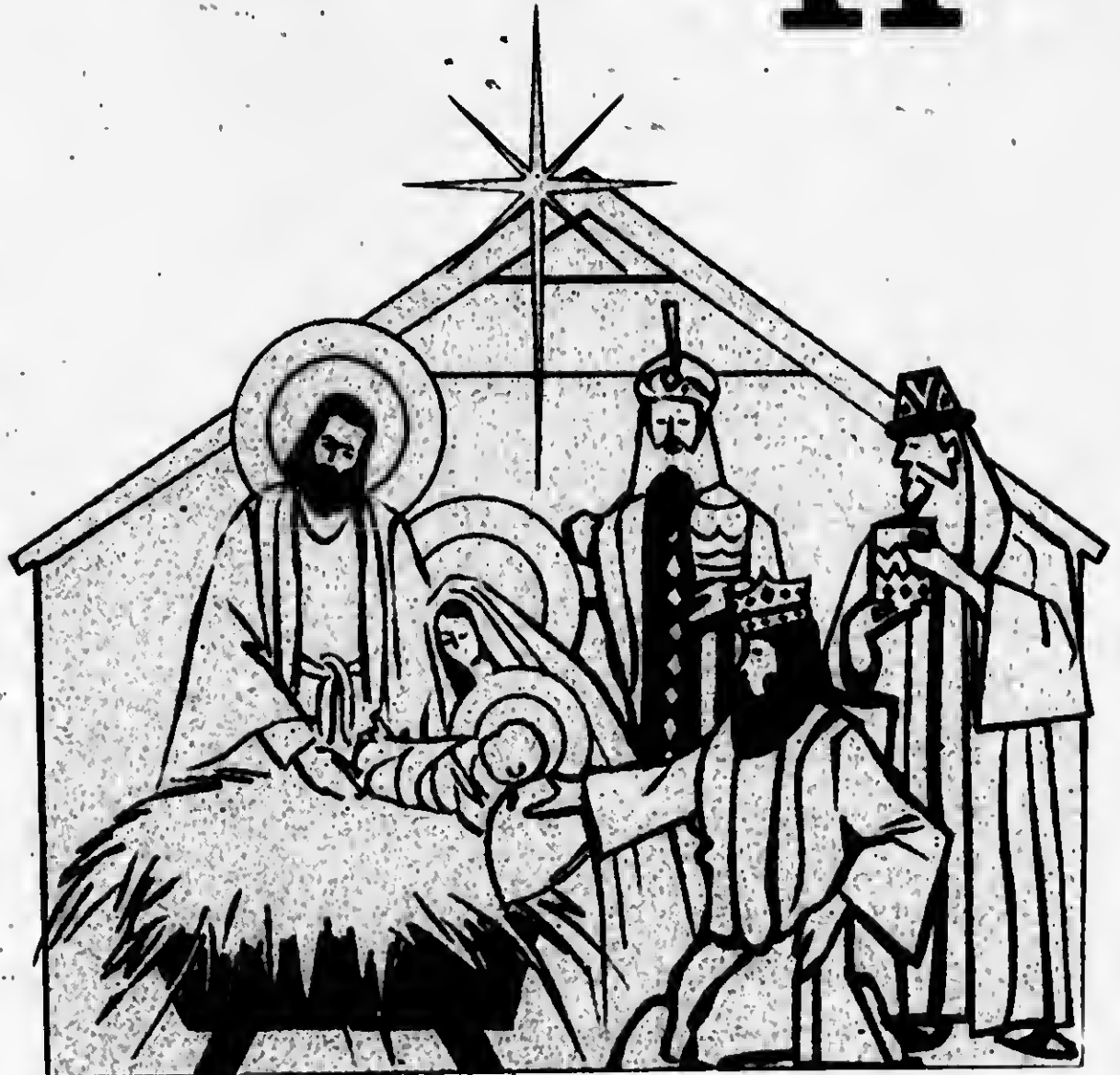
11:00 p.m. The annual candlelight service of scriptures and carols welcomes Christmas Day in a way that is both traditional and joyous. Communion at this service celebrates Christ's presence with us and opens our hearts to receive God's gift to us in Christ. All who have known God's love revealed in Christ and who are trying to live in harmony with their neighbors are welcome to join us at Christ's Table.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 25 - CHRISTMAS DAY

10:00 a.m. We will celebrate Christmas Day with carols and songs as we listen once again to the incredible story of God's love coming to share with us our common lot in the baby of Bethlehem. There will be a nursery for young children during worship, but no Sunday School on Christmas Day.

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Sunday, December 25, Christmas Day
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SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18
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CHRISTMAS MASSES

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 24, CHRISTMAS EVE
4:00, 5:30 PM AND 11:00 PM
(Carols begin at 10:30)

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 25, CHRISTMAS DAY
9:00 AND 10:30 AM

NEW YEAR'S MASSES

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 31, NEW YEAR'S EVE
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SUNDAY, JANUARY 1,
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Candlelight Service and Communion
7 & 11 p.m. - Traditional Worship
Candlelight Service and Communion

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 25, 9:00 A.M.
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11:00 p.m. Candlelight Service

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 25 - CHRISTMAS DAY
10:00 a.m. Christmas Day Worship

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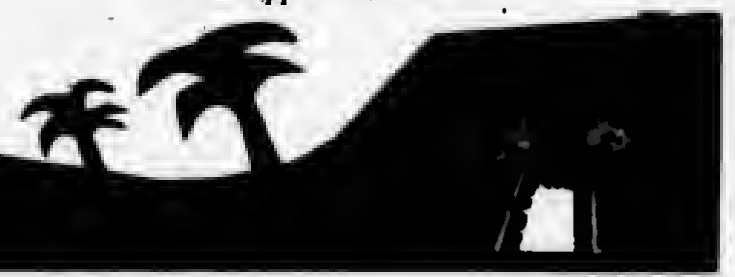
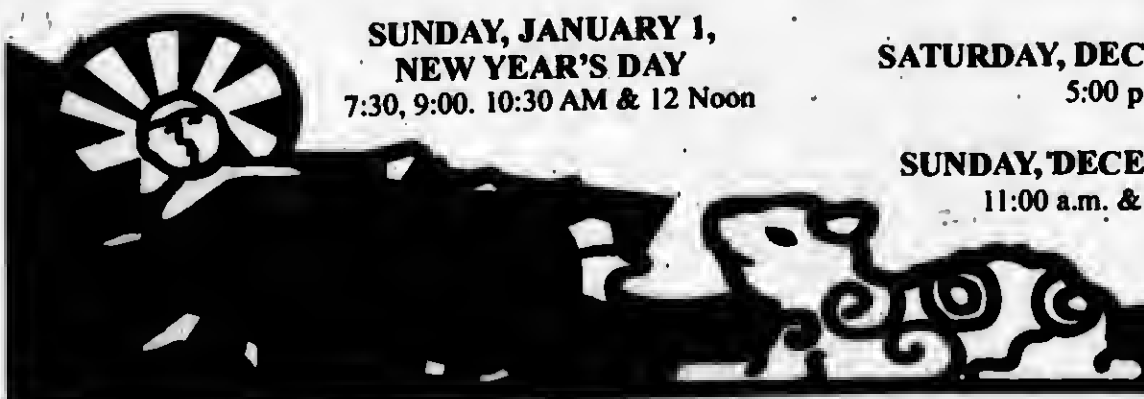
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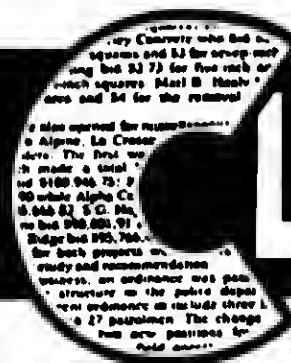
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REAL ESTATE**Houses For Sale**

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Equicredit Corporation of America, Plaintiff, vs. Tommy L. Ware, et al., Defendants. No. 02Ch-7998.

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Commonly known as: 13300 S. Richmond Ave., Robbins, IL 60472.

The improvement on the property consists of a single family residence.

Sale terms: Bidders must present, at the time of sale, a cashier's or certified check for 10% of the successful bid amount. The balance of the successful bid shall be paid within 24 hours, by similar funds.

The property will NOT be open for inspection.

For information call Mr. David C. Kluver at Plaintiff's Attorney, Kluver & Platt, L.L.C., 65 E. Wacker Place, Chicago, IL 60601. (312) 236-0077. 129525C

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. WM Specialty Mortgage, LLC, without recourse assignee of Ameriquist Mortgage Company, Plaintiff, vs. Thomas R. Kasimir, et al., Defendants. No. 05Ch-9074.

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on July 27, 2005, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Tuesday, January 10, 2006, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 W. Madison St., Suite 718A, Chicago, IL, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described mortgaged real estate:

Commonly known as: 4609 W. 106th St., Oak Lawn, IL 60453.

The improvement on the property consists of a single family residence.

Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, by certified funds. No refunds.

The judgment amount was \$194,056.90.

The property will NOT be open for inspection.

For information call Mr. Ira T. Nevel at Plaintiff's Attorney, Law Offices of Ira T. Nevel, 175 N. Franklin St., Chicago, IL 60606. 312/357-1125. 129523C

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as nominee for America's Wholesale Lender, or its successors or assigns, Plaintiff, vs. Omar Zizumbo, et al., Defendants. No. 05Ch-9087.

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on 8/2/05, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Tuesday, January 10, 2006, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 W. Madison St., Suite 718A, Chicago, IL, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described property:

Commonly known as: 8518 Laramie Ave., Burbank, IL 60459.

The improvement on the property consists of a single family residence with a separate one car garage.

Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, by certified funds. No refunds.

The judgment amount was \$185,546.69.

The property will NOT be open for inspection.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the premises after confirmation of the sale.

For information: Visit our website at <http://service.atty.pierce.com>, between 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. only. Pierce & Associates, Plaintiff's Attorneys, One N. Dearborn St., Ste. 1300, Chicago, IL 60602. Tel. No. (312) 476-5500.

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File No. PA0504184.
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REAL ESTATE**Houses For Sale**

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Beneficial Illinois Inc., d/b/a Beneficial Mortgage Co. of Illinois, Plaintiff, vs. Mitchell R. Gunther, Sr., et al., Defendants. No. 04Ch-18770.

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on October 6, 2005, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Tuesday, January 10, 2006, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 W. Madison St., Suite 718A, Chicago, IL, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described mortgaged real estate:

Commonly known as: 12012 S. Hamlin, Alsip, IL.

The improvement on the property consists of a single family residence.

Sale terms: Bidders must present, at the time of sale, a cashier's or certified check for 10% of the successful bid amount. The balance of the successful bid shall be paid within 24 hours, by similar funds.

The property will NOT be open for inspection.

For information call: Mr. Andrew H. Eres at Plaintiff's Attorney, Stahl Cowen Crowley, LLC, 55 West Monroe Street, Chicago, IL 60603. (312) 641-0060. 129449C

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., Plaintiff, vs. Miguel Mederos, et al., Defendants. No. 05Ch-3034.

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on August 9, 2005, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Tuesday, January 17, 2006, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 W. Madison St., Suite 718A, Chicago, IL, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described mortgaged real estate:

Commonly known as: B101 S. Komesky, Chicago, IL 60652.

The improvement on the property consists of a single family residence.

Sale terms: Bidders must present, at the time of sale, a cashier's or certified check for 10% of the successful bid amount. The balance of the successful bid shall be paid within 24 hours, by similar funds.

The property will NOT be open for inspection.

For information call Mr. James A. Larson at Plaintiff's Attorney, Larson & Nierling, 11 S. LaSalle St., Chicago, IL 60603. (312) 422-0057. 128732C

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. National City Mortgage Company, Plaintiff, vs. Maria E. Moreno, et al., Defendants. No. 05Ch-9273.

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on August 1, 2005, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Friday, January 13, 2006, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 W. Madison St., Suite 718A, Chicago, IL, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described property:

Commonly known as: 15407 Las Flores Ln., Oak Forest, IL 60452.

The improvement on the property consists of a single family residence with an attached two car garage.

Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, by certified funds. No refunds.

The judgment amount was \$260,675.80.

The property will NOT be open for inspection.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the premises after confirmation of the sale.

For information: Visit our website at <http://service.atty.pierce.com>, between 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. only. Pierce & Associates, Plaintiff's Attorneys, One N. Dearborn St., Ste. 1300, Chicago, IL 60602. Tel. No. (312) 476-5500.

PIERCE & ASSOCIATES
File No. PA0504225.
129399C

REAL ESTATE**Houses For Sale**

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Citimortgage, Inc., Plaintiff, vs. Bernard Harris a/k/a Bernard Harris, Jr., et al., Defendant. Case No. 04Ch-20555.

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on October 11, 2005, The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 a.m. on January 12, 2006, in its office at 33 N. Dearborn St., 10th Floor, Chicago, IL 60602-3100, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

Commonly known as: 7711 S. Sawyer Ave., Chicago, IL 60652.

The real estate is improved with a single family residence. The judgment amount was \$155,976.45.

Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; the balance, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.

The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information.

For information, contact Plaintiff's attorney: Hauselman & Rappin, Ltd., 39 S. LaSalle St., Suite 1105, Chicago, IL 60603, (312) 372-2020. Please refer to file no. 04-2222-4197.

NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act you are advised that Plaintiff's Attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. 128467C

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as Nominee for Aegis Mortgage Corporation d/b/a New America Financial or its successors or assigns, Plaintiff, vs. Robert J. Krawczyk, et al., Defendants. No. 05Ch-3673.

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on September 28, 2005, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Thursday, January 5, 2006, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 W. Madison St., Suite 718A, Chicago, IL, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described property:

Commonly known as: 8031 S. Knox Ave., Chicago, IL 60652.

The improvement on the property consists of a single family residence with a separate one and one half car garage.

Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, by certified funds. No refunds.

The judgment amount was \$151,097.41.

The property will NOT be open for inspection.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the premises after confirmation of the sale.

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PIERCE & ASSOCIATES
File No. PA0501851.
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REAL ESTATE**Houses For Sale**

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department, Chancery Division. Wells Fargo Bank, N.A., as Trustee for the Benefit of the Certificate Holder of Asset-Backed Pass-Through Certificates Series 2004-WCW1, Plaintiff, vs. Jose Luis Rodriguez, Jr., et al., Defendants. No. 05Ch-8068.

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE
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PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered on August 24, 2005 in the amount of \$175,982.78, Kallen Financial & Capital Services, Inc. as Selling Official will at 11:30 a.m. on January 18, 2006 at 175 W. Washington Street, Chicago, IL, sell the following described real property to the highest bidder at auction for cash:

C/A: 3432 W. 123rd Pl., Alsip, IL 60803.

The improvements on the property consist of a brick two-story single-family dwelling with separate garage. The property will NOT be open for inspection.

Sale terms: property offered "as is," with no express or implied warranties; sale subject to general real estate taxes, special taxes, special assessments, and superior liens, if any; 10% of successful bid to be paid at conclusion of auction and balance by noon the next business day, both by cashier's checks; and no refunds. After confirmation of the sale by the court, the successful bidder will receive a Selling Official's Deed.

For information, contact the Sales Officer at the office of the Plaintiff's attorneys, Fisher & Fisher, 120 N. LaSalle Street, Chicago, IL, (312) 372-4784, between 1:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. Monday through Friday; however, under Illinois law the Sales Officer is not required to provide information in addition to that contained in this notice. 137619C

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Southwest Area Obituaries

Edward D. Wagner

Services were held at the Robert Sheehy & Sons Funeral Home, Orland Park, on Tuesday, with a private interment for Edward D. Wagner, 58.

He is survived by his children Edward and Elizabeth Wagner; two grandchildren; and his sister Margo.

Franklin B. Flinn

Services were held at the Andrew J. McGann & Son Funeral Home, Chicago, on Sunday with a private cremation, for Franklin B. Flinn, a veteran of the U.S. Army.

He is survived by his son Mark (Angela) Flinn; two grandchildren and his brothers Charles (Maryann) and William (Anita).

Genevieve S. Freund

Mass was said at Sacred Heart Church, Palos Hills, on Thursday, with Entombment at Resurrection Cemetery, for Genevieve S. Freund. She was a member of the Lithuanian Alliance of Roman Catholic Women, the Sacred Heart A.C.C.W., the Sacred Heart Fun Club and the West Elsdon Seniors Club.

She is survived by her children Martin and Keith (Barbara); four grandchildren; and her sisters Adele Trienskaskas and Sylvia Linevitch.

Lorraine R. Duffy

Services were held at the St. Peter Lutheran Church, Chicago, on Wednesday, with interment at Chapel Hill Gardens South, for Lorraine R. Duffy.

She is survived by her husband Frank V.

Joseph

Patrick Ferraro

Mass was said at St. Christopher Church, Midlothian, on Wednesday, with a private interment, for Joseph Patrick Ferraro, 78. He was a life member of the Calumet Yacht Club, former member of the Midlothian VFW Post 2580, the Midlothian Fire Department and the Union Tank Car Keyman's Club.

He is survived by his children Jeanette (Robert) Olson, Judy (Michael) Gruber, Ferraro, Joseph "Spike" (Ruth) Ferraro and Jean Ferraro; six grandchildren and three great grandchildren.

Timothy Murphy

Mass was said at St. Catherine of Alexandria Church, Oak Lawn, on Wednesday, with interment at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, of Evergreen Park, formerly of Templeglantine, county Limerick, Ireland.

He is survived by his children Christine (Terry) Anderson, Della (Bill) Moss, Denis (Lois) Murphy, Cathy (Brian) Finke, Tim Murphy, Daniel (Dawn) Murphy, Maureen (Charlie) Scott, Kevin Murphy; and 22 grandchildren.

John C. Radochonski

Mass was said at St. Albert the Great Church, Burbank, on Tuesday, with a private interment, for John C. Radochonski, a veteran of World War II. He was a recipient of two Purple Hearts. He was a member of the VFW Post #177, Johnson Phelps Post #5220, and the Marine Corp. League of Burbank, American Legion Post #854, and the DAV. He was a retiree from the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago.

He is survived by his wife Frances A.; his son Gary (Nancy) Radoch; two grandchildren; and his sisters Stephanie (Joseph) Slusarczyk and Bernice Milczewski.

Stanley C. Nytko

Services were held at the Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church, Orland Park, on Wednesday with interment at Claremont Hills Cemetery, for Stanley C. Nytko, 57. He was president of IAM and AW, AJ Hayes RR Local Lodge 478, Machinist with Union Pacific Rail Road for over 29 years.

He is survived by his wife Susan; his son LCPL Adam Nytko, U.S. Marines; his brother Ronald Nytko; and his sisters Stephanie Yaeger, Anna Marie Muenster and Christine Nytko.

Bernice M. Whiteford

Mass was said at St. Gerald Church, Oak Lawn, on Tuesday, with interment at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, for Bernice M. Whiteford.

She is survived by her husband Gerald Sr.; her children Sharop Scanion, Susan (Dennis) Capretz, Sandra (Louis) Ciaccio and Gerald (Francine) Whiteford Jr.; six grandchildren; her sister Esther Rinck and her brothers Lawrence (Irene) Yacko and Robert (Judy) Yacko.

Anthony

A. Coglianese

Mass was said at St. Julie Billiard Church, Tinley Park, on Tuesday, with interment at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, for Anthony A. Coglianese.

He is survived by his wife Margaret; his children Deanna (Albert) Wood and Frances Stiglich Waska; four grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

Isabell M. Cronin

Mass was said at St. Alexander Church, Palos Heights, on Tuesday, with interment at St. Mary Cemetery for Isabell M. Cronin. She was a dedicated Vincentian.

She is survived by her children Maurcen Karczewski, Michael Cronin, Karen (Marco) Pascal, Fr. Ed Cronin, Mary Kay (Jim) Gaskin, Joseph Cronin, Kathy (Tim) Franzen, Teri (Tom) Toenjes; 32 grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren.

Gerald B. Heniff

Mass was said at St. Albert the Great Church, on Wednesday, with interment at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, for Gerald B. Heniff.

He is survived by his wife Sally; his children Mark (Ann), Gerald (Judy), Stephen, John, James and Christine (Rob) Snyder; six grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; and his brother David (Peggy) Henniff.

Russell T. Madia

Services were held at the Blake-Lamb Funeral Home, Oak Lawn, on Tuesday, with a private cremation, for Russell T. Madia, a Lieutenant with the Chicago Police Dept., retired. He was a member of Fraternal Order of Police & the St. Jude League.

He is survived by his wife Renee; his children Russell J. (Tina) and Rosemarie "Siss" (Dale) Anseil; his stepchildren Dawn (Don) Judd, Tammy (Manuel) Castenada, Ronald (Janet) Daugherty and Denise Daugherty; eight grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Paul N. Stamat

Mass was said at St. Nicholas Church, Oak Lawn, on Wednesday with interment at Evergreen Cemetery, for Paul N. Stamat 81. He was a veteran of World War II in the European Theater. He was a graduate of the Loyola Law School, class of '51. He founded Quatrum Corp. in 1953. He was a former executive vice-president and counsel member of St. Nicholas and St. Spridon Greek Churches.

He is survived by his wife Georgia "Cookie"; his children Leann (Dr. Michael) Schied, Mary (Lynn) Kaufman and Anita Stamat; and brother Stan; five grandchildren.

Eileen McWalter

Mass was said at St. Christina Church, Chicago, on Tuesday, with interment at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, for Eileen McWalter, 95.

She is survived by her children George (Donna), Mary (Thomas) Owens, Jack (Barbara) and Shelia McWalter; nine grandchildren; 19 great-grandchildren; his sisters Mae Sullivan, Nora Tarpey, Peg Morris, Kanie Fitzmaurice, Tess Culliney and Ted and Paddy Doyle.

Robert A. Steakle

Private services and interment were held on Tuesday at the Hickey Memorial Chapel, Midlothian, for Robert A. Steakle.

He is survived by his wife Carol; his children Leigh (LeRoy) Puttkammer and Mark (Amanda) Steakle; five grandchildren; and his sister Loretta (Don) Blakemore.

Phyllis M. Macrol

Mass was said at Our Lady of the Woods Church, on Tuesday, with Entombment at Good Shepherd Mausoleum, for Phyllis M. Macrol.

She is survived by her husband John; her children John (Terry) and Richard (Laura) Macarol; and three grandchildren.

Lila Thompson

A Memorial Service was held at the Hann Funeral Home, Bridgeview, on Saturday, with a private interment for Lila Thompson, 82. She was a former resident of Bridgeview and retiree of General Motors.

She is survived by her son Garfield Scott (Kimberlee) Thompson III; and eight grandchildren.

Josephine Wiatrowski

Services were held at the Blake-Lamb Funeral Home, Oak Lawn, on Monday, with entombment at Resurrection Mausoleum, for Josephine Wiatrowski.

She is survived by her son Gerry (Susan) two grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

John J. Moran

Mass was said at St. Julie Billiard Church, Tinley Park, on Monday, with entombment at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, for John J. Moran, a retired Chicago Policeman.

He is survived by his wife Margaret; his children Thomas (Mary) Moran and Linda (Robert) Pikoulas; five grandchildren; one great-grandchild; and his brother William Moran Jr.

Helen E. Regnier

Mass was said at St. Cajetan Church, on Tuesday, with a private interment, for Helen E. Regnier.

She is survived by her children Russell, Richard (Susanne) and Roger (Jolene) and many great and great-grandchildren.

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Statewide Study On Homeless Youth

The Illinois Department of Human Services (IDHS) and the Chicago Coalition for the Homeless (CCH) youth committee, in collaboration with the University of Illinois at Chicago (UIC) released a statewide study on homeless youth recently. The results of the survey were released at the Statewide Youth Homelessness Conference at the UIC Student Center West.

"Homeless youth are often forced out into the streets by poverty or an abusive home life. They may be runaways, abandoned by parents or left alone after the death of their parents, leaving them to survive in the streets," said IDHS Secretary Carol L. Adams, Ph.D. "This survey is important as it provides us with a clear picture of the scope of youth homelessness in Illinois."

The study, conducted by researchers Ingrid S. Graf and Tim Johnson of the UIC Survey Research Laboratory surveyed 215 providers of services to youth. The providers reported information regarding the members of unaccompanied youth at a specific point in time, April 26, 2005 and during the course of a full year.

Key findings include the following: the total number of unaccompanied homeless youth in Illinois on April 26, 2005 was estimated at 4,102 (an additional 1,891 children of homeless youth were also homeless that night; the total number of unaccompanied homeless youth in 2004 was estimated at nearly 25,000 (this number may include some duplication of youth being counted by more than one provider).

In addition to surveying providers, the study interviewed 169 homeless youth throughout the state about their reasons for homelessness, their experiences while homeless, and their service needs.

Key findings from the youth survey include: 62 percent had experienced some form of victimization in the past 12 months; 38 percent were neglected or abused by parents; 27 percent experienced police harassment; 41 percent had either a diagnosis of mental illness or had been hospitalized for a mental health condition; 28 percent of youth needed help finding a job and did not get it; and 40 percent of youth needed help with medical care and only 56% of those received it.

Letter To The Editor:

Editor:

Recently the Ninth U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals ruled that parents do not have the fundamental right to control when, where and how their children are taught about sex. This right is now the prerogative of the courts and activist judges are self-imposing their authority for forfeit parental rights. In effect they are saying that they know better how to raise our children and grandchildren. This is outrageous!

Think it won't happen in Illinois? Legislation has again resurfaced in Illinois that would emphasize curriculum focused on comprehensive sex education rather than abstinence - SB 457.

Here's an example of the curriculum SB 457 promotes. From "Be Responsible! Be Proud!" pages 78 and 79, for 6th-8th graders. "Invite [students] to brainstorm ways to increase spontaneity and the likelihood they'll use condoms...examples...store condoms under mattress, eroticize condom use with partner...use a condom as a method of foreplay...hide a condom on your body and have your partner find it. Wrap as a present and give to partner before a romantic dinner. Tease each other manually while manually putting on a condom."

This encourages reckless sexual behavior instead of self-control, prudence and responsibility. No wonder sexually transmitted diseases continue to soar among our youth!

The Supreme Court will ultimately decide on the Ninth Circuit case. But I would encourage Illinoisans to voice their strong objections to their elected State Reps. and Senators regarding SB 457.

Karen Brockelsby
Edinburg, IL

Massage Therapy At Your Fingertips

Let your fingers do the walking as you begin earning credit toward a Massage Therapy certificate at Moraine Valley Community College this spring. Students are trained in the art of touch and the application of pressure to sore muscles to induce relaxation, assist in rehabilitation and contribute to overall physical and emotional well-being.

Program participants will get hands-on training with a variety of people in a supervised student clinic that is open to the public. They also will learn a code of professional ethics coupled with a foundation of business skills.

Required courses include Basic Swedish Massage, Sports Massage, Human Movement, and Wellness Professions. The certificate requires 31 credit hours.

Registration is currently underway. In-district tuition is \$64 per credit hour plus fees and books. Students can register in person at the Admissions, Records and Registration Office, located in the College Center on campus, 9000 W. College Pkwy., Palos Hills, or by calling (708) 974-2110; College Pkwy., Palos Hills, or by calling (708) 974-9556. TT/TDD for the hearing impaired. (708) 974-9556. Previously enrolled students also can register online at www.morainevalley.edu.

The Chicago Coalition for the Homeless makes several recommendations based on the report's findings including increased access to employment, keeping youth in school, accessing housing and other assistance, pregnancy prevention, violence prevention and healthcare. The report also notes that more than one-third of homeless youth are former wards of the Illinois Department of Children and Family Services. The Coalition recommends prevention measures while youth are in state care to avoid future homelessness and tracking of outcomes for wards who are aging out of the state system.

IDHS currently provides \$4.6 million to support 950 homeless youth. DHS runs 23 programs for youth ages 14 to 21 that provide emergency shelter, transition to independent living, drop-in/outreach and special services for pregnant and parenting teens.

The Chicago Coalition for the Homeless (CCH) organizes and advocates to end homelessness based on the belief that housing is a human right in a just society. The CCH Youth Committee is a collaboration of homeless youth service providers and homeless and formerly homeless youth.

Additional findings are available in the full report posted on the DHS website: www.dhs.state.il.us and on the CCH website at www.chicagohomeless.org.

Illinois Insurance Hotline

Q: I received a life insurance policy illustration during a sales presentation. What should I be looking for?

A: An illustration is a year-by-year projection of how your policy will develop over time. It includes information on premiums, guaranteed and non-guaranteed death benefits, guaranteed and non-guaranteed cash values, and other factors about the product you're considering. It is not a legal document.

Points to remember as you assess the policy illustration:

1) The proposal page should accurately describe you, identify the type of policy presented, and state the face amount; 2) There should be a distinction between guaranteed and non-guaranteed benefits and values. You can count on the guaranteed figures, providing premiums are paid and you don't borrow against the policy; 3) Realize the illustration is based on the insurer's current rates and practices. Non-guaranteed values, benefits, credits and costs could be higher or lower depending on the insurer's future financial results; 4) Evaluate the premium payment requirement. Some policies have premiums that increase over time. Others policies have "vanishing premiums" that use earnings to pay the premium. You may have to resume paying at some point in the future; 5) Find out if the death benefit is guaranteed or will fluctuate according to interest rates or other factors.

Complimentary educational materials on life insurance can be requested from the Illinois Insurance Hotline.

Q: The repair shop says they can adjust the damage estimate from my fender bender so that I won't have to pay my collision deductible. This doesn't sound right. What should I do?

A: Exaggerating the cost of repairs causes the insurance company to pay more than the actual damages owed. This is known as claim "padding" and is fraudulent, criminal activity. Make the insurance adjuster or company representative aware of your suspicions.

Insurance fraud occurs when someone deliberately deceives an insurance company or agent to achieve financial gain. There are a variety of fraudulent activities commonly committed against insurance companies. For example, prospective policyholders sometimes misrepresent facts on their applications (garaging location, number of miles driven, driving record). Other types of claim-related fraud include submitting a loss for an injury or damage that never occurred, exaggerating the amount and value of items stolen from a home or business, or turning in old damage as part of a recent accident.

Fraud remains an ongoing problem despite attempts to identify and prosecute perpetrators. In fact, property/casualty insurance fraud cost insurers about \$29 billion in 2003 according to Insurance Information Institute estimates. Policyholders ultimately absorb these costs through higher insurance premiums.

Insurance fraud is a crime. Don't be a willing participant. *Illinois Insurance Hotline is a monthly column based on questions consumers ask the Illinois Insurance Hotline. The Hotline is a consumer resource sponsored by insurance companies doing business in Illinois. Those with questions about insurance, should call the Illinois Insurance Hotline toll-free at 1-800-444-3338 between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. Monday through Friday. We're here to help!*

Champions Of Character

Calumet College of St. Joseph has been named a "Champions of Character" institution by the National Assn. of Intercollegiate Athletics. The designation recognizes the school's commitment to the "true spirit of competition."

That "spirit," as defined by the NAIA, is achieved through creating an environment of respect, integrity, responsibility, servant leadership and sportsmanship.

"Our Crimson Wave teams strive each day to achieve that goal," said CCSJ Athletic Director Andy Juscik. "We are proud of our athletes' service to the community."

Juscik said that the CCSJ cross-country team recently participated in the "Lung Run," a Chicago marathon to benefit cancer research. Athletes also have helped an environmental group clean Lake Michigan's Whiting shoreline.

Fatality Free Holiday Season

Members of Illinois' traffic safety community, including representatives of the Illinois Dept. of Transportation (IDOT) and Illinois State Police (ISP) announced a crack-down targeting impaired drivers during the 2005 holiday season. Last year, 1,356 people were killed on Illinois roads, and almost half of those people were killed in crashes where alcohol was a factor.

The holiday mobilization will run through Jan. 1st. IDOT and ISP will be teaming up with more than 100 local agencies to conduct approximately 1,100 saturation patrols. Saturation patrols target a specific area for heightened enforcement and are proving very effective in Illinois' battle to reduce highway fatalities.

2004 saw the lowest number of traffic deaths on Illinois highways in more than 60 years with 1,356 people killed. Through the first 11 months of 2005 Illinois traffic deaths in Illinois stood at 1,238, ten more than the same time period from last year, 1,228. On state highways, interstates, and U.S. routes, traffic deaths have decreased by 54 or 9% during the first eleven months of 2005 compared to the same time period last year. However, on city streets, county and township roads, fatalities have increased by 66, or roughly 10%.

Gov. Rod R. Blagojevich has proclaimed December, Drunk and Drugged Driving Prevention month. In Illinois, alcohol is a factor in nearly 45% of all traffic fatalities. During the holiday season IDOT will commemorate the 25th anniversary of MADD by placing silver ribbons with "MADD Celebrates Life" printed in red on all IDOT fleet vehicles. IDOT will also be giving away palm cards with safe party plans for guests and hosts alike that provide safe party tips to help make this a "Fatality Free Holiday Season."

IDOT and ISP remind you that the simplest thing you can do to save your life in a car crash is to buckle your seatbelt. Since Gov. Blagojevich signed the primary enforcement law in July of 2003 safety belt compliance has risen by 10% and fatalities have dropped by nearly 100.

St. Francis Athletes

The University of St. Francis Men's Basketball Roster includes many area residents: Adam Kielbasa, graduate of Brother Rice High School; Mike Applegate, graduate of Carl Sandburg High School; Mike Smith, graduate of Alan B. Shepard High School; and Don Hackstock, graduate of Oak Lawn High School.

During a game played on Dec. 7th, junior Mike Smith (Shepard High School) scored USF's final seven points in a recent game against Calumet, Ind., to pull the Saints back from a one-point deficit in the game's final minute and lead them to a 72 to 69 victory over Calumet College.

Smith finished with a team-high 26-points and tallied 18 of those in the second half. He also led the Saints in rebounding with 12 as he recorded his third double-double of the season and the sixth by a Saint in the campaign's first nine games.

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Penalties For Underage Drinkers

There are numerous laws in Illinois that apply to drinking. Buying beer or liquor is considered a privilege rather than a right. In Illinois, the drinking age is 21 for alcoholic beverages. Some states have different ages for drinking beer and liquor.

Underage drinkers violate the law when they: possess alcohol on a public street or in a public place; drink alcohol, unless as part of a religious service or ceremony; lie about their age to get alcohol; occupy a residence and knowingly let someone under 21 possess alcohol; rent a hotel or motel room, knowing that the room will be used for illegal drinking; carry, make, or obtain a copy of a false identification card; operate a motor vehicle with any alcohol in their system. Illinois's "Use It & Lose It"/zero tolerance law became effective on Jan. 1, 1995. It set the acceptable blood alcohol concentration (BAC) level for drivers under the age of 21 at .00.

Penalties for violating the laws are stiff. For illegal possession, the fine can range from \$500 to \$2,500 or 364 days in jail. The use of a false I.D. card can lead to a fine of \$25,000 or three years in jail.

Adults over age 21, who provide alcohol to or for minors, also violate the law and face criminal penalties. For the illegal sale or furnishing of alcohol to minors, there is a penalty of up to \$2,500 and/or 364 days in jail.

For further information about law-related issues, contact an Illinois Bar Association-member lawyer in your area or visit www.illinoislawyerfinder.com.

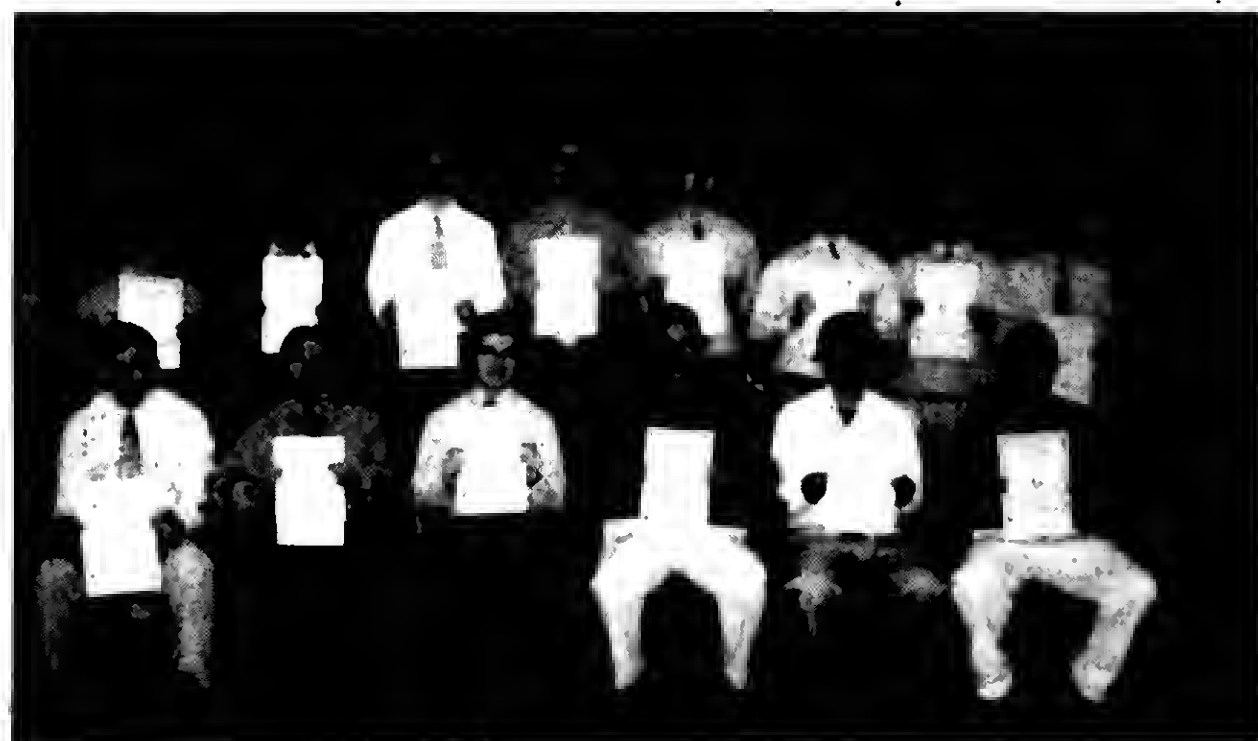
OAK LAWN PARK DISTRICT NOTES

The Oak Lawn Park District has several fun programs planned for Winter Break. All programs will be held at the Oak View Center, 4625 W. 110th St. For more information, call (708) 857-2200.

Holiday-Break Day of Fun (Grade 1-8) - Parents, are the kids on break from school and getting restless and bored with their new toys already? Then you may just want to bring your kids to enjoy a day of supervised activities and a chance to meet other kids on Wednesday, Dec. 28 from 1 to 4 pm. Participants will create crafty items, play games, and more. Wear comfortable clothes and gym shoes. A light snack will be provided. Fee is \$15 for Oak Lawn residents and \$20 for non residents.

Dance, Dance, Revolution & Karaoke & More (Grade 4-10) - Get a jump-start on your New Year's celebration by joining other kids your age on Thursday, Dec. 29 from 2 to 3:30 pm. Strut your stuff on the dance pad of Dance, Dance Revolution or sing along on the Karaoke. If dancing and singing isn't your thing - ping-pong is available. Fee is \$5 for Oak Lawn residents and \$7 for non residents.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS TO YOU AND YOURS!



Named Illinois State Scholars

Fourteen Saint Laurence High School seniors were among the top ten percent of Illinois' 136,198 high school graduating seniors and were named Illinois State Scholars by the Illinois Student Assistance Commission (ISAC). The Illinois State Scholar Program recognizes high school students for their outstanding academic achievement. Rankings in the program are based on a combination of ACT and/or SAT I test score results and class rank at the end of the junior year of high school. James Muting, Principal of Saint Laurence High School, commented that "the Saint Laurence School Community is very proud of these students and we congratulate them on being honored by the ISAC as Illinois State Scholars."

The students honored are (seated, left to right) Daniel Kunst of Oak Lawn, Casimir Ksiasek III of Justice, Christopher Kielbasa of Garfield Ridge, Daniel Kennedy of Justice, Brian Maynard of Burbank, Matthew Tucker of Oak Lawn; (standing) Nicholas Walls of Garfield Ridge, Roberto Larios of Brighton Park, Kenneth Gilmore of Justice, Matthew Alvin of Burbank, Andrew Rico of Garfield Ridge, Joseph Prohaska of Westlawn, Michael Clark of Garfield Ridge and John Peary of Archer Heights.

Letter To The Editor

Editor:
Samuel Alito's conservative record of judicial restraint and his respect for the Constitution as an unchangeable document qualify him to sit on the Supreme Court.

With Alito's credentials, his confirmation should be a breeze. Only a lack of qualifications or ethical problems should block his approval in the Senate. His strong record indicates neither.

Lighting a firestorm would be a big mistake for liberals.

Mrs. Sadie Lindmulder
Oak Lawn, IL

Nutrition Network Lunches

Seniors attending the lunch program at Community Nutrition Network enjoyed a wonderful Christmas party hosted by Charter One Bank in Hometown. Continental breakfast was served prior to a morning of bingo. Gift bags were also given out, compliments of Charter One Bank. The catered meal was enjoyed by all.

Hot lunch is served to seniors Monday through Friday at 11:30 a.m. PACE bus services the lunch center Monday, Thursday, and Friday. The PATSE bus from Palos Township is available every Wednesday. Doors open at 9 a.m. each weekday. Those interested in sharing a morning with friends and enjoying lunch together, should call (708) 422-5180 to make a reservation. Bingo, parties, day-trips, free blood pressure readings once a month, bi-monthly free foot care and much more is offered. The community Nutrition Network is conveniently located at 9420 S. 52nd Avenue.



Donation For Food Pantry

Worth Township Supervisor Jack Murphy and the Board of Trustees would like to express their appreciation to Mei Diab, owner of Running for Kicks, in Palos Heights for organizing a four mile run through Palos Park on Thanksgiving Day as well as the numerous participants who gave so much to benefit the Worth Township Food Pantry. This year they collected over 4,000 cans of food and were able to donate the cans along with a \$1,000 check to the Food Pantry. It is especially gratifying knowing how generous the community has been in response to all the requests for donations for this past horrific Hurricane season. With each of us working together, elected officials, staff, local business and our dedicated residents, we can accomplish so much more than any of us working alone. The generosity of Worth Township residents and businesses make a profound difference in the meaning of Christmas.

Pictured is Mei Diab, owner of Running for Kicks, Worth Township Clerk Thomas "Bud" Gavin, Assessor John Z. Toscas, Highway Commissioner Steve Loulousis, Trustee Jack Lind, Administrator Ariene Sladek and General Assistance Caseworker Supervisor Joanne Oliphant.



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CUB Unveils Cell Phone Guide

Citizens Utility Board (CUB) on Dec. 16th unveiled a new publication created to help consumers sort through all the confusing terms and offers when shopping for cell phone service.

The publication, "The Cell Phone Shopper's Guide," gives consumers the information they need to sort through all the jargon and hyped marketing and choose the calling plan that best suits their needs. The guide is designed to help shoppers ask the right questions and avoid common pitfalls.

As wireless prices continue to drop and the list of features grows in the highly competitive cell phone market, complicated packages and limited promotional deals can overwhelm the consumer. CUB's guide walks customers through the process of choosing the right cell phone and calling plan in a straightforward manner.

"Cell phones are wonderful devices that provide great benefits to consumers," CUB Executive David Kolata said. "But consumers need straightforward, sound information in order to make the right choices. Otherwise, its buyers beware."

The guide addresses a wide variety of issues including the difference between "prepaid" and standard monthly billing plans, the pros and cons of dropping a landline, the question of insuring a phone, and the importance of "trial periods" to test both the reliability of the phone and the calling plan.

A chart that compares prices, a checklist that lays out important questions to consider, and a list of other helpful references also are featured.

The guide equips the consumer with information on how to keep costs down. For example, customers who have wireless minutes left at the end of the month could

use those minutes to make long-distance calls and lower their bills from their long-distance companies. Consumers also are advised to beware of extra features, such as text messaging or Internet access, that can cost extra even if they are not needed or wanted.

"Consumers need to understand what their options are in order to determine what they need," Kolata said. "This publication helps fill that information gap and allows them to make good choices."

To receive a free copy of the brochure, call CUB's Consumer Hotline at 1-800-669-5556 or visit the Telecommunications section of the Consumer Information page on CUB's website at www.CitizensUtilityBoard.org.

Winning Drawings Appear On Beverly Arts Center Cards

Original designs depicting the arts by five area children will be printed on note cards and available at the Beverly Arts Center, 2407 W. 111th St., Chicago.

Five winning works were selected from hundreds of submissions by children age six to 13. Winners are Sierra Powell, 11, of Evergreen Park (Northeast School); Shannon Ogorzalek, 13, of Evergreen Park (Central Junior High School); Kayla Carmody, 13, of Chicago-Mount Greenwood (Cassell School); Joey Kata, 8, of Palos Heights (Incarnation Parish School); and Stephanie Greene, 10, of Chicago/Beverly (Keller school).

All of the drawings submitted to the competition are on exhibit in the BAC Atrium Gallery through Jan. 7. The gallery is open during BAC's regular operating hours, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sat., and noon to 5 p.m. Sunday. The five competition winners each will receive a free class during the winter session of the BAC School of the Arts (classes begin the week of Jan. 8).

The Beverly Arts Center is a not-for-profit regional facility that provides fine arts programming and education to children through seniors. For more information, call (773) 445-3838 or visit www.beverlyartcenter.org.

Resolve To Be Safe In 2006!

We all enter the New Year resolving to improve ourselves, yet we often neglect to take the steps that could literally save our own life, or the life of someone we love. This year, focus your resolutions on family safety by zeroing in on carbon monoxide, commonly known as the "silent killer."

Carbon monoxide (CO) poisoning kills 2,000 Americans every year, according to the Journal of the American Medical Association, and you can't see it, smell it or taste it. A CO alarm is the only way to safely detect if the deadly gas is in your home. Yet, only 27 percent of homes in America have carbon monoxide alarms, according to the Hardware/Homecenter Research Industry. Safety experts recommend that you install an alarm on every level of your home and in sleeping areas.

Clip these resolutions and put them on your refrigerator

so you are reminded every day to protect your family from CO dangers: 1. I will not "borrow" the batteries from my CO alarm to use in toys, remote controls or other household items that suddenly need batteries. 2. I will not ignore the CO alarm if it sounds in my home. If it alarms, I will get my family out of the house immediately.

3. I will have my furnace and fireplace checked this year, and when it is cold outside, I will not warm up my car in an attached garage or carport. 4. I will check the manufacturer's date on the back of my CO alarm to make sure it was purchased in the last five years, and has the latest sensing technology. 5. I won't wait 'til it's too late: I will act to protect my family from these dangers by installing CO alarms on every floor and near sleeping areas now!

Need more information? Visit www.knowaboutCO.com.



Local Attorney's Attend ATG Holiday Celebration

Palos Heights attorney David Sosin (left), and his wife Janet, and Chicago attorney Terry Lavlin of Flossmoor were among guests who attended the annual holiday party hosted by Attorney's Title Guaranty Fund, Inc. (ATG) Dec. 1 atop the Harold Washington Library in the Winter Garden Room in downtown Chicago. Nearly 500 ATG member attorneys and their guests attended the event, held in celebration of another successful year for the 41-year-old company.

ATG is a lawyer-based service organization that, through its 3,700 attorney-members, strives to keep lawyers involved in real estate transactions for the benefit of the client. ATG works with lawyers in Illinois, Indiana and Wisconsin through its offices in Champaign, Chicago, Mt. Prospect, Homewood, Libertyville, Lombard, North Riverside, Oak Lawn, Wheaton, and Belleville, Illinois and Madison, Wisconsin.

VFW New Year's Eve Party

Make it a "Magical New Year." Ring in 2006 on Saturday, Dec. 31st from 8 p.m. till 2 a.m. at Hometown-Murray VFW Post #9773, 9092 Main St. in Hometown. The cost is \$30 per person/\$50 per couple which includes: a dinner of roast-beef, Italian chicken breast, mostaccioli and sausage, Vesuvio potatoes, Italian green beans, tossed salad and relish tray.

There will also be a dessert table, open bar; entertainment with comedy and music by DJ Mike and, presenting Master Magician Darren Hrabe. For tickets and information, call (708) 422-9800 after 3 p.m.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

JANUARY 3 - Tuesday - Civil Service Commission, 9446 Raymond, 5:30 p.m.

JANUARY 4 - Wednesday - Appeals Board, 9446 Raymond, 8 p.m.

JANUARY 5 - Thursday - Alzheimer Support Group, Christ Hospital, 4440 W. 95th St., 6 p.m.

JANUARY 5 - Thursday - Historic Preservation Commission, 9446 S. Raymond, 7 p.m.

JANUARY 5 - Thursday - Athletic Club Meeting, VFW Hall, 9514 S. 52nd Ave., 8 p.m.

JANUARY 5 - Thursday - Traffic Review Committee Meeting, Municipal Center auditorium, 9446 S. Raymond, 8 p.m.

JANUARY 6 - Friday - Worth Township Senior Citizens Org. Meeting, Worth Township Center, 11601 Pulaski Rd., 12:30 p.m.

JANUARY 7 - Saturday - District II "Trustee Is In," Municipal Center, 9446 Raymond, 9 a.m. to noon.

JANUARY 7 - Saturday - Blood Drive, First United Methodist Church, 10000 Central Ave., 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Be Safe & Happy New Year!

Holiday/Winter Tips For Pet Lovers

With the holiday season now in full swing, Cook County Board President John Stroger urges pet lovers to take heed to the timely advice offered by the County's Animal Control Administrator, Dr. Dan Parmer. As in previous years, Parmer urges people to be mindful of the potential hazards the otherwise joyous season can bring for pets.

"Pet owners often decide to feed their animals food from the dinner table because they want to include them in the holiday festivities," Parmer said. "Although well-intentioned, feeding pets portions of the holiday meal - foods to which they are not accustomed - can lead to gastrointestinal distress or other problems requiring veterinary care. Common problems veterinarians address this time of year are stomach or intestinal disturbances that occur when pets consume holiday leftovers. Bones, in particular, can easily get stuck in a pet's mouth or digestive tract."

Parmer also stresses that chocolate is toxic to practically all animals because it contains theobromine, a substance that causes severe heart problems. "It may be hard to believe, but a lethal dose for a 20-pound dog is only about six 'bite-sized' pieces of baking chocolate, or eight times that amount of milk chocolate," Parmer warned.

Even holiday decorations can pose additional risks for pets. "It is widely known that cats are fond of tinsel and ribbon," Parmer noted. "If these objects are consumed, they can cause intestinal blockages or ruptures, requiring major surgery to repair." Many decorative plants are poisonous as well. Mistletoe, holly and poinsettias, in particular, have been known to cause distress to the stomach.

Both dogs and cats have been known to chew on electrical cords, causing electrocution or serious mouth burns.

Cats have been known to climb the Christmas tree and knock it over causing a fire hazard.

Parmer also suggests that pet lovers omit preservatives from the tree-stand water and to be aware that low-hanging ornaments, with their easily swallowed hooks, also are potential hazards.

Finally, with the long winter season ahead, Dr. Parmer reminds pet owners that anti-freeze (Ethylene Glycol) is highly toxic to all animals - and humans. Dogs, cats, birds and even children have been known to be attracted to the fluid due to its sweet taste. "One teaspoon of 95% ethylene glycol can be lethal to an eight-pound cat, and 17 teaspoons can be lethal to a 10-pound dog," Parmer warns. "When changing auto fluids, clean the area well and do not leave fluid where pets or children can consume them."

If a pet does get sick, Dr. Parmer stresses that it is important to consult a veterinarian before administering any medication. Several over-the-counter drugs are toxic for animals even though they are safe for humans.

Governor Encourages Continued Donations

Governor Rod R. Blagojevich announced that since Hurricane Katrina made landfall in late August, Illinoisans have generously donated more than one million items to hurricane victims. Many of the donations, which include clothing, household and other items, were given directly to hurricane victims, and the remainder continue to be distributed to needy families throughout the state. The Governor also encourages Illinoisans to continue to help families in need by donating new or gently used winter clothing to this year's Keep Our Kids Warm and safe campaign. Donations can be made at all Illinois Department of Human Services and Illinois Department of Employment Security offices throughout the state.

First launched in 2003, the campaign is an annual statewide clothing and car seat drive. Citizens, businesses, and state employees are encouraged to donate new or gently used gloves, mittens, hats, scarves and new car seats. As they come in, donations will be taken to charities in communities around the state. These charities will then distribute the donations to needy families in their area. Several charities have already received items, including Boys & Girls Clubs in Springfield, Inner city Mission in Springfield, and Catholic Charities in Chicago.

This year, 21st Century donated 100 brand new car seats to Keep Our Kids Warm & Safe. Illinois State Police officers are educating parents and caregivers on how to use and install the seats, and distributing "Child Safety Seats: A Parent's Guide" to explain proper seat installation and use. The guide, available in English or Spanish, can be obtained free of charge at safety fairs, by contacting the company's corporate headquarters at 1-800-211-SAVE or by visiting www.21st.com.

Sign Agreement

Attorney General Lisa Madigan recently announced the signing of an agreement with ConocoPhillips aimed at curbing the sale of tobacco to minors. Madigan is joined by 39 Attorneys General, all of whom have reached similar agreements relating to the sale of tobacco at Phillips 66, Conoco and 76 gas stations in their jurisdictions.

The agreement covers the 10,463 ConocoPhillips stores in 37 states and Washington, D.C., including 327 stores in Illinois.

Under this agreement, all corporate-owned ConocoPhillips stores - including Phillips 66, Conoco and 76 gas stations - will be required to establish new policies and procedures aimed at reducing the number of minors who illegally purchase tobacco products at their stores. ConocoPhillips also will take steps to ensure compliance by its franchisees and will, among other things, revise its franchise contracts to specify that tobacco-product sales to minors can result in loss of the franchise.

This agreement is the result of a five-year, nationwide investigation of retail stores' sales of tobacco to minors conducted by the offices of many Attorneys General. The investigation revealed that ConocoPhillips made sales of tobacco to minors.

In recent years, Illinois has signed similar agreements with five other nationwide tobacco retailers: 7-Eleven, Wal-Mart and SAM's Club, ExxonMobil, BP Amoco and Walgreens.

Madigan said research indicates that every day in the United States, more than 2,000 people under the age of 18 begin smoking and one-third of those persons will one day die from a tobacco-related disease. Young people are particularly susceptible to the addictive elements in cigarettes, with research showing that 80 percent of all adult smokers began smoking before the age of 18.

Under the agreement, ConocoPhillips also agreed to pay the Attorneys General \$125,000 for the costs incurred by the states in investigation and negotiation.

Letter To The Editor:

Catholic Charities not only believes in our clients, we journey with them. This is a phrase we say often at Catholic Charities, but I have seen it so poignantly illustrated by our community of board members, donors and staff during this past year. On behalf of our clients, I wish to express my gratitude.

Catholic Charities began seeing the results of Hurricane Katrina firsthand during the first week of September. Families began coming to our office at 721 N. LaSalle St. in order to get shelter and food after driving to Chicago from what were their homes in New Orleans. Soon after, we saw a second set of victims: middle-class families who originally had been able to come to Chicago and check into a hotel for housing, or who had been living with family members in the Chicago area, and who had completely run out of resources. An incredibly dedicated group of volunteers worked long hours to help these evacuees get food, clothing and housing. Donors provided monetary assistance, sponsorship for apartments, and towels, sheets and toothbrushes so that they could have staples to begin their new lives.

After such a huge outpouring of help for our friends from New Orleans, Catholic Charities' friends and benefactors still did not forget the poor in their own neighborhoods. Through the help of hundreds of volunteers and donors, our Celebration of Giving has been able to bring more than 25,000 clients in Cook and Lake Counties gifts for Christmastime. Because of the generosity of their communities, thousands of parents were able to place gifts under their Christmas trees for their children. This generosity truly is what the holidays are about.

In addition to those who aided our special projects during the year, I wish to thank those who have supported our daily efforts to help the poor through foundation grants, individual donations and financial responses to our Mother's Day and Year-end Appeals. Because of this assistance, we have been able to bring more than 870,000 parents, children, seniors and individuals help during the hardest times of their lives.

Our mission is based on a commitment to the value and dignity of each human life. I see this mission lived each day by our board, donors and staff, and I am so grateful to our community during this year especially for its support to our mission. May God bless you during this Christmas Season, and may you have a Happy New Year!

Rev. Michael Boland, Administrator
Catholic Charities
Archdiocese of Chicago

Host An Exchange Student This Year

World Heritage Student Exchange program, a public benefit organization, is seeking local host families for high school boys and girls from Spain, France, Germany, Thailand, Japan, Mexico, Switzerland, Denmark and Italy. Students are already waiting word on their host family for the 2006-07 academic school year. Host families provide room, board, and guidance for a teenager living thousands of miles from home. Couples, single parents, and families with and without children in the home are all encouraged to apply.

The exchange students arrive from their home country shortly before school begins in fall 2006. Each World Heritage student is fully insured, brings his/her own personal spending money and expects to bear his/her share of household responsibilities, as well as being included in normal family activities and lifestyles.

Celebrate the New Year by choosing to host an exchange student. For more information, call Frank Suerth at 1(800) 888-9040 or visit the web site at www.world-heritage.org

Open Road Tolling Lanes

Gov. Rod R. Blagojevich recently debuted Open Road Tolling lanes at the Cermak Road Toll Plaza on the Tri-State Tollway (I-294), which means there are now 9 mainline toll plazas where I-PASS users can travel at highway speed while their tolls are collected electronically and will no longer have to slow down or stop at tollbooths.

Open Road Tolling debuted recently at the Cermak Road plaza, following the opening of non-stop tolling lanes at the 82nd St. and 83rd St. toll plazas on I-294. The Army Trail Road plaza on I-355 now offers Open Road Tolling lanes northbound and southbound. In time for holiday travel, the Illinois Tollway achieved its 2005 congestion-relief goals of providing commuters with Open Road Tolling lanes at nine mainline toll plazas.

Earlier this year, Open Road Tolling lanes debuted at the Irving Park Road and Touhy Avenue plazas on I-294, the Edens Spur on I-94, the Aurora plaza on I-88 and the Boughton Road plaza on I-355. Illinois is the first state in the nation to convert a barrier toll plaza system to the new Open Road Tolling technology.

The conversion of the Tollway's traditional toll plazas to a barrier-free system allows I-PASS users to travel at highway speeds while their tolls are collected electronically by a monorail overhead, reducing congestion and travel times. Vehicles with I-PASS or that need to exit shortly after the plaza will pull right into smaller traditional toll plazas where they can pay cash to toll collectors or use I-PASS, and not impact the free-flow of traffic on the mainline. Separating I-PASS traffic from vehicles paying cash also improves safety at toll plazas.

Open Road Tolling is just one of the projects underway as part of the Congestion-Relief Plan that will reduce average travel time on the Tollway by at least another 10-15 minutes one way. Construction has also started on the Extension of I-355 south to Will County; the Reconstruction of the Reagan Memorial Tollway (I-88); and the Rebuild & Widen of the South Tri-State (I-294) from the Kingery Expressway (I-394) to 167th St.

In addition to delivering Open Road Tolling at nine toll plazas, other projects scheduled to be completed in 2005 include the Rebuild & Widen of the "washboard" section of I-88 in DuPage County and the rehabilitation of 32 miles of pavement on the far end of I-88 in Lee & Ogle Counties. The Rebuild & Widen of the northbound lanes on the first 5 miles of the South Tri-State is nearing completion and is scheduled to be finished in January 2006.

Home Invasions

Chicago Police have released a warning to residents of the Southwest Side concerning a number of home invasions. It has been reported that the offenders have posed as utility or other workers to gain entry to the homes of elderly residents to rob them.

Police believe that the newest reports may be linked with similar home invasions on the city's Northwest side.

It was stated that the men who pose as utility workers will get into the resident's homes, distract them, sometimes with a phone call, then take whatever valuables that they can find. Some victims have reported that they have been physically threatened, according to the police.

The suspects have been described as white or Hispanic males who range in age between their 20s and 50s. They were reportedly seen leaving in a white van, police said.

Police urge residents to verify the identity of people who want to enter their homes. They are encouraged to write down vehicle information if they see suspicious activity and to call 911 immediately.

These incidents have been reported between Dec. 7th and 16th in the 8600 block of South Keating; the 4800 block of South Wood; the 3900 block of West 62nd St.; the 3100 block of West 83rd Pl.; the 8600 block of South Kolmar; and the 4500 block of S. Montgomery.

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Better Identity Theft Protection

On Jan. 1st, thousands of Illinoisans will be armed with new tools to shield themselves from the risk of identity theft as several laws signed by Governor Rod R. Blagojevich to offer a significantly wider range of consumer protections go into effect. The laws will help victims recover from identity theft more quickly and better protect individuals' personal information.

Last summer, the Governor signed into law several pieces of legislation that deal with identity theft, including:

HB 1633, which makes Illinois only the second state in the nation to require companies to notify Illinois consumers if personal information is compromised;

HB 1058, which allows victims of identity theft to freeze their credit reports;

SB 123, which requires the Illinois Department of Natural Resources (DNR) to phase in new Conservation ID (CID) numbers to replace Social Security numbers on hunting and fishing licenses.

These new laws will help provide Illinoisans with peace of mind and protection from the fastest growing crime in the country. Last year alone, identity thieves cost consumers \$550 million. On average, victims will spend about 600 hours and \$1,500 repairing their credit. These laws will help individuals take steps to protect their assets and identities before thieves wreak havoc on their credit.

HB 1633 is the result of Governor Blagojevich and Attorney General Lisa Madigan working very closely with the Illinois Public Interest Research Group (PIRG) and state legislators to create the Personal Information Protection Act. Sponsored by Rep. John Fritchey (D-Chicago) in the House and Sen. Ira Silverstein (D-Chicago) in the Senate, the new law requires any entity that collects personal data to notify those consumers affected by a breach in security without delay. The legislation came in response to an October 2004 incident in which Georgia-based ChoicePoint sold the personal information of more than 145,000 people, including 5,000 Illinoisans, to identity thieves who pretended to be legitimate businesses. Even though officials at ChoicePoint were aware of the breach, consumers weren't notified of the situation until months later, when officials, prompted by an existing California law requiring the disclosure of any security breach that puts Californians' personal information at risk, revealed the information.

HB 1058, sponsored by Rep. Marlow Colvin (D-Chicago) and Sen. Mattie Hunter (D-Chicago), allows people who have been victims of identity theft to place a security freeze on their credit report, preventing the release of the report to any party without their consent. This law also acts to prevent a thief from opening additional credit card accounts with the person's information, and from changing crucial information in the credit report such as a person's name, date of birth, Social Security number, or address, without the consumer being notified in writing by the credit reporting agency within 30 days of the change.

SB 123, sponsored by Sen. Todd Sieben (R-Geneseo) and Rep. Bill Black (R-Danville), requires the Illinois Department of Natural Resources (DNR) to phase in new Conservation ID (CID) numbers to replace Social Security numbers on hunting and fishing licenses as applicants renew. This change will be a part of DNR's new automated licensing system as it is phased in over the next year. The law requires DNR to keep a record of the

Social Security number on file, although that number will not appear on the license.

Even after the new laws take effect on January 1, there are steps every person should take to protect themselves and their identities from theft. IL Public Interest Research Group has provided a series of suggestions for ways to protect personal information, and therefore, better protect against identity theft:

- Obtain a free credit report and look for and report any inconsistent information.
- Properly dispose of bills, monthly statements, credit offers and convenience checks.
- Never give out account numbers or social security numbers to strangers.
- Never write your social security number on checks or use as a password.
- Make sure your full credit card number or expiration date does not appear on receipts.
- Do not respond to emails asking for personal information (Example: Bank info update).

Give The Gift Of A Temporary Home

Aunt Martha's Youth Service Center is seeking caring foster parents from Will, Grundy, Kankakee and South Suburban Cook Counties who are willing to help youth in need of shelter. Aunt Martha's will pay \$25 a day per youth to qualified individuals willing to provide a temporary (up to 21 days) home for runaway and homeless youth between the ages of 10 and 17 years of age. Interested individuals must be willing to become licensed foster parents.

Individuals who are interested in providing temporary shelter for these youth may call (708) 535-2934 for more information.

Those who provide temporary shelter to a youth in need will be providing a valuable service, according to David Betz, Aunt Martha's Tri-County Counseling and Outreach Administrator. "All these youth need is a safe place to get themselves back together," Betz said. "They need a quiet haven of peace and shelter - a chance to get some security and stability back into their lives - until they can be reunited with their families. It is only for a short-term basis.

"We encourage area residents who have extra room in their heart and home to help make a difference in the life of a child," Betz added. The temporary home providers are not expected or asked to counsel or provide solutions for the youth in their care. Such services - including individual, family and group counseling, school and court advocacy, crisis intervention, emergency transportation and follow-up care - are all provided through Aunt Martha's programs.

The goal is to help these runaway or homeless youth return home, reestablish a healthier relationship with parents and family, and empower them to help build happy and successful lives for themselves.

Three News Laws Take Effect

Three important pieces of legislation initiated this year by Secretary of State Jesse White will take effect as new laws on Jan. 1st. White said the measures would lead directly to more lives being saved each year through an increase in donated organs; safer roads through the limitation of court supervision; and greater accessibility for disabled persons through increased fines and penalties for those who violate parking laws. All three measures received strong support from the Illinois General Assembly.

Public Act 94-0075 (HB 1077) creates a First-Person Consent Organ/Tissue Donor Law in Illinois. This new law will make a person's decision to donate organs and tissue following death binding under state law. Currently, an individual's organs and tissue may not be donated without the consent of the person's next of kin, even if he or she has joined the state's donor registry.

According to Gift of Hope, an organ and tissue procurement organization covering much of Illinois, 40 percent of families say no to organ and tissue donation when approached for permission. Families also say no to donating organs and tissue 19 percent of the time even when they are told that their loved one had joined the state's donor registry. Gift of Hope estimates that a first person consent law could save at least 100 additional lives each year. Similar legislation has been approved in 42 other states.

While 5,000 people are waiting for transplants in Illinois, one donor can save or enhance the lives of more than 25 people. Although Illinois has the largest donor registry in the country, approximately 300 people in the state die each year waiting for a transplant.

Public Act 94-0330 (HB 1483) will limit drivers to two court supervisions for moving violations in a 12-month period. Any other moving violations a driver is found guilty of during that time frame would result in convictions reported to the individual's permanent driving record.

White said the new law is necessary because a small percentage of Illinois drivers have received too many court supervisions in recent years. Some drivers have been granted court supervision more than a dozen times in a single year, keeping the offenses off their permanent records so their driving privileges can't be suspended for committing too many moving violations.

In 2004, 3,785 drivers received court supervision for more than three offenses, 128 drivers received court supervision more than six times and one driver received court supervision 14 times. Over the past three years, 28 drivers have received court supervision 10 or more times in a 12-month period.

Public Act 94-0619 (HB 1316) will increase fines against those caught improperly parking in a disability parking space to \$500 as well as allow the Secretary of State to suspend their driver's licenses. It also increases penalties against those that illegally alter or fraudulently manufacture disability placards or plates.

White has directed the Secretary of State Police to conduct stings at shopping malls throughout the state during the busy holiday shopping season to ticket drivers who violate disability-parking laws. The effort has netted more than 200 violators. There are more than 550,000 disability parking placards and 90,000 disability license plates assigned to motorists throughout Illinois.

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District 218 Wins \$317,000 Grant

District 218 has become the only school system from Illinois to win an Emergency Management and Crisis Response (EMRC) grant from the federal government.

The district, which has partnered with seven elementary districts and all fire and police departments of the communities it serves, will receive a total of \$317,000 from the grant. Assistant Superintendent for Technological Services Dr. John Byrne wrote the grant application for District 218 and its partners.

Consultants will meet with the representatives of the districts participating in the grant to find the best uses for the money. Each district will have its own budget from which to choose how to allocate funds. The

consultant will provide each partner district with a Security and Vulnerability Assessment to help with the decisions.

Possible uses for the funds include automated external defibrillators (AEDs), walkie talkies, emergency kits, and parent notification systems such as PhoneMaster.

Aside from the police and fire departments from Alsip, Blue Island, Calumet Park, Chicago Ridge, Crestwood, Merrionette Park, Oak Lawn, Palos Heights, Robbins and Worth (representing all the communities of District 218), participating school districts include District 123, District 125, District 126, District 127.5, District 128, District 130, District 143.5, and District 218.

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Lincoln Penny Bill Passes Congress

U.S. Sen. Dick Durbin (D-IL), co-chair of the Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial Commission, recently announced the passage of legislation which will issue a series of one-cent coins to honor the 200th anniversary of the birth of Abraham Lincoln. The Lincoln Commission was established by Congress in 2001 to organize the national observance of the 200th anniversary of Lincoln's birth and to recommend activities that will best pay tribute to Lincoln on the occasion.

The redesigned pennies will be issued in 2009, the year of Lincoln's bicentennial, and will feature four designs on the reverse side of the coins, each representing a different aspect of the life of Abraham Lincoln. The different designs would depict his birth and early childhood in Kentucky, his youth in Indiana, his professional life in Illinois and his Presidency in Washington, DC. The present image of Lincoln would stay on the front of the penny.

Issued in 1909 on the 100th anniversary of Lincoln's birth, the "Lincoln cent" featuring Victor David Brenner's likeness of the 16th president is one of the most recognizable designs in American currency. In the nearly 100 years of production of the Lincoln cent there have been only two designs on the reverse side: the original featuring two wheat-heads, which was phased out in 1958, and the current representation of the Lincoln Memorial in Washington, DC.

The Durbin bill instructs the Secretary of the Treasury to issue four one-cent coins during the year 2009. The designs will be chosen by the Secretary after consultation with the Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial Commission, the Commission of Fine Arts, and the Citizens Coinage Advisory Committee. After Dec. 31st, 2009 the image on the reverse of the penny will be permanently changed to one that represents President Lincoln's preservation of the United States as a single, united nation.

The Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial One-Cent Coin Redesign Act (S-341) was co-sponsored by Barack Obama (D-IL), Jim Bunning (R-KY), Richard Lugar (R-IN) and Evan Bayh (D-IN). The Durbin bill was approved on Dec. 13th by the U.S. House of Representatives as part of a larger package of legislation.

Secretary Of State Offices Closed

Secretary of State offices and facilities normally open Monday through Friday will be closed Monday, Jan. 2nd for the New Year's holiday, Secretary of State Jesse White announced. They will reopen Tuesday, Jan. 3rd.

Driver Services facilities outside of Cook County and also the Chicago West, Midlothian, Diversey Express and Niles facilities, which are normally open Tuesday through Saturday, will be closed Saturday, Dec. 31st. They will resume business hours Tuesday, Jan. 3rd.

Candidates Aspiring For Sheriff's Position

The Cook County Democratic primary for the sheriff's office will see three new men looking to succeed present Cook County Sheriff Mike Sheahan, who will finish his term in December 2006. Party-backed candidate and former State Representative Tom Dart, the chief of staff to Sheriff Sheahan since 2003, is being challenged by Richard L. Remus and Sylvester E. Baker, Jr.

Remus was a former employee (trained guard) at Cook County Jail who was suspended and eventually quit over an alleged prisoner abuse case in 1999. He denied all accusations that he mistreated inmates and filed his own lawsuit, still pending, that he was forced to resign. Remus is a resident of the 19th Ward, home to both Sheahan and Dart.

Sylvester E. Baker Jr. worked for the sheriff's office for 22 years before retiring in 2003. He presently is a licensed real estate broker. Baker previously was unsuccessful in his pursuit of the Southside's 6th Ward aldermanic seat in 1999.

The lone Republican candidate for sheriff, Peter Garza, is unopposed in the primary.

Chicago Public Libraries Closed

All branches of the Chicago Public Library, including the Harold Washington Library Center, Woodson Regional and Sulzer Regional Libraries, will close at 3 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 31, and be closed on Sunday, Jan. 1 and Monday, Jan. 2 in observance of New Year.

Brother Rice Entrance Exam

Brother Rice High School, 10001 S. Pulaski Rd., Chicago, will hold its Entrance Examination for eighth grade boys on Saturday, Jan. 14 at 8 a.m. Test takers should bring two #2 pencils and a \$25 testing fee. No pre-registration is necessary.

For more information, contact Tim Lyons at (773) 429-4300.



All Points Southwest

By THOMAS E. GAVIN

Elmer Lysen wrote many columns during his 45 years here at the Messenger and this is one we think is most appropriate at this time of the year. Originally it appeared 29 years ago this month prior to his death.

Back in the days before chain saws came on the scene, the Christmas-New Year vacation saw a lot of time sawing by many youngsters who had to help stock the wood pile. It was during such times, however, that many world problems, as well as family problems, were discussed.

Our father was in the construction trades, as well as farming, so the cold winter months resulted in his being home much more than in the summer. If you haven't pulled a long cross-cut saw through a 16-inch log you have no idea how much conversation you can carry on during the session. You stopped often to rest, of course, and to drive a little wedge into the cut to make the saw move easier.

The wood sawing experience is just about over. John Balcauski who cuts and sells wood from his location at 115th and Ridgeland made a chain saw available to me. It cuts through logs in seconds, but in the process the noise it makes deadens your ears so that you can't carry on a conversation even when you are not cutting wood.

I thank John for the saw, because it does make cutting trees and logs a pleasure, rather than a job.

But the reason I started to tell you about the wood cutting sessions is that I gained much information and learning from my dad during our wood cutting ordeals.

A topic which came up often for discussion was the matter of time, which we agreed to call a "Succession of events." After one of these long wood cutting sessions I made lengthy notes, and just this week, some 40 years later, I came across them. And with a New Year ready to make its debut, I thought I'd record a few of them. On top of that, the new chain saw here on the farm probably means my son Ronnie and I never will enjoy those quiet cutting sessions of yester-year.

Even though I was young at that time I agreed with dad that time creeps too slowly for youth. We want it to hurry as we dream of future glories; we want the days and years to pass swiftly; we are in a hurry to say goodbye to today, and eager for tomorrow to come—and come fast.

But them as we grow older we ask time to stay, to grant us a little more of

the sun's light, a little longer to repair the mistakes. We would, if we could call back yesterday and bid time to return.

But we can't, and the sun rolls too swiftly through the skies causing the night to follow the day, and the changing seasons to come and go with lightning speed.

At 50, a man thinks of what he will do during the 30 years he has left to live—perhaps.

But at 70, he knows the time is fast approaching to close his books, balance his accounts, and get ready to bid farewell to the days and years that once promised to last forever.

As we agreed "Time is a succession of events." If you go to sleep and wake in a minute or wake in 15 hours, it's the same, so far as you know. When you sleep, time slips by.

If death is sleep, followed by awakening, it will make no difference to us whether we wake instantly in another world, or a thousand years later in another universe.

Time is a succession of events. The length of our life depends on what we do, how much we pack and crowd into our hours. The man of genius, with an intensively active, working mind, may actually live more in one hour than another many will live in 75 years.

The average old man in his three score and ten, lives a thousand times longer, in actual events, than a monstrous turtle that exists five and six hundred years and never lives at all.

Scholars have said that we live in "time and space." Time measures the length of our existence. Space measures our earth, controls our elements, tells us where and how far we may go—within reason.

No man has been able to tell us what time is or what space is.

One scientist has said that time never could begin and never can end. Another tells you "There is no such thing as time."

All we know, or rather think we know, is that apparently time passes. But the truth is, as had been said, that time remains, and we pass.

Life and time can be worthwhile or not worthwhile. Life is worth whatever we make of it. We cannot change nature, or change old age back into youth.

Letter To The Editor:

Editor:

I applaud a recent court decision that came out of New York. It's a solid victory for the family.

On Dec. 8th, the New York Appellate Court upheld the state's marriage laws in a 4-1 decision, reversing a lower court's ruling that ruled that the state's marriage laws were unconstitutional.

The appeals court said it's not the role of judges to redefine the terms "husband" and "wife." The court said that it was troubled that the lower court "proceeded to rewrite [the statute] and purportedly create a new constitutional right." Furthermore, the appeals court chastised the lower

court ruling, stating that the trial court's ruling "was an act that exceeded the court's constitutional mandate and usurped that of the Legislature."

Judges should not rewrite the law. It's not their job. Their role is to interpret law as it's applied to the Constitution. It is the right of the people, not judges, to create social policy. And

every time the people are allowed to vote on marriage, they have chosen one man and one woman.

Natural marriage is the bedrock of healthy families. Healthy families raise, nurture and protect children. Society becomes stronger and ultimately, everyone benefits.

Sincerely,
Mrs. Karen Nunheimer
Morris, IL

On this, the second anniversary of his death,

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Moraine Valley Honors Two Faculty Members



Dr. Margaret Lehner (left), professor of Communications and Literature and director of Education Programs, and Aileen Donnersberger (right), instructor of Education, received Moraine Valley's 2005 Master Teach Award for their contributions to the classroom aide and teacher education programs at the college and to educator training at the state and national levels. The duo also helped to develop three degree programs: an Associate of Arts in Teaching Secondary Mathematics, an Associate of Arts in Teaching Secondary Science, and an Associate of Arts in Teaching Special Education.

Lehner of Lemont was a leader in enhancing Moraine Valley's paraprofessional educator, or classroom aide, program. As chair of the state's Paraprofessional Educator Curriculum Development Committee, which was charged with revamping the Paraprofessional Educator Certificate and developing an Associate of Arts in Applied Science degree for the paraprofessional educator, Lehner also knew that paraprofessionals could prove they were highly qualified by passing an exam that tested their knowledge of writing, reading and mathematics and proficiency and their ability to teach these skills.

Lehner and Donnersberger also revised the paraprofessional educator certificate classes, so that all courses now conform to the state teaching standards for elementary and secondary education and the American Federation of Teachers standards for the paraprofessional educator.

Lehner also helped area superintendents and special education cooperative directors by setting up training programs for paraprofessionals in their school districts and organizations. These programs also are offered in Moraine Valley classes at Argo High School and at the college's Education Center in Blue Island. Donnersberger mentors faculty, shares materials and offers her expertise. Through the Center for Teaching and Learning, Donnersberger also has conducted sessions on classroom management and other staff development programs.

In addition to their work on Moraine Valley's paraprofessional educator degree and certificate programs, Lehner and Donnersberger have been active developing three Associate of Arts in Teaching degree programs - the first in Secondary Mathematics, the second in Secondary Science, and the third in Special Education. Lehner chaired the state committee in Secondary Science, and the third in Special Education. Lehner chaired the state committee that developed the general education and technology components for the A.A.T. in Secondary Mathematics degree, and Donnersberger also served on several state committees to help steer the math, science and special education focuses of each degree program. Donnersberger also took a leadership role in the revision of the education courses related to these degree programs.

Currently, the A.A.T. in Secondary Science degree is completed and ready for submission to the state for approval. The A.A.T. in Special Education degree is being developed during the 2005-06 academic year.

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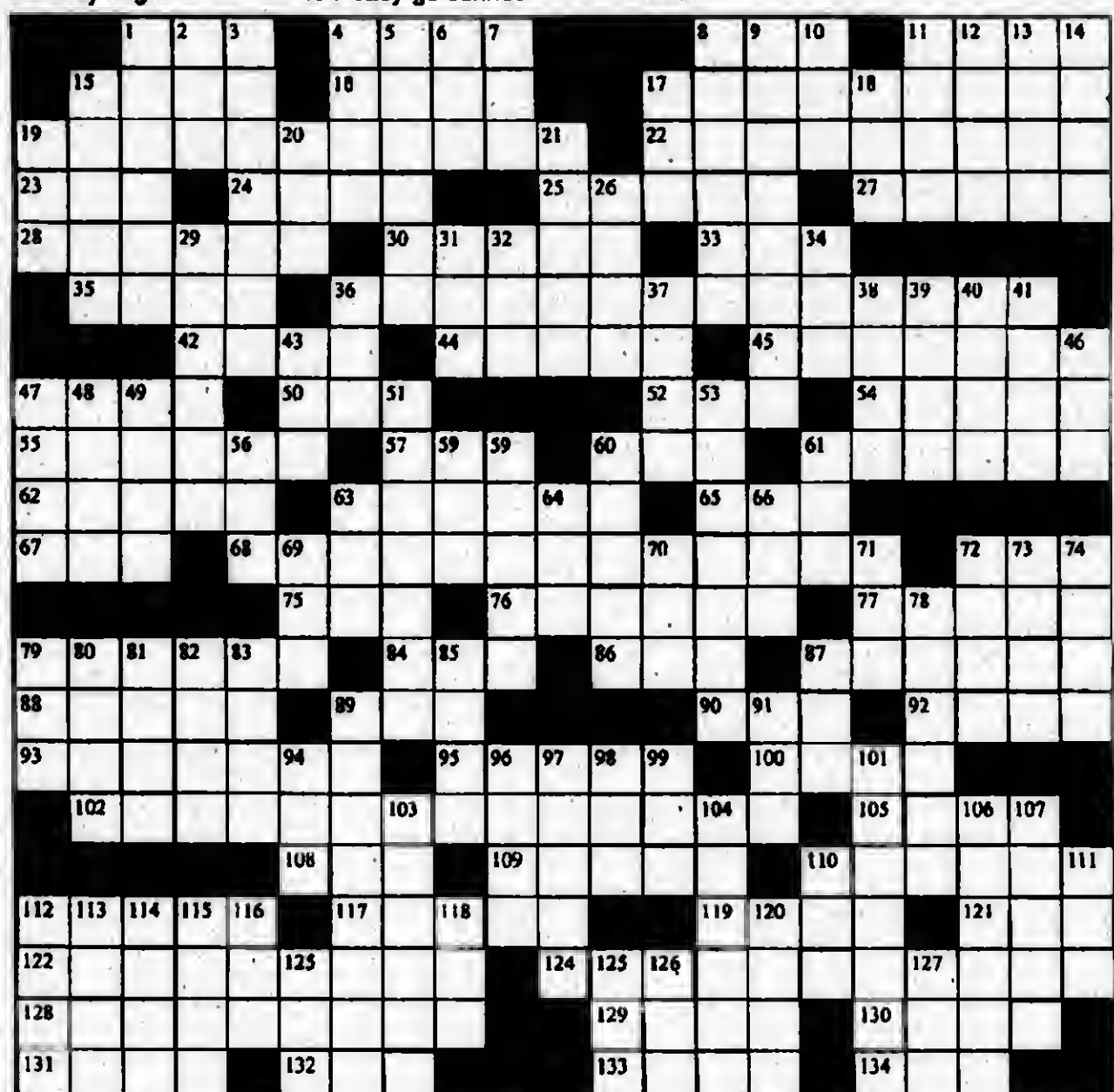
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ENTERTAINMENT NEWS

Irish Dance Company Performs

Progressive Irish dance will meet traditional reels and jigs during the world-champion Trinity Irish Dance Company performance at Moraine Valley's Fine and Performing Arts Center, 9000 W. College Pkwy., Palos Hills, at 7:30 p.m., Saturday, Jan. 14. Tickets are \$20 for adults and \$15 for students and seniors.

The unique, Irish-American company combines traditional Irish movement, modern dance, ballet, tap, flamenco, performance art, African and other World Beat rhythms, a mélange of Irish, rock and multicultural music, and narrative choreography.

Artistic director Mark Howard founded The Trinity Irish Dance Company in 1991 to provide professional career opportunities to Irish dance competition champions. Born in Yorkshire, England and raised in Chicago, he began his dancing career at age nine, and became a North American champion Irish dancer. At age 17, he founded the prestigious, Chicago-based Trinity Academy of Irish Dance, the largest dance school of its kind. The company has won 22 world titles at the World Championships of Irish Dance in Ireland.

Many of the dancers, who are ages 18 to 28, have come through the ranks of Howard's academy. Their years of rigorous training are evident in every perfectly paced spin, leap and click, making them a lethal powerhouse of speed and sound that has electrified audiences around the world. The group of 20 women and two men are constantly searching for original means of expression while maintaining a high regard for old traditions.

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Come in to the Carraig Pub at Gaelic Park, 6119 W. 147th St. in Oak Forest, to watch all kinds of sports games, to eat delicious food or to hear some of the free entertainment the Carraig hosts every Friday and Saturday night beginning at 10 p.m.

January's entertainment includes: The Katie Sullivan Band on Friday, Jan. 6th; After School Special on Saturday, Jan. 7th; Velvet Green on Friday, Jan. 13th; Billy Leatham on Saturday, Jan. 14th; Bernie Glim & Country Roads on Friday, Jan. 20th; Week Back on Saturday, Jan. 21st; Joe McShane on Friday, Jan. 27th; Kennedy's Kitchen on Saturday, Jan. 28th.

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For more information or to order tickets, call the Moraine Valley Box Office at (708) 975-5500. Phone orders are subject to a \$1 per order handling fee.

Seek Promising Choreographers

Hubbard Street 2 (HS2), the second company of the internationally acclaimed Hubbard Street Dance Chicago (HSDC), has announced a call for entries to its eighth annual National Choreographic Competition to identify emerging choreographers who will create original works for HS2. The deadline for submissions to be postmarked is March 10th. The competition is a component of HSDC's Program for Emerging and Developing Artists, which is supported in part by an award from the National Endowment for the Arts.

Each finalist will participate in a one-week residency in 2006 to create an original work for Hubbard Street 2, receiving a stipend, round-trip transportation to and from Chicago, per diem and accommodations. Hubbard Street 2 will premiere each new work during the 2006-07 season.

Entries must include a 5-10-minute sample of the choreographer's work, a current resume or biography and a proposal of choreographic intent, which may include style of dance, musical selection and format. The competition is open to all artists eligible to work in the U.S.

Complete entries should be postmarked by March 10th, 2006 and sent to HS2 National Choreographic Competition, Hubbard Street 2, 1147 W. Jackson, Chicago, IL 60607, attn: Julie Nakagawa Bottcher. No partial submissions will be considered. Application packages will be returned upon request following completion of the competition if the entrant provides a self-addressed, stamped mailer. Winners will be notified within 60 days of the deadline. For more information, contact Hubbard Street 2 Artistic Director Bottcher at (312) 850-9744, ext. 140, or visit www.hubbardstreetdance.com.

Winter Homecoming Party

St. Rita High School will hold its 2nd annual Winter Homecoming on Saturday, Jan. 28, from 6:30 till midnight. This adults-only event is four parties in one, all going on simultaneously at the school, 7740 S. Western Ave., Chicago.

Different venues include: McCarthy's Irish Pub features Irish music, Irish dancers, libations; Rosebud Lounge features singer Nino Follino performing Italian love songs and Sinatra style songs, and specialty drinks; Santa Rita Cantina features south-of-the-border cuisine and Mariachi music; Skyline Room features dancing to all the Motown hits you remember and love. Something for everyone.

Tickets are \$25 in advance; \$35 at the door. Call 773-925-5029 to order tickets or click www.stritahs.com to purchase tickets online. Food, pop, water, entertainment included in ticket price. Cash bar. Must be 21 years or older to attend.

Musical Luncheon

Chicago Gaelic Park, the Irish cultural center located at 6119 W. 147th St. in Oak Forest, will host its Monthly Musical Luncheon on Wednesday, Jan. 4th with doors opening at noon and lunch served at 1 p.m. This month features the music of Sean O'Donnell. For the modest cost of \$12, the musical luncheon includes an afternoon of lively entertainment and a delicious sit-down lunch including soup, salad, entrée, dessert, and tea or coffee. Reservations are required, so call (708) 687-9323 or visit the web site at www.chicagogaelpark.org for more information or to reserve tickets.

Invasive Species Exhibit At Shedd

Asian carp and other invasive species have the potential to devastate the Great Lakes, and for the first time at the Shedd Aquarium, 1200 S. Lake Shore Drive, the public can see these invasive species above the surface. Shedd Aquarium opens a new permanent exhibit on Thursday, Jan. 5, highlighting numerous invasive species - including the Asian carp, round gobies, zebra mussels, and others - which threaten the Great Lakes. The exhibit is an important part of Shedd's public awareness mission to draw attention to the value - and the vulnerability - of the complex Great Lakes ecosystem.

Shedd's new exhibit, located in the Local Waters gallery, will focus the public's attention on the extent and scope of the invasive species problem in our Great Lakes region. It will provide close-up looks at both familiar and unfamiliar invasive species.

CLASS REUNIONS

Bowen High School class of 1974 is looking for classmates. Call (773) 768-3895 or (773) 721-8330.

St. Nicholas of Tolentine Grammar School class of 1956 is looking for graduates for a 50th anniversary celebration in June 2006. Call Joe Rice at (773) 229-2273.

St. Clement - 100-Year, All-Class Reunion, Dec. 30th from 7 to 11 p.m. If you attended St. Clement or know any alumni, call the Alumni Committee at (773) 348-8212, ext. 550, or online at alumni@stclementschooll.org.

Our Lady of Holy Mount class of 1951 is looking for classmates. Call (630) 739-7390.

St. Clare de Montefaleo School class of 1971 is seeking alumni. Contact class1971reunion@yahoo.com.

Farragut High School, classes of 1952-1954, are looking for classmates. Call Carollee (Fotka) Michalek at (815) 407-1934.

Lourdes High School class of 1978 is looking for classmates. Call (708) 258-9096.

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Host Celtic Supper

Gaelic Park, 6119 W. 147th St., will host its weekly Celtic Supper on Sundays in January beginning at 4 p.m. The Celtic Suppers are a fun way to enjoy a cold winter night with lots of food and Irish dancing music.

This month's musical guests will be Billy Leatham on Jan. 15th, Velvet Green on Jan. 22nd, and The Griffins on Jan. 29th. The Celtic Suppers are the perfect meeting place for large groups, and for only \$15, a buffet including soup, salad, choice of entrees and dessert is served. Children are welcome; under 12 years old admission is \$8.

Reserve your seats by calling (708) 687-9323. Also visit the web site at www.chicagogaelpark.org to check out more on the latest events.

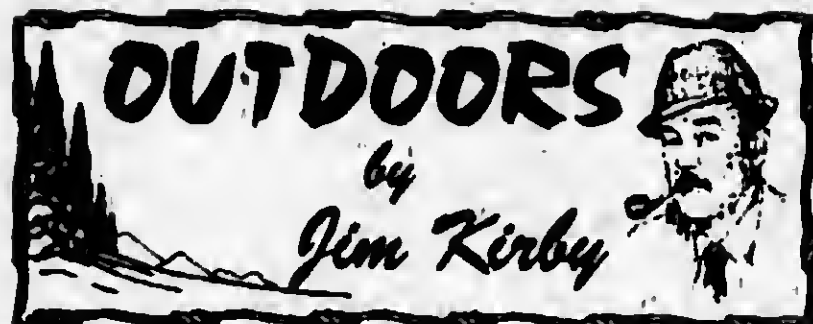
Mass And Breakfast

Attend the Monthly Mass and Breakfast at Gaelic Park, 6119 W. 147th St. in Oak Forest, on Sunday, Jan. 8th beginning at 10 a.m.

A delicious Irish breakfast will be served in the Emerald Room after Mass that includes bacon, sausage, soda bread and black pudding, for a small fee.

Call Gaelic Park at (708) 687-9323 for more information. Also visit www.chicagogaelpark.org for more events.

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IT'S SHOW TIME: Attending the many outdoor shows that will be going on over the next few months can be very difficult. Many of them overlap, and deciding which one to take in can be problematical. To help in your planning, the following is a chronological listing of the shows. Details will be provided in this column in the future.

JANUARY 5-8: The Northwest Fishing Show at Arlington Race Track. Fishing tackle, boats, kids casting pond, resorts and seminars. Adults \$7 - youth 6-12 \$3. For more information: www.nwchicagosportsshow.com.

JANUARY 11-15: Chicago Boat, RV and Outdoor Show. McCormick Place. Boats, motors, trailers, seminars, ATVs and much more. Call (312) 946-6200 or www.ChicagoBoatShow.com.

JANUARY 12-15: All Canada Show. Pheasant Run Resort, St. Charles, Illinois. Resorts, guides, seminars, outfitters for fishing and hunting.

JANUARY 13-15: Chicago Muskie Show. Harper College, Palatine, Illinois. Retailers, resorts and guides, boats, seminars, drawings for free prizes. Information: (847) 328-6200 or www.chicagomuskieshow.com.

JANUARY 18-22: Chicagoland Outdoors Show. Stephens Convention Center, Rosemont, Illinois. Hunting, fishing, retailers, outfitting, guides, demos, boats, motors, state recreation reps, shows and seminars. Call (800) 511-8376 or www.chicagolandoutdoors.com/chicago.

JANUARY 28-29: Hammond Outdoor Sports Show. Jean Shepherd Center, Hammond, Indiana. Hunting-fishing retailers, charter captains, boats and campers, exhibits and seminars. Information: (219) 554-0155.

FEBRUARY 11-12: Tinley Park Fishing Show, Tinley Park High School. Retailers, tackle, boats, seminars, exhibits, kids casting contest and more. Information: (814) 485-9199 or dondz@illinoisoutdoors.com.

FEBRUARY 18-19: Southwest Chicago Fishing & Boating Show, Lockport East High School, Lockport, Illinois. Exhibits, seminars, free goodies for the kids and more. Call (815) 838-0790 or www.lockportfishingshow.com.

FEBRUARY 24-26: Illinois Deer & Turkey Classic. Interstate Center, Bloomington, Illinois. 200 exhibit booths, State Turkey Calling Championship Contest, archery, hunting and shooting ranges. Information: (800) 324-3337 or www.deerinfo.com.

So there you have it! Now is the time to figure out what shows are for you and your family. These shows make for great family outings and a way to do away with the "Winter Blues."

ILLINOIS PLAN TO CONSERVE WILDLIFE, NATURAL AREAS ACCEPTED: All states and territories agreed to develop a Wildlife Action Plan and submit it to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service by Oct. 1st, 2005, as a condition of accepting State Wildlife Grant Program funding for non-game conservation. Thanks to more than 150 agencies and organizations that assisted in developing the document, the Illinois Wildlife Action Plan is among the first ten to be accepted nationwide.

The Illinois Wildlife Action Plan identifies goals for fish and wildlife conservation, and priority actions to address problems affecting wildlife. A committee of Illinois Department of Natural Resources staff and representatives from the Nature Conservancy, Illinois Audubon Society, the National Wild Turkey Federation and Ducks Unlimited provided oversight of the planning process. The DNR has welcomed public participation through workshops and other opportunities to review the plan.

Wildlife-associated recreation generates nearly \$4 billion in economic activity in Illinois each year. Fishing and hunting provide about 40 million days of recreation, with a value of \$2.5 billion. Non-consumptive activities, such as bird watching and photography, generate about \$1.3 billion in economic activity and support more than 13,000 jobs.

HUNTER HARASSMENT RULED NOT FREE SPEECH: Thanks to Indiana's hunter harassment law, two anti-hunters could now do jail time for harassing and intimidating bow hunters. A jury found two people from Beverly Shores guilty of two counts of hunter harassment.

The couple claimed that Indiana's hunter harassment law, which is based on a draft model written by the U.S. Sportsmen's Alliance, violated their right to free speech. The prosecutor successfully argued that the First Amendment does not give them the right to threaten sportsmen and disrupt legal hunting activities. Hunter harassment laws have been enacted in all 50 states, and upheld in several court rulings.

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Mercury Found In Fish

Attorney General Lisa Madigan is calling on the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to heed the findings of a recent *Chicago Tribune* investigation that found high levels of mercury in fish on Chicago supermarket shelves when the federal agency regulates mercury-emitting power plants.

In comments submitted on Dec. 19th to the EPA, Madigan cited recent *Tribune* findings in calling on the agency to reverse its decision against requiring the tightest available restrictions on power plant mercury emissions. Madigan additionally joined comments filed by a coalition of states opposing EPA's decision. In her comments to EPA, Madigan said that while mercury in fish is a nationwide concern, she was "particularly troubled" by the *Tribune's* findings because they are drawn from samples of fish purchased in the Chicago metropolitan area.

Mercury emitted by power plants contaminates fish when it falls from the air into bodies of water that they inhabit. Consumption of mercury has been linked to neurological damage and diminished IQ in infants and young children.

Madigan's comments were submitted as she continues her ongoing challenge to the EPA's regulations issued earlier this year governing mercury emitted by power plants. Although EPA made a finding in 2000 that mercury from coal-fired power plants is extremely detrimental to public health, and that the most stringent type of regulation allowed by law was "appropriate and necessary," EPA reversed that finding when it issued the final version of the regulations this year. The agency decided instead to regulate through more lenient standards that allow power plants to buy and sell the right to emit mercury.

EPA regulators say they took a second look at their year 2000 conclusions and determined that they had overestimated the hazards associated with power plant mercury emissions, and that they now believe that mercury reductions incidental to other types of required pollution controls are sufficient to protect public health.

Illinois and the other states, as well as many environmental organizations, contend that deeper and more prompt cuts in mercury emissions can and should be made using technology that controls for mercury specifically.

In her comments, Madigan also criticized EPA's decision to consider only public consumption of freshwater sport-caught fish, and not commercially caught fish, in deciding whether power plant mercury is sufficiently dangerous to warrant the stricter type of regulation. The EPA had found that mercury contamination of commercial catch resulting from power plants is only a "small concern," a finding that Madigan said was contradicted by the *Tribune's* findings.

In the comments submitted together with the coalition of states, Madigan also criticized EPA regulators' decision to set a less stringent mercury emission standard for plants that burn western coal rather than Illinois coal. Burning of Illinois coal emits lower levels of mercury, and coal power plants should be encouraged to use Illinois coal. The states' comments criticized EPA's approach, which sets a more lenient standard for western coal, and thus will encourage plants to switch to western coal, resulting in greater overall mercury emissions.

Argo High School Wrestlers Suspended

Three Argo Community High School wrestlers have been suspended in a hazing incident, which was reported to have occurred on Dec. 1st during a bus ride home from a meet at Bremen High School. On board the bus were the freshman Junior Varsity and the Varsity teams.

It was reported that parents of several of the team members brought charges of hazing on Dec. 9th. It was reported that at least one senior allegedly committed a sexual prank known as "teabagging" against several members of the freshman team. It was reported that the senior apparently shoved his testicles in the faces of his teammates as a hazing prank.

Reports stated that the students did not report the incident sooner because they were afraid of reprisals.

School officials reportedly suspended the three students from school and from sports for 10 days after a meeting with parents. The suspensions began on Dec. 12th. However, school officials are still unclear about what happened on the bus, so the incident is still under investigation.

It was stated that both the police and the Illinois Department of Children and Family Services were notified about the school's investigation. The incidents were reported to the Summit police, but the parents who reported them were relying on the school to handle the punishments. They just wanted the incident to be a matter of record.

Teabagging would only be considered a misdemeanor battery charge, according to the police. Many students who were on the bus were interviewed, but not much information was gathered. Officials stated that not all interviewees would tell what happened during the incident or many would tell conflicting stories.

Reports showed that the students who were suspended did not confess to the incident and as more information was gathered, their punishments would be "adjusted."

SXU Sports News

Cougars 80-78 Victory

For the second straight game, junior guard Candis Jackson put the No. 21 ranked St. Xavier University women's basketball team on her shoulders late in the game. Jackson scored eight of her game-high 25 points in the final three minutes as the Cougars picked up a 80-78 victory over Baker University (Kan.) on Monday, Dec. 19th in the final day of the Point Loma Nazarene University Tournament in San Diego, Calif. With the win, SXU improves to 8-3 overall, while Baker drops to 6-5.

In addition to her eight points in the final stretch, Jackson also recorded two assists, a rebound, a steal and a blocked shot in the last three minutes of play. She led St. Xavier with game-highs of six assists and six steals. The Cougars had three other players score in double figures in the win with sophomore guard Sarah Wilson finishing with 14 points. Sophomore forward Jackie Heine and junior guard Angie Brown tallied 11 and 10 points, respectively.

SXU got off to a slow start falling behind 14-3 in the first five minutes of the game before a 16-5 scoring run capped by a three-pointer by Wilson tied the score, 19-19, with just under 20 minutes remaining in the first half. The two teams battled back and forth for the lead for the remainder of the half with the Cougars coming out on top with a narrow 33-32 lead at the break. Baker came out firing in the second half and built a 10-point advantage, 57-47, with just over 12 minutes remaining in the game.

St. Xavier slowly chipped away at the lead over the next 10 minutes and was able to pull ahead, 75-74, with 1:34 remaining on a lay-up by Jackson. Another lay-up by Jackson and a three-pointer by Brown were enough in the final minute to secure the Cougar win. Although Baker was dominant on the boards out-rebounding SXU, 61-31, SXU used tough defense again to rack up 20 steals and help force 35 Baker turnovers.

SXU Wins

Midwest Tournament

Senior guard Jason Reiter scored 18 points and pulled down eight rebounds to help lead the No. 19 St. Xavier University men's basketball team to a 92-80 victory over University of St. Francis (Ind.) on Friday, Dec. 23rd in the championship game of the 2005 SXU Midwest Tournament at the Shannon Center in Chicago. Reiter was named the tournament Most Valuable Player following the win as the Cougars improved to 11-5 overall.

In addition to Reiter, sophomore forward Dan Bolger and freshman guard Jason Genova also earned mention on the all-tournament team. Bolger finished the night with 16 points and seven rebounds, while Genova contributed a game-high 21 points. St. Xavier shot an impressive 62 percent (33-for-53) from the field in the game, including 64 percent (16-for-25) in the second half to pull away. SXU also was dominant on the glass out-rebounding USF, 41-25, in the game.

In other tournament action on the day, St. Ambrose (Iowa) University defeated East-West University (Ill.), 99-78, behind senior Andrew Bryant's 17 points and 17 rebounds. St. Thomas Aquinas College (N.Y.) picked up a big victory over Concordia University (Neb.), 75-60, with sophomore Willis Kendrell pacing the Spartans with 20 points. In the third place game, senior Brian Biggs led Siena Heights (Mich.) over Aquinas College (Mich.), 83-77, with his team-high 22 points.

The 2005 SXU Midwest All-Tournament Team included: senior forward Andrew Bryant, junior guard Jon Ziegler, freshman guard Chris Williams, sophomore guard James Telman, senior forward Perry Gilbert, junior guard Trey Eaton, Genova, Bolger and tournament MVP Reiter.

SXU returns to action on Friday, Dec. 30th to face St. Edward University (Texas) on the road in Austin, Texas.

SXU Rallies Past TIU

Led by a game-high 22 points by sophomore guard Matt Marino, the No. 19 ranked St. Xavier University men's basketball team was able to take the lead when it counted rallying past Trinity International University, 81-76, on Dec. 17th in Deerfield. The Cougars improve to 9-5 overall with the win, while the Trojans fall to 8-8.

Marino shot well from the field hitting seven of his 12 shots (58 percent) in the game, including an impressive 5-for-9 clip (56 percent) from beyond the arc. Senior forward Jabari Saunders and freshman guard Jason Genova each finished with 17 points for the Cougars, while senior guard Jason Reiter chipped in 15. Saunders also led SXU on the glass with a game-high 10 rebounds.

The Cougars fell behind early in the first half with the Trojans shooting 49 percent (16-for-33) in the first frame to take a 37-30 advantage into the break. TIU kept the pressure on through the first 10 minutes of the second half leading by as many as nine points on four different occasions before SXU made its run. Shooting 57 percent (17-for-30) after halftime, the Cougars rallied and took the lead, with just under eight minutes remaining in regulation. Although the game remained tight over the final stretch, St. Xavier was able to hit key shots in the waning minutes to keep Trinity International at bay.

Man Found Shot

Evergreen Park Police are investigating the death of a man that they found in an alley in the 9700 block of Pulaski Rd. The police found an unidentified black man, who was unresponsive on Thursday, Dec. 22nd at about 5:30p.m. The man was shot once in the leg and left to bleed to death when the bullet severed a major artery in the man's thigh. Police found no identification or wallet at the scene.

The man was taken to Advocate Christ Hospital in Oak Lawn, where he was pronounced dead on arrival.

According to police reports no one in the neighborhood heard or saw anything unusual before the discovery. The investigation has been taken over by the South Suburban Major Crimes Task Force. They have yet to make a public statement.



Richards National Honor Society Reaches Out To Less Fortunate

The National Honor Society at Richards High School, with the help of many clubs, classes, teachers and students, once again helped make the holiday a bit brighter for needy families with young children living in District 218.

Through "The Miracle Tree," which the NHS has sponsored for years, the Richards school community worked in the weeks leading up to the holidays to collect for impoverished families. Faculty sponsors Tim Prost and Karen Warmbir and NHS members decorated the tree - a paper one - hanging from a door in the main office in early December with paper ornaments.

Each ornament lists the needs of a family with a student enrolled at Childs School in Robbins. Richards teachers then take the ornaments and "adopt" the families, working with their students to gather food, gifts, money and other essential items.

The items then are dropped off at Childs School and distributed to families.

Feature Dal Ponte Exhibit

Lauren Dal Ponte of Oak Lawn will exhibit intaglio prints and hand-made books at the Illinois Artisans Shop at the James R. Thompson Center, 100 W. Randolph St., Suite 2-200, in Chicago from Jan. 2nd to 31st. Dal Ponte will display etchings that feature a sense of place. Her work is based on photographs of the Illinois and Michigan Canal, and Chicago's Historic Pullman District. The research and exploration of these places is a very personal and important part of her creative process. Dal Ponte says, "The subject of place has always interested me; the places that one comes from, places that one has gone. I am particularly interested in the places that have been forgotten, those places that have fallen victim to decay. I find beauty in these places because they are neglected. Much of my work is based on places in which the history has been lost."

Dal Ponte works with intaglio, woodcut and screen-printing processes after exploring and photographing sites she is interested in. She chooses to use darker, lonelier colors to depict the neglected sites. For this exhibit she will show primarily etchings and an accordion-style foldable book consisting of etchings.

Dal Ponte grew up in Oak Lawn and graduated from Grand Valley State University in Allendale, Michigan with a B.A. in Art and Design. She is currently working on a series of prints with intentions of entering an M.F.A. program in Printmaking. Dal Ponte's prints will be on view and available for purchase at the Illinois Artisans Shop in Chicago throughout the month of January.

Trinity Preschool

Trinity Lutheran Preschool, 9701 Brandt Ave., is proud to announce the winter term of their new two-year-old preschool program. The winter session of "Two by Two" will begin on Wednesday, Jan. 18th. This will be a time for two-year-olds, along with a special adult (mom, dad, grandparent or caregiver) to have fun with story time, crafts, music, movement and more. Babysitting is available.

Sessions will be on Wednesday from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. for six weeks beginning Jan. 18th. The cost is \$60 for the six-week session.

For more information or to register, call Cathy Cepican at (708) 422-0193. Register by Jan. 12th.

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Computer And LAN Degree

New technologies and increased computer use will stimulate the demand for data communications specialists in the information technology profession. A Computer and Local Area Network Technician Associate of Applied Science degree from Moraine Valley will prepare students for entry-level positions in this field. The college also offers three certificate programs: Computer Technician, Network Administrator, and LAN Technician.

Students will examine the installation, maintenance, repair, and management of desktop PCs and local area networks. They will receive hands-on training in network operating systems, user administration, network security, and LAN switching and bridging design.

Required coursework for the degree, which requires 62 credit hours, include Electronics I, LAN Design, IT Operating Systems Essentials, and IT Security Awareness.

The program also helps students prepare for A+, N+, CAN, MCP, and CCNA certification.

Graduates' wide range of product knowledge and hands-on experience will qualify them to work as a PC support technician, LAN specialist, help desk support specialist, LAN system administrator, LAN design specialist, or LAN engineer.

The three certificate programs vary from 20 to 32 credit hours, and each has its own set of required courses. For specific information about the certificates, visit www.morainevalley.edu/programs/general/1416.

Registration for the spring semester is currently underway. Classes start Jan. 17. In-district tuition is \$64 per credit hour plus fees and books. Students can register in person at the Admissions, Records and Registration Office, located in the College Center on campus, 9000 W. College Pkwy., Palos Hills, or by calling (708) 974-2110; TT/TDD for the hearing impaired (708) 974-9556. Previously enrolled students also can register online at www.morainevalley.edu.

Information on all classes is available in the spring 2006 class schedule or online.

National Merit Commended Student

The principal, Michael Riordan, of Oak Lawn Community High School announced that Brian Connaghan has been named a Commended Student in the 2006 National Merit Scholarship Program. A Letter of Commendation from the school and National Merit Scholarship Corporation (NMSC), which conducts the program, will be presented by the principal to this scholastically talented senior.

About 34,000 Commended Students throughout the nation are being recognized for the exceptional academic promise. Although they will not continue in the 2006 competition for Merit Scholarship awards, Commended Students placed among the top five percent of more than one million students who entered the 2006 competition by taking the 2004 Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT).

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The Courage Program Founder

In 1980, Maureen Shields founded The Courage Program, a family ministry built on compassion and Christian values advocating for pregnant young women and their families. A Chicago native, Maureen attended St. Ethelreda Grammar School, Mercy High School and St. Xavier University. Maureen remains involved with the Sisters of Mercy as a Mercy Associate. Much of her vocation in Courage comes from the example and inspiration of the Mercy nuns.

Maureen was a senior in college when she took up the cause of young women who were pregnant with no place to go for support. Feeling she had sound, common sense and was good with kids, Maureen soon found herself as adviser, counselor, advocate and teacher to these young women and their children.

More than 25 years ago, Maureen saw the beginning of Courage, "flying by the seat of my pants," as she says, to build a grassroots organization based on compassion and Christian values that today has become a well known and respected resource to the South Side. Blessed with countless volunteers - many of whom have been with the program since it began - and with the support of her parish, St. Germaine, Maureen forged ahead, trying to bring those who needed their help together with those who could help them.

Today, Maureen is married to Mark Shields and they had four children, Tim Dan, Molly and Kevin and now have seven grandchildren and two on the way. As the founder of Courage, Maureen has been recognized by the Sertoma Club, The Association of Chicago Priests, Today's Chicago Woman, and the Paluch Foundation. Maureen also has received the Distinguished Alumni Award from St. Xavier University.



Service Award Recipients

Recognizing their service to the university, the church and the community, Laura LeCompte and James Bruton received the 2005 Mother Mary Paulita Morris, RSM Service Award at Saint Xavier University's Founders' Day celebration on Dec. 2.

Each year, the award is given in honor of Mother Paulita Morris, a Sister of Mercy who served on Saint Xavier's Board of Trustees for 24 years - longer than any other trustee. In addition to the merciful service she extended to those in need, Mother Paulita was known for her scholarship, leadership and sincere interest in people and the development of personal spirituality.

LeCompte, a sociology major with two minors - religious studies and anthropology - "exemplifies the qualities of scholarship, leadership and active involvement in the university community with a sincere interest in people's spirituality and well-being," said one nominator. The Oak Lawn resident has a 3.3 grade point average.

Not only is LeCompte a member of the Service Club, but she has held several positions in it. She has been involved in peer ministry both with residential and social justice events. She also participated in several Spring Break service trips and was a Freshman Focus leader, having served on the planning committee and as an assistant for leaders. She also served as social chair, treasurer and Peace and Justice Chair on Christian Students for Peace and Justice, and most recently has been a resident assistant in Morris and McCarthy Halls and a peer mentor in the Freshman Seminar with Michael O'Keeffe, associate professor of religious studies.

During a semester of study at the University of Notre Dame Australia, LeCompte served as a residential representative, planning prayer services and community dinners for her house. She has also volunteered at an aged-care facility where she worked as an activity coordinator and helped with projects to build community and comfort among the residents.

LeCompte, a junior, plans to do yet another semester abroad, this time on a Native American reservation in South Dakota, where she will engage in social service work and teaching.

Bruton, a senior majoring in religious studies, is also in the Pastoral Ministry Certificate Program. He is currently vice president of the Service Club, after serving as president last year. He has participated in SXU Service Day each spring, is a member of Christian Students for Peace and Justice and the Chapel Choir. He has served as lector and Eucharistic minister in McDonough Chapel and has participated in the Campus Ministry's Spring Break service trips since his first year. During his second year, he served as a peer minister for Campus Ministry, focusing his ministry on Bible study, liturgical ministry, and especially writing prayers of intercession for use in Chapel services.

Bruton has led at least a portion of every retreat he has been on, including a Service Club overnight retreat in fall 2004, which he planned and facilitated entirely on his own. He assisted the Regina Hall Chaplain with the inaugural first-year and transfer student weekend retreat, and has assisted with prayer services in McDonough Chapel for a variety of occasions.

PARK DISTRICT TRIPS

The Oak Lawn Park District is offering two trips this January. On Jan. 11th, spend the day doing after-Christmas shopping at the Fox Valley Mall in Aurora and the new IKEA in Bolingbrook. Lunch is on your own. The motor coach bus will depart from the Community Pavilion, 9401 S. Oak Park Ave., at 9 a.m. and return at 5 p.m. Fee for this is \$18 for Oak Lawn residents and \$23 for non-residents. Registration deadline is Jan. 6th.

On Jan. 31st, travel with the Oak Lawn Park District as we travel to Sturtevant, Wisconsin to enjoy a day at Apple Holler. We will make a stop at the O & H Bakery for some tasty treats. We will also enjoy lunch and a Broadway style show, Desperate Measures, at the Red Barn, Wine and Cheese tasting and a Jelly Belly tour. The Travel Services motor coach will depart the Community Pavilion, 9401 S. Oak Park Ave., at 7:30 a.m. and return at 6 p.m. Fee for this trip is \$75 for Oak Lawn residents and \$80 for non-residents. Registration deadline is Jan. 13th.

Registration is going on now at the Oak View Center. For more information, call (708) 857-2200 or e-mail oakview@olparks.com.

New Video Game Industry Program

Northwestern Business College is pleased to announce a new Associate in Applied Science Degree designed to help students take advantage of growing employment opportunities in the video game industry.

NBC's new Video Game Design and Development degree program begins March 8th when the school's Chicago, Bridgeview and Naperville campuses kick off their spring quarter. It provides an introduction to the theory and practice of game design and development, and gives students the benefit of personalized, hands-on training in programming, modeling and animation.

The video game industry is growing in leaps and bounds, with hardware and software sales in the United States reaching a combined total of \$4.1 billion in the first six months of 2005. The demand for home console, portable and PC games is increasing at a rapid rate, creating a greater need for people with the skills necessary to design and develop new titles. Northwestern Business College's new degree fulfills this need, and was created in order to offer students seeking career-oriented education yet another option for achieving professional success.

For years, Northwestern Business College has built a reputation for staying on top of hiring trends, and adapting its curriculum according to the demands of the job market. The Video Game Design and Development degree is an example of this, and is a testament to the school's commitment to creating a lifetime of opportunities for its graduates. For more information, call (847) 318-8550.

Police looking For Robber

Police have announced a description of a robber who held up a credit union in an armed robbery.

According to police, a man carrying a legal pad, wearing a pair of wire-rimmed glasses, a tweed hat and a brown sweater walked into the Health Care Association Credit Union, 9640 S. Pulaski Rd., on Dec. 16th, asking for a manager.

According to reports, he stated, "I just want what the hospital owes me." He then showed the manager that he had a .45-caliber handgun beneath his shirt.

The robber announced his willingness to use the weapon that he had as he took money from the cashier's drawer. He also took money from a second drawer before he fled the building on foot. Police are assuming that the robber could have been an ex-employee or a patient who was not satisfied.

The credit union is used by employees of Christ Medical Center as well as by all hospitals that are part of the Illinois Hospital Association, the Illinois Health Care Association and the Life Services Network of Illinois.

Oak Lawn police are asking that anyone with information about the man, call (708) 422-8292.

Seniors Meeting

The Worth Township Seniors' next General Meeting will be on Friday, January 6th. The meeting starts at 12:30 p.m. and will be held in the gym of the Worth Township Center, 11601 S. Pulaski Road, in Alsip.

If you have any questions, call (708) 371-2900, ext. 28.

Oil Painting Class

The Worth Township Senior Advanced Oil Painting Class will begin Friday, Jan. 13th. Classes are held on Friday mornings from 9 a.m. to Noon in the Worth Township Center,

11601 S. Pulaski in Alsip. This is a 12 week class. The cost is minimal. There is still room for more students.

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Thoughts On Health & Nutrition

by
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Ms. Lysen is on vacation for Christmas week, her column will resume after the New Year.

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Drug-Eluting Stents May Cause Allergic Reactions

Drug-eluting stents have greatly reduced the risk of repeat blockage of heart arteries, but researchers from Northwestern Memorial Hospital have found that in some patients, the stents can cause allergic reactions that can have serious consequences. They stress that physicians and their patients should be aware of this potential and know the symptoms. The findings have been published online will be published in the Jan. 3rd issue of the *Journal of the American College of Cardiology*.

"This paper provides evidence for the first time that instances of allergic reactions, presumably to the polymer in the stent, can occur. In some instances, these events have serious consequences-including stent closure and subsequent death," says one of the study's authors, Charles Bennett, MD, an epidemiologist and oncologist at Northwestern Memorial Hospital and professor of medicine at Northwestern University's Feinberg School of Medicine. Dr. Bennett developed and directs the Research on Adverse Drug/Device Events And Reports (RADAR) Project, which compiles information from reports submitted to the U.S. Food and Drug Administration's (FDA) database as well as reports by drug companies and independent researchers throughout the world. RADAR has previously successfully identified a large number of serious drug reactions associated with 15 commonly used drugs.

For this study, RADAR investigators from 10 centers around the country reviewed 5,783 reports available from April 2003 through December 2004 for hypersensitivity-like reactions associated with drug-eluting stents. From these reports, researchers identified 17 cases of hypersensitivity reactions that were classified as probably or certainly caused by stent, four of which resulted in death. Symptoms included rash, difficulty breathing, hives, itching and fevers. They also concluded that the polymer coating on the stent itself is the most probable cause of hypersensitivity in the majority of cases rather than the medications the stent is coated with.

"It is important to keep the findings in perspective," says Charles J. Davidson, MD, an author on the paper and medical director of the Cardiac Catheterization Lab at the Bluhm Cardiovascular Institute of Northwestern Memorial Hospital and professor of Medicine at Northwestern University's Feinberg School of Medicine. "Drug-eluting stents are a life-saving advance used by hundreds of thousands of people that have greatly reduced the risk of restenosis. We are in no way recommending they be used less, but we do think that health professionals should be vigilant in watching for this problem."

Another concern, say the authors, is that in many instances, blame for the allergic symptoms is placed on other medications that treat their heart conditions, such as Plavix® and anti-platelet agents, and these are discontinued. Premature discontinuation of Plavix® can increase the risk of dangerous blood clots.

"Physicians should be cognizant that allergic reactions to the polymers in drug eluting stents can occur and all such events should be reported to the FDA. Six months after the approval of the first drug-eluting stent, the FDA issued a letter to physicians identifying 50 hypersensitivity cases associated with drug-eluting coronary artery stents, but retracted an assertion of causality a month later. That retraction may have been premature," says Dr. Bennett.

The paper also concludes that further research is warranted to better understand this risk and to develop a skin test to identify people who might be at high risk for hypersensitivity to drug eluting stents.

This study was supported by grants from National Institutes of Health.

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Tips For Seniors To Stay Healthy And Warm

As the wind chill can drop temperatures to single-digits in many parts of the state, officials with Gov. Rod R. Blagojevich's *Keep Warm Illinois* campaign are offering tips for seniors on how to stay healthy and warm during the upcoming winter months. The *Keep Warm Illinois* campaign is a comprehensive effort to inform and prepare Illinois residents, especially the elderly and persons with disabilities, for record high home heating costs this winter.

People who try to lower their heating bill by turning down their thermostat below 65 degrees risk developing hypothermia, a potentially fatal condition in which the body temperature drops dangerously low. At increased risk are older people who take certain medications, drink alcohol, lack proper nutrition and who have conditions such as arthritis, stroke, Alzheimer's disease and Parkinson's disease.

If paying the heating bill is a problem, seniors can call the Dept. on Aging Senior HelpLine at 1(800) 252-8966. The Department can help link eligible people to state resources that may be available. Additional information can also be found by visiting www.keepwarm.illinois.gov or by calling the *Keep Warm Illinois* hotline at 1(877) 411-WARM.

Other cold-weather tips are listed below:

- Dress in layers and cover as much skin as possible while outdoors. A hat is important since so much body heat escapes from an uncovered head.
- Keep active. Make a list of indoor exercises and activities when you cannot get out.
- Eat well and drink 10 glasses of water every day.
- Keep extra medications in the house. If this is not possible, make arrangements now with a pharmacy

that will deliver.

- Stock up on extra non-perishable food supplies, just in case.
- Have your house winterized. Be sure that walls and attics are insulated. Caulk and weather-strip doors and windows. Insulate pipes near outer walls, in crawl spaces and attics that are susceptible to freezing.
- Make sure you and your family knows how to shut off the water supply in case pipes burst.
- Prepare your vehicle for winter. Check wipers, tires, lights and fluid levels regularly. Keep a windshield scraper and small broom for ice and snow removal. Maintain at least a half tank of gas during the winter season. Plan long trips carefully and travel by daylight with at least one other person.
- Protect against fire. If you don't have a fire extinguisher, buy one. Make sure space heaters are at least three feet from anything flammable. Do not overload extension cords.
- If you live in a house, plan now for someone else to shovel the snow when it comes. Do not shovel snow or walk in deep snow. The strain from the cold and hard labor could cause a heart attack; sweating can lead to a chill and even hypothermia.

Nursing Home Violations

The Illinois Department of Public Health has announced the following type "A" violations of the Nursing Home Care Act that were cited during the month of November. An "A" violation, which is the most serious licensure violation levied by the state, pertains to a condition which there is a substantial probability that death or serious mental or physical harm will result.

In our area, the Crestwood Care Center, 303-bed skilled care facility located at 14255 S. Cicero Ave. in Crestwood, has been fined \$10,000 for failure to notify a resident's physician regarding his inability to swallow and lack of nutrition and hydration for four days. The facility did not notify the resident's family of a developing pressure sore, an inability to walk and inadequate nutritional intake that resulted in a significant weight loss. Staff failed to promptly assess, monitor and notify the resident's physician when the resident developed a respiratory condition, which caused him to be placed on life support for three days.

The facility has requested a hearing on the department's action. No hearing date has been set.

Also cited was Mercy Health Care Rehabilitation Center, a 259-bed skilled care facility located at 19000 Halstead St. in Homewood, which has been fined \$50,000 for failure to provide appropriate wound care per physician's orders skin ulcers and pressure sores had dressings that, in some cases, went unchanged for days and were saturated with fluids. The facility also failed to ensure medications were administered according to a physician's orders. In addition, the facility did not provide a bed large enough to accommodate the needs of two residents who are obese and, as a result, they suffered from bedsores. Three residents suffered weight loss due to staff's lack of assistance during meal times and the absence of care plans addressing their nutritional needs.

The facility has requested a hearing on the Department's action. No hearing date has been set.

The California Gardens Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, which is a 293-bed skilled care facility, located at 2829 S. California Blvd. in Chicago, has been fined \$10,000 for not administering medications as ordered by a physician and not properly documenting medications as given with regard to two residents. This lack of observation and services resulted in one resident suffering from multiple seizures.

The facility has requested a hearing on the Department's action. No hearing date has been set.

Medicare Drug Plan

Social Security and the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services are working together to ensure all Medicare beneficiaries know about their opportunity to enroll in a Medicare Prescription Drug Plan. The initial enrollment period for the Prescription Drug Plan runs now through May 15th. If you enroll in a plan by Dec. 31st, your coverage begins Jan. 1st. If you enroll in a plan after Dec. 31st, your coverage begins the following month.

Knowing where to go for the assistance can help you get answers quickly.

Some people with limited incomes and resources may qualify for extra financial help in paying for some or all of the costs of the prescription drug plans. Social Security is taking the applications for extra help and informing people whether or not they are approved. Basically, you may qualify if your income is less than \$14,355 for an individual or \$19,245 for a married couple living together, and your resources are less than \$11,500 for an individual or \$23,000 if you are married and living with your spouse. If you qualify, the extra help could save you an average of \$2,100 per year in premiums, deductibles and co-payments related to your prescription drug costs.

You can apply for the extra help online at www.socialsecurity.gov or you can call Social Security toll-free at 1(800) 772-1213, TTY 1(800) 325-0778. Representatives are available Monday through Friday from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Tell the representative that you want to apply for the Help with Medicare Prescription Drug Plan Costs.

Some beneficiaries will automatically qualify for the extra financial help. Anyone who has both Medicare and Medicaid, or Medicare and Supplemental Security Income or anyone whose state pays his or her Medicare premiums, will automatically qualify and will not have to complete an eligibility application.

Applying for extra help with Social Security is separate from selecting a Prescription Drug Plan. Even if you are approved for extra help, you still need to select the plan that best meets your needs. If you apply and qualify for the extra help but don't join a plan, Medicare will enroll you in one by May 15th, 2006 to make sure you get this important coverage.

You also do not have to be eligible for the extra help to join a Prescription Drug Plan. The extra help is in addition to the potential savings you may receive if you join a plan. Medicare

drug plans will cover brand name and generic drugs. Most plans will have a list of drugs, or formulary, that they cover as well as a list of which providers participate with the plan. Selecting the plan that is right for you requires comparing the providers to find which one best meets your needs. You need to sign up directly with the company or organization offering the prescription drug plan.

To get more information about the plans, what drugs are covered and the costs involved, you can contact the providers, Medicare or state and local organizations. Medicare has a toll-free number where representatives can answer questions by calling 1(800) 633-4227, TTY 1(877) 486-2048. The Internet site www.medicare.gov also has information and an online enrollment center to assist you.



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I hope you all had a wonderful Christmas with your loved ones. Mine was perfect. My four sons were all home. Ray came from Columbus, Ohio, Jeff from Chetek, Wisconsin, and John from Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Dan who lives in Chicago hosted the family celebration. Jeff, my number three son, is a Desert Storm veteran and a life member of the Midlothian Memorial VFW Post 2580. John, the youngest, recently became a National Service Officer in training for the DAV and is currently in Milwaukee.

Marine Corps Pfc. Keith E. Krull, son of Pam and Jerry Krull of Burbank, recently graduated from the Ammunition Technician Specialist Course while assigned to Marine Corps Detachment Redstone Arsenal, Alabama. Krull is a 2002 graduate of Reavis High School in Burbank and joined the Marine Corps in April 2005.

Markham VFW Post 9801 and Ladies Auxiliary will hold a Soup Cook-Off Contest on Sunday, Jan. 8th at the post home, 3220 W. 159th St. For more information, call the post at (708) 596-6990.

Hometown-Murray VFW Post 9773 will hold a New Year's Eve Party at the post, 9092 Main St. in Hometown, on Dec. 31st from 8 p.m. to 2 a.m. The cost is \$30 per person or \$50 for a couple, which includes a dinner of roast beef, Italian chicken breast, mostaccioli and sausage, Vesuvio potatoes, Italian green beans, tossed salad and relish tray. There will also be a dessert table and an open bar. Entertainment will be comedy and music by DJ Mike, and Master Magician Darren Hrabec will be presented. For tickets and information, call (708) 422-9800 after 3 p.m.

Veterans are being warned by the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) not to give credit card numbers over the phone to callers claiming to update VA prescription information.

If I have given you similar information before, this is so important it bears repeating.

"Some unscrupulous scammers have targeted America's veterans, especially our older veterans," said the Honorable R. James Nicholson, Secretary of Veterans Affairs. "VA does not call veterans and ask them to disclose personal financial information over the phone."

The latest scam currently centered in the Midwest comes from callers who identify themselves as working for the "Patient Care Group." They say VA recently changed procedures for dispensing prescriptions and ask for the veteran's credit card number.

"VA has not changed its process for dispensing prescription medicines," Nicholson said. "And we've definitely not changed our long-standing commitment to protect the personal information of our veterans."

For information, or questions, about VA services call the nearest VA medical center or call toll-free, 1-877-222-8387.

The VFW Department of Illinois, under the leadership of state commander Leon Barnes, is asking all posts, county councils, districts and individuals to submit their recommendation of worthy recipients (not VFW members) for a department award in the following categories: Outstanding Police Officers, Firemen; Outstanding in the Field of Education, Outstanding in Industrial Field, Legal Profession, Athletic Field, Governmental Service, Clergy, News Media, Outstanding Citizen and a special VFW award.

There is no special form for you to send, just a brief resume on why you feel the person you recommend should be considered for this award. Your recommendations should be sent to Department Headquarters, 3300 Constitution Dr., P.O. Box 13206, Springfield, IL 62703, no later than April 1st.

Nominate someone in your community who is deserving of this honor. Make sure you give the correct name and mailing address as well as the name and number of the sponsoring post or district. If your nominee is selected, they will be invited to the State Convention in June, but no funds will be provided for overnight lodging.

For further information you can call state headquarters at (217) 529-6688. The web page is www.vfwil.org; e-mail address is vfwil@vfwil.org.

I haven't heard from a lot of the organizations lately, suppose it's because everyone is enjoying the holidays. Send me your information or call and I will be happy to add it to this column.

Good-bye for this week. Have a very safe and happy New Year's Eve celebration. God bless you and your loved ones in the coming year and God bless America.

Letter To The Editor

I would like to take this opportunity to inform the people in Chicago and Suburban areas that the renowned Civic Federation has applauded and supports the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago for their fiscal responsibility to the taxpayers of Cook County. As President of the MWRD, I submit the following letter sent to me by the Civic Federation.

We here at the MWRD are honored and delighted to have received the attached communication from such a respected organization in the Chicago area.

Merry Christmas and a Happy, Healthy New Year to all!

Sincerely,

s/s Terrence J. O'Brien
President

Metropolitan Water Reclamation District
of Greater Chicago

Dear President O'Brien:

The Civic Federation is pleased to offer our support for the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District's proposed \$1 billion budget for FY2006, which we believe offers a responsible approach to the District's finances for the coming year.

Given the realities of rising pension, health care, and personnel costs, the District's proposed budget demonstrates a number of fiscally responsible decisions that show a high regard for the prudent use of taxpayers dollars.

As we note in our analysis, the District has taken an active approach to balancing its budget through internal efficiencies. The Civic Federation strongly approves the District's \$4.4 million reduction of its property tax levy, from \$410.7 million to \$406.3 million. We encourage other units of local government, such as the Chicago Public Schools and City Colleges, to follow your example and refrain from pursuing a reflexive policy of annual increases in property taxes to the maximum amount allowed under law.

The Civic Federation also supports the District's move to reduce employee headcount by 37 positions. Personnel costs are the greatest drivers of increased spending in most public budgets, and we applaud the District's strategic decisions to create efficiencies in that area. We also approve the District's fiscally prudent plan to gradually increase employee contributions toward the cost of health insurance premiums.

We encourage the District to consider working with other governments to create joint-purchasing agreements for electricity, fuel, and other commodities. As you know, we have long championed such cost-saving agreements.

Again, we commend your financial management team for their hard work and thoughtful fiscal planning. Attached please find a copy of our full analysis, which will be available on our website, at www.civiced.org. I look forward to testifying in favor of this budget at tomorrow's public hearing.

Sincerely,
s/s Laurence Msall
President

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South Suburban College's Division of Community Education is offering an online program for GED students. The GED Illinois Online Program provides students with a convenient alternative to studying in the classroom in preparation for the GED exam.

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Mission Speaker

Dr. Larry Colvin, Director of the Moffat Mission in South Africa, will speak at Pilgrim Faith United Church of Christ in Oak Lawn, 9411 S. 51st Ave., at both the 9:30 and 11:15 a.m. services on Sunday, Jan. 8. He serves there on behalf of the Global Ministries of the United Church of Christ and Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). His work there includes oversight of the Kalahari Desert School of Theology and advocacy for neglected and abused families and for victims of asbestos mining.

Dr. Colvin is a graduate of Western Illinois University and Chicago Theological Seminary. Prior to his appointment to Moffat Mission, he did HIV/AIDS education in Botswana.



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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Equicredit Corporation of America, Plaintiff, vs. Tommy L. Ware, et al., Defendants. No. 02Ch-7998. PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on February 13, 2003, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Wednesday, January 11, 2006, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 W. Madison St., Suite 718A, Chicago, IL, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described mortgaged real estate: Commonly known as: 13300 S. Richmond Ave., Robbins, IL 60472. The improvement on the property consists of a single family residence. Sale terms: Bidders must present, at the time of sale, a cashier's or certified check for 10% of the successful bid amount. The balance of the successful bid shall be paid within 24 hours, by similar funds. The property will NOT be open for inspection. For information call Mr. David C. Kluever at Plaintiff's Attorney, Kluever & Platt, L.L.C., 65 E. Wacker Place, Chicago, IL 60601. (312) 236-0077. 129525C	IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Beneficial Illinois Inc., d/b/a Beneficial Mortgage Co. of Illinois, Plaintiff, vs. Mitchell R. Gunther, Sr., et al., Defendants. No. 04Ch-18770. PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on October 6, 2005, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Tuesday, January 10, 2006, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 W. Madison St., Suite 718A, Chicago, IL, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described mortgaged real estate: Commonly known as: 12012 S. Hamlin, Alsip, IL. The improvement on the property consists of a single family residence. Sale terms: Bidders must present, at the time of sale, a cashier's or certified check for 10% of the successful bid amount. The balance of the successful bid shall be paid within 24 hours, by similar funds. The property will NOT be open for inspection. For information call: Mr. Andrew H. Eres at Plaintiff's Attorney, Stahl Cowen Crowley, LLC, 55 West Monroe Street, Chicago, IL 60603. (312) 641-0060. 129449C	IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Citimortgage, Inc., Plaintiff, vs. Bernard Harris a/k/a Bernard Harris, Jr., et al., Defendant. Case No. 04Ch-20555. PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on October 11, 2005, The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 a.m. on January 12, 2006, in its office at 33 N. Dearborn St., 10th Floor, Chicago, IL 60602-3100, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as: 7711 S. Sawyer Ave., Chicago, IL 60652. The real estate is improved with a single family residence. The judgment amount was \$155,976.45. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; the balance, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale. The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information. For information, contact Plaintiff's attorney: Hauselman & Rappin, Ltd., 39 S. LaSalle St., Suite 1105, Chicago, IL 60603, (312) 372-2020. Please refer to file no. 04-2222-4197. NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act you are advised that Plaintiff's Attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. 128467C	 LOOKING For Affordable Advertising 708-388-2425	IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. The Bank of New York, acting solely in its capacity as Trustee for EQCC Trust 2001-1F, Plaintiff, vs. Raul C. Gomez a/k/a Raul Gomez, et al., Defendants. No. 04Ch-11193. PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on October 19, 2004, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Friday, January 20, 2006, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 W. Madison St., Suite 718A, Chicago, IL, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described property: Commonly known as: 14315 S. Division St., Posen, IL 60469. The improvement on the property consists of a single family residence. Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, by certified funds. No refunds. The property will NOT be open for inspection. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the premises after confirmation of the sale. For information: Visit our website at http://service.atty-pierce.com between 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. only. Pierce & Associates, Plaintiff's Attorneys, One N. Dearborn St., Ste. 1300, Chicago, IL 60602. Tel. No. (312) 476-5500. PIERCE & ASSOCIATES File No. PA0404825. 128557C	IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Chase Manhattan Mortgage Corporation, Plaintiff, vs. Yolanda Y. McElroy a/k/a Yolanda Y. Hardy, et al., Defendants. No. 04Ch-20969. NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE Fisher and Shapiro file #62488 (It is advised that interested parties consult with their own attorneys before bidding at mortgage foreclosure sales.) PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered on May 2, 2005, Kallen Financial & Capital Services, Inc. as Selling Official will at 11:30 a.m. on January 26, 2006 at 175 W. Washington St., Chicago, IL, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real property: C/A: 7716 S. Sawyer Ave., Chicago, IL 60652. The mortgaged real estate is improved with a dwelling. The property will NOT be open for inspection. The judgment amount was \$114,525.83. Sale terms: 10% of successful bid immediately at conclusion of auction, balance by noon the next business day, both by cashier's checks; and no refunds. The sale shall be subject to general real estate taxes, special taxes, special assessments, special taxes levied, and superior liens, if any. The property is offered "as is," with no express or implied warranties and without any representation as to the quality of title or recourse to Plaintiff. Prospective bidders are admonished to review the court file to verify all information. For information: Sale Clerk, Fisher and Shapiro, 4201 Lake Cook Rd., 1st Floor, Northbrook, IL 60062, (847) 498-9990, between 1:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. weekdays only. 127760C
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. WM Specialty Mortgage, LLC, without recourse assignee of Ameriquist Mortgage Company, Plaintiff, vs. Thomas R. Kasimir, et al., Defendants. No. 05Ch-9074. PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on July 27, 2005, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Tuesday, January 10, 2006, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 W. Madison St., Suite 718A, Chicago, IL, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described mortgaged real estate: Commonly known as: 4609 W. 106th St., Oak Lawn, IL 60453. The improvement on the property consists of a single family residence. Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, by certified funds. No refunds. The judgment amount was \$194,056.90. The property will NOT be open for inspection. For information call Mr. Ira T. Nevel at Plaintiff's Attorney, Law Offices of Ira T. Nevel, 175 N. Franklin St., Chicago, IL 60606. 312/357-1125. 129523C	IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as nominee for America's Wholesale Lender, or its successors or assigns, Plaintiff, vs. Omar Zizumbo, et al., Defendants. No. 05Ch-9087. PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on 8/2/05, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Tuesday, January 10, 2006, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 W. Madison St., Suite 718A, Chicago, IL, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described property: Commonly known as: 8518 Laramie Ave., Burbank, IL 60459. The improvement on the property consists of a single family residence with a separate one car garage. Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, by certified funds. No refunds. The judgment amount was \$185,546.69. The property will NOT be open for inspection. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the premises after confirmation of the sale. For information: Visit our website at http://service.atty-pierce.com between 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. only. Pierce & Associates, Plaintiff's Attorneys, One N. Dearborn St., Ste. 1300, Chicago, IL 60602. Tel. No. (312) 476-5500. PIERCE & ASSOCIATES File No. PA0504184. 129499C	IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. National City Mortgage Company, Plaintiff, vs. Maria E. Moreno, et al., Defendants. No. 05Ch-9273. PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on August 1, 2005, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Friday, January 13, 2006, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 W. Madison St., Suite 718A, Chicago, IL, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described property: Commonly known as: 15407 Las Flores Ln., Oak Forest, IL 60452. The improvement on the property consists of a single family residence with an attached two car garage. Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, by certified funds. No refunds. The judgment amount was \$260,675.80. The property will NOT be open for inspection. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the premises after confirmation of the sale. For information: Visit our website at http://service.atty-pierce.com between 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. only. Pierce & Associates, Plaintiff's Attorneys, One N. Dearborn St., Ste. 1300, Chicago, IL 60602. Tel. No. (312) 476-5500. PIERCE & ASSOCIATES File No. PA0504225. 129399C	IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Federal National Mortgage Association, Plaintiff, vs. Gerald L. Schmidt, et al., Defendants. No. 02Ch-5759. PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above entitled cause on June 13, 2002, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Monday, January 23, 2006 at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 W. Madison St., Suite 718A, Chicago, IL, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described mortgaged real estate: Commonly known as: 12822 S. Kenneth, G3, Alsip, IL 60658. The mortgaged real estate is improved with a condominium residence and will NOT be open for inspection. The judgment amount was \$56,271.20. Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance, by certified funds, within 24 hours. The sale shall be subject to general taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and any prior first mortgages. The subject property is offered for sale without any representation as to quality of title or recourse to Plaintiff. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information. For information: Sale Clerk, Fisher and Shapiro, LLC, 4201 Lake Cook Road, 1st Floor, Northbrook, IL 60062, (847) 498-9990, between the hours of 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. only. 128040C	IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., Plaintiff, vs. Michael Anderson Sr., a/k/a Michael Q. Anderson Sr., et al., Defendants. No. 04Ch-11199. PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on October 14, 2004, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Friday, January 27, 2006, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 W. Madison St., Suite 718A, Chicago, IL, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described property: Commonly known as: 3255 W. 84th Pl., Chicago, IL 60652. The improvement on the property consists of a single family residence. Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, by certified funds. No refunds. The judgment amount was \$120,961.63. The property will NOT be open for inspection. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the premises after confirmation of the sale. For information: Visit our website at http://service.atty-pierce.com between 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. only. Pierce & Associates, Plaintiff's Attorneys, One N. Dearborn St., Ste. 1300, Chicago, IL 60602. Tel. No. (312) 476-5500. 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Dorothy J.

Tague-Porter

A memorial mass was held at the St. Maria Gorretti Church, Dyer, IN. on Saturday for Dorothy J. Tague-Porter, of Dyer, formerly of Crestwood.

She is survived by Dorothy Austin, member of the Messenger Staff, Kathleen (Leonard) Ollearris, Dale Lewis, Susan (Thomas) Bull and Kimberly Cox; seventeen grandchildren, and thirty-one great grandchildren.

Eric S. Swanson

Services were held at Hickey Memorial Chapel, Midlothian, on Tuesday, with interment at Chapel Hill Gardens South, for Eric S. Swanson, a 28-year resident of Oak Forest. He was the former maintenance worker for Cedar Park Cemetery.

He is survived by his wife Dorothy; his daughter Annette Swanson; his parents Robert and Bettie Swanson and his sisters Kristine Sittler and Janet Husuin.

Lorraine V.

Majka Bednarz

Mass was said at said at St. Bruno Church, Chicago, on Friday, with interment at Resurrection Cemetery, for Lorraine V. Majka Bednarz, of Crestwood, formerly of Archer Heights. She was a homemaker and a member of and former president of the St. Bruno Rosary Sodality. She was also a member of The Daughters of Isabella and the Archer Heights Civic Association.

She is survived by her sons Lawrence (Sharon) and Wayne (Patricia) Majka; three grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Mary Louise King

Mass was said at St. Linus Church, Oak Lawn, on Tuesday, with interment at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, for Mary Louise King, a retired Police Officer with the Chicago Police Department. She was 86.

She is survived by her daughter Maryanne (Nick); nine grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; her brother James J. (Fern) Drury; and her sister Therese Coleman.

Jane M. Ripoli

Mass was said at St. Albert the Great Church, Burbank, with interment at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, for Jane M. Ripoli.

She is survived by her children Catherine T., Michael F. (Jacqueline), Deborah A. (William) Outman and Donna M. (James) Vojahosky; and six grandchildren; and her sisters Jean Roberts, Bernadine Donahue, Rita Kennedy, Lorraine Kipp, and Jean Roberts; and her brothers Thomas (Janet) McHugh, Patrick McHugh, James McHugh and Robert McHugh.

Marvin R. Isreal

Services were held at the Kosary Funeral Home, Evergreen Park, on Tuesday, with interment at Bethania Cemetery, for Marvin R. Isreal, 78. He was retired from Ball Corp.

He is survived by his wife Eleanor and his sister Eunice Osysko.

Gertrude E. Dowd

Mass was said at St. George Church, Tinley Park, on Saturday, with interment at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, for Gertrude E. Dowd.

She is survived by her children James (Sue) Dowd, Thomas (Barbara) Dowd, Edward Dowd, Christina (Ed) Bulthuis and Nancy (Dennis) Crumpley; 15 grandchildren; and 7 great-grandchildren.

Helen A.

"Holly" Ecklund

Mass was said at Our Lady of Loretto Church, Homewood, on Saturday, with interment at St. Mary Cemetery, for Helen A. "Holly" Ecklund. She was 90.

She is survived by her children Jack (Rosie), Pat (James) Niemiec, Kathleen Ecklund; two grandchildren; and her sisters Florence McCarthy and Lucille Fitner.

Edward P. Cashdollar

Services were held at the Blake-Lamb Funeral Home, Oak Lawn, on Saturday, with interment at Evergreen Cemetery, for Edward P. Cashdollar. He was 73.

He is survived by his children Mary Ann (Stephen) Anderson, Kathy Deliberto, Linda (Jim) Devlin, Nancy (Edward) Marzano, Edward "Smiley" (Susan) and Tracy; 20 grandchildren; and 20 great-grandchildren.

Vera DeVito

Mass was said at St. Linus Church, Oak Lawn, on Tuesday, with interment at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, for Vera DeVito, 75.

She is survived by her husband Frank; her children Therese (Robert) Abramowski, Frank S. (Kim) DeVito; six grandchildren; and her brother Jim (Dolores) Piccirilli.

Mary M. Finan

Mass was said at St. Gerald Church, Oak Lawn, on Sat., with interment at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, for Mary M. Finan. She was native to Dingle Co. Kerry, Ireland.

She is survived by her children Kathleen (Edward) Tabaczky, John (Diane), Eileen, Patricia and Mary (Tony) Farrell; ten grandchildren; and her sisters Catherine Manning, Josephine Griffin, Eileen Fergus and her brothers Seamus and Sean.

Joseph Migliorese

Mass was said at St. Elizabeth Seton Church, Orland Hills, on Tuesday, with entombment at Queen of Heaven Cemetery, for Joseph Migliorese, a veteran of WWII serving with the Coast Guard. He was a member of S.O.S. queen of the Universe

Seniors, Tarkington Park Seniors, DESA of Joliet and the Oak Lawn VFW Post #5220.

He is survived by his wife Carmella "Millie"; his children Joseph Jr. (Rita) Migliorese, Ronald (Carol) Migliorese & Linda (Charles) Colander; three grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Harold W. Mix Sr.

Services were held at the Schmaedeke Funeral Home, Worth, on Friday, with interment at Chapel Hill Gardens South Cemetery, for Harold W. Mix Sr., 74. He was a retired switchman for the Chicago Belt R.R. for over 48 years.

He is survived by his wife Dorothy; his children Harold Jr. (Arlene), Ann Mix, Raymond (Deborah); nine grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Joseph M. Dwyer

Mass was said at Most Holy Redeemer Church, on Wednesday, with interment at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, for Joseph M. Dwyer. He was a member of Operating Engineer Local #150, an employee of Drilled Foundations, Inc.; and a basketball coach for St. Thomas More Church and Most Holy Redeemer Church. He was a graduate of Marist High School class of 1984.

He is survived by his wife Lynn; his children Brenna, Emma, Maeve and Mara; his parents Maureen and Ray Kahoun; his sisters Loretta (Martin) Balsam, Margaret (Missy) Kahoun and Heather (Max) McClung; and his brother Phillip (Deanne).

John F. Orr Sr.

Services were held at the Thompson & Kuenster Funeral Home, Oak Lawn, on Tuesday, with a private interment, for John F. Orr Sr.

He is survived by his wife Joan; his children Terri (Carol) Orr, John Jr. (Pamela), Debra Licursi, David Orr; ten grandchildren; his brother David (Sandra) and his sister Delores (David) Harahan.

Margaret C. Cora

Mass was said at Incarnation Church, Palos Heights, on Wednesday, with interment at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, for Margaret C. Cora.

She is survived by her children Joseph "Jay" (Maureen) Bogg; three grandchildren; her brothers Edward (Dolores) Franz, Bill Franz and her sister Patricia (George) Bowman.

Susan K. MacDonald

Services were held at the Thornridge Funeral Home, Orland Park, on Wednesday, with a private interment, for Susan K. MacDonald, 59, of Orland Park. She was a primary school teacher in Matteson. She worked with the Little Company of Mary

Hospice and was an advocate of civil and women's rights.

She is survived by her husband Dennis; her daughter Sarah (Mark) Phillips; and her sister Katherine Dallman (Rick Wuerf).

Chester Koszyk

Private services were held for Chester Koszyk of Oak Lawn. He was 83. He was born in Chicago and grew up in St. Bruno's Parish on Chicago's South Side. He attended St. Bruno's School and Kelly High School. He was a veteran of WWII, serving in Italy and North Africa. He was a retired engineer's assistant with the Cook County Highway Department.

He is survived by his wife Winifred; his son Andrew (Anita) Koszyk; two grandchildren; and three great grandchildren.

Mary Giovina Signore

Mass was said at St. Donatus Church, Blue Island, on Wednesday, with interment at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, for Mary Giovina Signore, 99.

She is survived by her children Michael (Virginia), Albert (Jean), Robert, Nancy, and Daniel Signore; 12 grandchildren; 30 great grandchildren; her brother Giuseppe Rizzo, Donato, Mauro, Vito, and her sisters Marietta, Rosa, Pasqualina and Ida.

Marguerete

Eloise Giunta

Mass was said at Sacred Heart Church, Palos Hills, on Friday, with interment at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, for Marguerete Eloise Giunta. She was a member of the Worth Stitch Witches and the Sacred Heart Fun Club.

She is survived by her husband Joseph; her children Patricia Ballard, Michael, Joan Pell, Judith (John) Belcik; eleven grandchildren; five great grandchildren; and her brothers Lawrence Copeland, Benjamin Copeland and Robert Copeland.

Bertha Lepine

Mass was said at St. Fabian Church, Bridgeview, on Friday, with interment at St. Mary Cemetery, for Bertha Lepine, 98.

She is survived by her children Bertha (Edward) Arnold, Mae Jurkowski; five grandchildren; twenty-five great grandchildren and fifteen great-great grandchildren.

Christine S. Schultz

Mass was said at St. Louis de Montfort Church, Oak Lawn, on Friday, with interment at Resurrection Cemetery, for Christine S. Schultz.

She is survived by her husband Anthony; her children Tracey (Brandon) Medalis, James (Victoria); and her brothers Charles (Margaret) and Donald (Bernadette) Baran.

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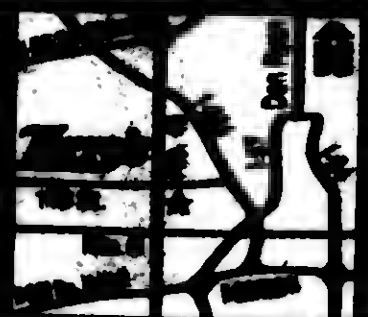


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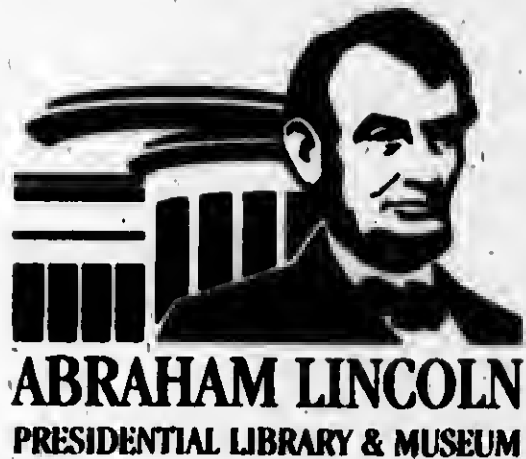
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